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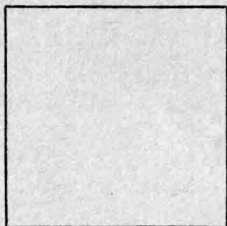
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EDITORIAL

Difficulties of Publication

At a time when because of the paper shortage even the giants of the London Press have to appear as mere phantoms of their old selves, I am sure readers will pardon our own decrement. Personally, I think we are fortunate to be able to continue publication at all. We shall try to make our articles as compact as possible, with an ever-greater use of our admirable system of symbols, so profound in meaning, so useful in practice.

If we do have to fall out of the line, we shall resume publication as soon as we can and carry all subscriptions forward.

We hear that *Modern Astrology* has ceased publication, after a career of fifty-one years. During the life of Alan Leo, who founded it, it performed very great services for the science. Since his death, its career has been somewhat chequered, but up to the last it maintained a high literary standard. I hope it may be resurrected.

Astrologers should regard it as a point of honour to subscribe to one at least of the astrological publications. Yet subscribers will sometimes lapse because they dislike some particular article, as if an editor could possibly meet all tastes at all times. Others seem to expect that we should devote ourselves to the propagating of some special brand of astrology in which nine out of ten students have neither interest nor belief. Fortunately we have, in the course of fifteen years, built up a fairly staunch body of supporters.

Our War Review

If publication grows more difficult, so also does prediction. We have now six or seven Great Powers actively engaged on hostilities, for the most part on several fronts, and there are a number of lesser belligerents on each side. Thus the outlook is becoming ever more complex, with good and bad features interwoven and helpful and harmful periods in quick succession.

The result in terms of prediction must be a picture that will often seem contradictory and even flavoured with "hedging," which is exactly what I would wish to avoid.

I shall continue to do my best, but the difficulties are enormous. February should provide a clue, if not a key, to the main problem—the true map of Germany. But even so, it is quite reasonable to suppose that a country may be influenced by more than one horoscope, though there must always be one paramount figure.

Retrospect

November. Just after the December issue went to press we scored a brilliant naval victory in the Mediterranean. This was good evidence for the Italian map of July 2, 1871, wherein ♄ was □ ♀ o.d., excited to the day by ♀ (T).

Labour unrest in the U.S.A. agreed with the President's ♀ ♀ ♄ (S). This was pretty well exact for the Japanese onslaught at Hawaii.

The station of ♄ on the 10th of the month showed ♀ well aspected and near the M.C. at London; and not only was the news of the Battle of the Atlantic good, but the revision of the Neutrality Act was achieved. Nevertheless we lost *Ark Royal* on the 13th, Hitler then having ♄ △ ♄ (T).

The lunation squared the Mikado's ♄ r. I had predicted diplomatic difficulties from the King's ☉ ♄ ♄ r. this month, which was amply fulfilled in regard to Japan—with worse to follow—and Vichy, where Weygand was dismissed. This man had been no friend to us, but he had at least shown himself disinclined to oblige our enemies beyond the terms of the armistice.

The Libyan offensive started about daybreak of the 18th, the rising Sun being opposed to ♄-♄. Not by any means the figure an astrologer would have chosen, though happily the directional position was good for us. Thus, as we had mentioned, there were two o.d. afflictions in the Axis map, and the station of ♄ on the 10th was square the Fascist PL to 1' of arc. Such things are marvellously potent. It was also in trine to our King's PL. The station of PL in October was within a few minutes of Mussolini's ♄, ruling the 8th.

Irrespective of what may lie in the future, the Auchinleck offensive was in itself a highly profitable transaction, to use the Prime Minister's words; nevertheless it seems at one time to have narrowly escaped failure and it certainly did not achieve its aim, i.e. the destruction of Rommel's forces.

Gondar, the last Italian foothold in Abyssinia, surrendered on the 27th.

On *December 7th* Japan bombarded U.S.A. bases at Hawaii with considerable effect. The attack on Pearl Harbour was stated to have taken place at 7.55 a.m. local time.

I have, of course, frequently expressed the opinion that Japan would enter the war. By waiting she has certainly avoided some severe afflictions, now past. The final and decisive direction seems to have been Moon conjunction Pluto (S) in the Japanese horoscope (Tokio, 10.30 a.m., February 11, 1889), and the station of Mars on November 10th, which played an important part in concurrent events, was on the Mikado's nadir.

As I mentioned in our last number the winter ingress is favourable to Japan, for Venus, which is now seen to be rather Our Lady of Victory than the Star of Peace, was exactly on the M.C. at Tokio. However, if we collate this figure with the above map for Japan, it takes on a less fortunate appearance.

Note that the Japanese \hbar p. is retrograding to Hitler's \hbar , being within 3'.

My prediction of naval successes was fulfilled in the Mediterranean, but not in the Far East, where we lost *Prince of Wales* and *Repulse*. The great warships are perhaps creatures of the Piscean Age and may become increasingly obsolete. The winter ingress, with its Ψ afflictions, indicated maritime disasters, and not of course only for us.

The abject surrender of Thailand and the American losses at Hawaii confirmed our forecast of misfortunes through or for our associates under $\hbar \square \hbar$ r. (T-1801).

According to the A.F.S.A. bulletin, President Roosevelt signed the American declaration of war on Japan at 4.10 p.m., E.S.T., on December 8, at Washington. \mathcal{L} rises, par. $\odot \text{♀}$, $\ast \text{♂}$, but $\text{♂} \odot$.

At Rome Mussolini announced that Germany and Italy were at war with the United States at about 1.25 p.m., G.M.T., on December 11; and the vote in Congress declaring war on the Axis was taken at 9.5 p.m. "our time" (i.e. British Summer Time) on the same day, according to our wireless. The two maps are not very dissimilar, but at Washington ♀ was near the M.C., whereas at Rome it was in the 9th. In both maps $\hbar \text{♁}$ were rising.

So far as the United States are concerned, the war seems most clearly shown by Pluto conjunction Sun, o.d., which was only about a month from exactitude. That is for the U.S.A. figure with Gemini rising; Libra rising would make the direction fall a few months later.

The entry of Japan into the war was a triumph for Hitler,

yet it had its drawbacks, for it consolidated the front against him. In other directions the war went ill for him and thus justified his mixed directions. The Russians passed from successful resistance and counter-attack to counter-offensive, and Rommel was expelled from most of Cyrenaica.

As regards ♃ ☐ ♄ r. in the map of the German Republic, this was certainly justified and the validity of this figure correspondingly confirmed, though events might equally well agree with ☉ ☐ ♄ p. in the map for January 18, 1871, which is exact in March 1942. Should the Russian successes continue and increase up to this time, it would tend to imply the value of this horoscope, which shows other very important afflictions about the same time.

An epidemic of spotted typhus was reported from Eastern Europe.

So the lunation of November, which we had characterised as a grim warning of a terrible winter for much of Europe, ran its course. Had it fallen only a few minutes earlier, it might have produced results for us that one would not willingly contemplate. As it was, by spreading the war to the Far East, it added immensely to our burdens. Not, of course, that I would ascribe this last development entirely to one lunation, however evil.

The December lunation was less important, being rather overshadowed by the ingress.

I expected Hitler to launch some fresh enterprise under his ♃ ♀ PL (S). Actually he assumed active control of the army and doubtless had some definite plan in doing so.

The month and year closed with further Russian successes, but Hongkong and Penang had fallen to the Japanese.

January opened with the fall of Manilla, thus again fulfilling our forecast of trouble for our allies. Nevertheless it seems to me that the enemy were taking big risks in sending great armies overseas and in several directions. Such operations (as we had ourselves learnt to our cost) depend not only on local victory on shore, but also on sea communications, which, in turn, depend on naval and air superiority. It will be interesting to observe for how long the Japanese will be able to maintain these. Meantime, they made war under a configuration which must for the time being benefit them considerably.

I expected our Sun par. Jupiter r. (1801) to bring help from the United States. Actually nearly the whole American hemisphere rallied to our side. By the end of the month American soldiers were already in Northern Ireland.

An interesting point is the extent to which bad weather has hampered both our bomber offensive against Germany, and

operations in Libya. This I attribute to the Neptune afflictions in the winter ingress. This planet seems very prone to express itself meteorologically.

The January lunation was in some respects an harmonious one, for it received three trines. Its chief value seemed to be for Japan, since it was rising at Tokio. On the other hand, ♀ was, at the time of the lunation, exactly square Hirohito's radical ♂. In China the Japanese were severely defeated at Changsha, and, though their progress in the Philippines and Malay was swift, it was not achieved without considerable loss in men and ships. The Dutch forces did very notable work against them.

On the 18th the three Axis Powers signed a military convention. The day bears signs of astrological selection, for the Moon was conjunction Venus in Aquarius. I cannot believe that their love for one another is so great that this happened spontaneously. But I wish our people could hit on equally appropriate times for their decisions.

I described the station of ♀ on the 23rd as very helpful. ♀ rose at Moscow and ♀ ♀ were on the nadir at Berlin, and valuable Russian advances were achieved by the end of the month, both from the Valdai Hills and in the Donetz region.

At Tokio the M.C. was near ♂ ♀ and the severe blows struck at a convoy in the Macassar Straits constituted something not much short of a major disaster to the enemy.

On the 29th the Government received an overwhelming vote of confidence after a good deal of criticism, some of it, if I may venture a personal opinion, decidedly exaggerated. It is absurd to talk as if our military operations had been a series of disasters, and nothing else. Even as regards the Far East, it is impossible to strike a balance as between the two sides without knowing what price the Japanese have paid for their successes. But, to return to astrology, criticism of governments was shown clearly in the winter ingress. In Europe this (except privately) is impossible; but there were significant changes in German military commands.

On the same day Rommel re-occupied Benghazi, which seems to agree well enough with ♂ ✱ ☉ r. in the German Republic horoscope.

At Singapore ♀ ♀ rose, showing heavy destruction of property, but fortunately ♀ culminated, which (though she was afflicted) seems to foreshadow a valiant resistance, though I do not like the total lunar eclipse of March 3 in this connection—it shows ♀ exactly setting at Singapore, the lunation falling in the 12th in close square to ♄, ruler of the map.

Before going to press it is possible to add a few words on the events of *early February*. The principal phenomenon was the square of ♄-♂, both bodies being almost stationary at the time, and both afflicting the German Republic map and that of the Mikado. In the Ukraine an important advance was achieved, and in the Pacific the U.S. Navy, taking the offensive, did much damage to Japanese military installations and men-o'-war in the Marshall and Gilbert Islands, whilst General MacArthur scored some remarkable successes in his brilliant defence of the Batan Peninsula. The Dutch sank three cruisers off Amboina.¹

Prospect

Space being so valuable, I will not repeat what I wrote about February in the last issue, especially as it will be past history when this has appeared. Actually data are so unreliable, and indications so mixed, that it seems most scientific to say frankly: "I don't know what will happen." The upshot should be interesting and even illuminating; and we hope to comment on events later.

It is possible that the end of the month may show an improvement, inasmuch as the station of ♀ should excite the King's ♀ ♂ ☉, o.d., a point I had not noticed when writing the last editorial.

March also shows numerous—and mixed—influences, but one may now detect a clear threat to one of our opponents—Japan. It is true that, until the quarter is ended, she is still protected by the winter ingress, and, in a wide sense, she may still hold her own and even achieve success in the early part of the month. But by the end the tide should turn against her.

It has been far from agreeable, for so many weary months, to be unable to chronicle hopeful signs, except indeed—and it is a big exception—the autumn ingress in relation to Germany's difficulties in Russia. Now the distance looks brighter, and will become more so.

On the 1st of the month we have ♂ ♂ ♄ in 26°39' 8'; unfortunately this culminates at Moscow and threatens fresh trials for Russia. At Tokio the same bodies set and the conjunction itself is in square to the Emperor's radical ♂ within 9'. This double affliction may indicate strife between Russia and Japan.

The malefics also culminate at Ankara.

Since ♂ is not a major planet, one should not exaggerate the

¹ The City of Singapore was founded on February 6, 1819, ☉ being opposed to the Japanese ♄. ♀ is in 28 ♄ ☐ PL in 27 ♄, so that these are now afflicted by ♀ (T).

importance of the contact: at the same time, it sometimes happens that big events are shown not so much by one powerful as by several lesser phenomena.

The successive conjunctions of three malefics in Taurus will be taken by some to menace Ireland; and there are yet others who place Germany itself under this sign.

On the 3rd there is a total eclipse of the Moon, visible in Great Britain. At Berlin Ψ (though well aspected) is on the M.C.; and at Tokio PL is opposed to the M.C., which I see with satisfaction. But at London the three malefics set, \mathfrak{h} exactly, which is not so good, threatening depression and frustration. At Washington Ψ rises, and at Madrid \mathfrak{H} \mathfrak{J} set. I do not know whether any potency remains in the Spanish Republic figure; but it is severely afflicted this spring. Generally one must describe this eclipse as bad all round. It is true Caput culminates at London: we shall see whether this helps.

On the 16th we have a partial solar eclipse, visible in the Southern Pacific, which falls on the Japanese \mathfrak{J} and may well cost that nation dear, especially at sea. At Berlin \mathfrak{J} sets, which foreshadows bloody losses. But at London \mathfrak{H} sets, and the opposition of the eclipse to Ψ , near the meridian, is not good for our Navy. In fact it is a figure portending heavy losses at sea for all susceptible to them.

The ingress falls at 6 hrs. 10 mins. a.m., G.M.T., at London.

It seems that Raphael has given the correct times for the 1942 ingresses on p. 29 of his ephemeris, but they are incorrectly stated on p. 39 according to my figuring.

To return: Without wishful thinking it seems possible to regard this ingress as favourable to us, though it would be unwise to discuss its significance in detail. Astrologers can probably catch the main indication for themselves. At Berlin PL squares the rising degree, and at Tokio \mathfrak{h} \mathfrak{H} culminate, so that unquestionably the Japanese will find this quarter very different indeed from its predecessor and very much less to their liking.

We find some interesting correspondence between this map and the themes of such countries as present reliable data. Thus, \mathfrak{Q} is within $8'$ of her place in our 1801 figure, which is surely good. Again, compare the place of \mathfrak{J} with Mussolini's natus, and with \mathfrak{H} in the U.S.A. chart. The United States will be in the war now, and no half-measures.

April brings a lunation that certainly favours Berlin up to a point, since $2\mathfrak{L}$ culminates there. Presumably the much-discussed spring offensive against Russia will now be in full swing, and it seems Germany will occupy—or re-occupy—tracts of country. But at Moscow \mathfrak{Q} is Δ M.C. and she will

maintain a line of resistance until the tide turns again, as it will.

At London Caput rises.

May introduces ♀ ♂ ♄ on the 3rd of the month, falling in 29° 20' 8".

Transitally this afflicts the maps of Darlan, Goering, and Goebbels, and it is also quite near Hitler's ♄, on the 8th cusp (Campanus). It is within 11' of the Japanese ♄.

It has been pointed out to me that the conjunction of these planets in 2° 16' 8" in March 1852 coincided with violent political disturbances in France, prior to the establishment of the Second Empire. Violent upheavals are again due to follow this formation, though perhaps not in France.

It is a matter for heartfelt thanks that the conjunction falls at London 2° past the M.C., but I wish it were yet further removed. It is in the 10th at Dublin and Madrid.

We come now to the lunation of May 15. Here we find ♀ rising at London and our 1801 ♀ exactly on the M.C.: we may surely expect much success during this period, especially as ♀ ♄ afflict the M.C. at Berlin, as well as being, by transit, afflictive both to Hitler and the German Republic (see Table below). At Tokio, ♂ culminates, ☐ ♀; at Ankara it is exactly rising. At Washington the M.C. is △ PL. On the other hand, ♀ rises at Rome, which can be interpreted in more ways than one, since the bulk of the Italian people would undoubtedly be glad to see the last of their visitors from the north.

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In the foregoing I have not inserted the o.d. directions, fortunate though these are for us. I refer readers to the list published in our issue of last September. Since these often operate some time after exactitude, when stimulated by transits of various kinds (particularly eclipses and ordinary lunations), to insert them under the month in which they fall may be misleading, at least to the less experienced.

Further, for the sake of brevity I have said little about transits, but have tabled below some of the most important points subject to excitation by ♀ and ♄ in the period under review. Even the junior astrologer can study these for himself.

Final Recension
February 14, 1942

THE EDITOR

 POINTS OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN RELATION TO APPROACHING
TRANSITS OF SATURN AND URANUS

King George VI	..	..	..	♃	24-52	♍
Anthony Eden	..	..	..	♂	25-43	♍
"	..	..	..	♂	26-01	♍
Turkish Republic	..	..	..	♃	24-17	♍
German Republic	..	..	..	♂	23-48	♍
"	..	..	..	♂	27-24	♍
"	..	..	..	♂	0-53	♂
"	..	..	..	M.C.	10	♂
Italy	..	..	..	♀	24-52	♍
Hirohito	..	..	..	♂	26-30	♍
Japan	..	..	..	♃	29-31	♂
"	..	..	..	PL	3-57	♍
President Roosevelt	..	..	..	♂	27-09	♍
King George VI	..	..	..	♂	1-22	♂
U.S.A.	..	..	..	♂	8-52	♍
Hitler	..	..	..	♃	0-51	♍
"	..	..	..	PL	4-35	♍
Mussolini	..	..	..	PL	0-54	♍
"	..	..	..	♂	7-34	♍
"	..	..	..	♃	9-18	♍
President De Valera	..	..	..	♂	25-01	♂

DR. NOSTRADAMUS AND HIS QUATRAINS

By S. CARLYLE POTTER

NOSTRADAMUS's nativity was published in *Coming Events*, and afterwards *recalculated* by the editor of *The Occult Review*. The latter calculation is as follows: ☉ 00½ ♊, ☽ 04½ ♍, ☿ 15 ♊, ♀ 01½ ♍, ♂ 13 ♍, ☿ 11 ♍, ♀ 14 ♍, ☿ 08 ♋, ♀ 29 ♊. Both are given in *1001 Notable Nativities*.

Because of his fame as a physician, an astrologer, and a great benefactor of his plague-stricken countrymen, the Quatrains of Nostradamus merit serious study, especially in these momentous times. Current encyclopaedias record that they excited universal interest in his own day. because of the "seeming fulfilment of some of his predictions."¹ But, because in the sixteenth century one could not openly predict an early and violent end of the reigning monarch, or forecast the rise of a Richelieu who would curtail the power of the nobility, Nostradamus advisedly obscured his prophecies under emblems and symbols, often suggested by heraldry or popular tradition. To

¹ *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

form a just estimate of his verses one needs to have wide knowledge of the popular history, folklore, and heraldry of his time.

Not only did Nostradamus express himself in a veiled way, but to guard still further against offending powerful persons, he appears to have shaken his quatrains up in a basket, and had them printed in any sort of sequence. Consequently in the first century we find quatrains obviously referring to Napoleon, whilst in the last there may be some dealing with his own times. Perhaps one of our Bacon-Shakespeare students will one day discover a concealed key to their true order. St. Germain, who affirmed that he had assisted Nostradamus in the compilation of his celebrated prophecies, refers to a lost formula.¹ Certainly so advanced a thinker (Nostradamus has been called the father of antiseptic methods) intended his book to be of service to mankind.

There are frequent references to celestial phenomena in *The True Prophecies*, but the system of astrology followed is probably widely different from any we know. P. V. Piobb's *Le Secret de Nostradamus* (published Paris, 1927) recently came into my hands, but I am sceptical of the author's claim to having discovered a key in the quatrain containing the italicised words *Grand Romain*. For what it is worth I quote a summary: after drawing a circle, the letters from the two words "*Floram Patere*" are placed at equidistant points in the circle. From the points of the vowels draw straight lines, which results in a coffin-shaped figure, designated the sepulchre of the Great Roman. With the help of this formula, and the planets on the celestial sphere, by the calculation of Vega, the doctor is supposed to have derived his forecasts.²

Here are a few examples of Nostradamus's use of symbol and device, drawn from the various commentators:—

"When the fork is supported by two pillars [IVI = M = 1,000]

"With six half-horns, and six open scissors: [CCCCC XXXXXX = 660]

"The very potent Lord, heir of the toads [device of the Merovingians]

"Will then subjugate to himself the entire world."

The clues to this apparent nonsense are given in the words "heir of the toads," and in assuming the first two lines to refer to a date. This undoubtedly indicates Louis XIV, who in 1660

¹ M. P. Hall, *Saint-Germain*, p. 10.

² See H. J. Forman's *The Story of Prophecy*, 1936.

augmented his power by marrying Maria Theresa of Spain, was in a sense heir of the Merovingians, and became the most powerful monarch of his time.

Here is a quatrain referring to events Nostradamus himself lived to witness:—

“The King-King [Twice King] will be no more, of the gentle one destroyed.

“In that pestilent year, when the trouble-makers are anxious,

“Let him who holds, hold on, to the non-rejoicing of the great,

“And he will pass the point determined for him by the mockers.”

The “King-King” was obviously Henry III of France, previously King of Poland. He was murdered by one Clement, synonymous with gentle. The one advised to hold on is Henry of Navarre, whose greatness, under the anagram Chyren (Henry, a contemporary form of Henry), is predicted elsewhere in the quatrains.

Here is a pertinent quatrain relative to Cardinal Mazarin, of Sicilian origin:—

“When Innocent [the X] shall hold the place of Peter,

“The Sicilian Nizaram [anagram for Mazarin] shall see himself,

“In great honours, but after that shall fall

“Into the dirt of Civil War” [The Fronde].

Perhaps some of our readers can further elucidate this quatrain, believed to indicate Hitler:—

“Of Trojan blood [?] shall be born a German heart,

“Who shall attain to so high a power,

“That he shall drive away the strange Arabian [Jewish?] nation.

“Being set . . . a crooked stick [The Swastika?] in his hand.”

Nostradamus is by no means forgotten even in remote provincial France to-day. In that fateful August 1939, an artist friend, working in the French Alps, was debating whether the international situation did not indicate an immediate return to England when a neighbour brought in a local paper (*Le Petit Dauphinois*, I think), pointing to a striking article on Nostradamus's forebodings for 1940-41, as being specially fateful years for France. Whether this is anything to go by or

not, the French reprint of the quatrains, just before the war, aroused much interest even outside astrological circles. The editor enthusiastically contends that the predictions of Nostradamus are always topical. It is only a matter of understanding and of interpreting them. The following read in the light of current events certainly gives some point to this seemingly extravagant claim:—

"The sermons of Lake Lemman [i.e. Geneva] shall be troublesome,

"Some days shall be reduced into [swallowed up by] weeks,

"Then into [by] months, then a year, then they shall fail:

"The magistrates shall condemn their vain laws."—

C. I. q. 47.

"Is this not, described 260 years in advance, the League of Nations?" asks the editor.

"In a year quite near the 'ellongne' of Venus,

"The two great ones of Asia and Africa,

"Of the Rhine and Hister, whom they say will come;

"Cries, tears at Malta, and the Lyguastique coast."¹—

C. I. q. 24.

"The Rhine . . . Hitler" . . . and again:—

"Liberty shall not be recovered

"It shall be occupied [displaced] by a black fierce and wicked villain

"When the work of the Hister Bridge [Axis] shall be ended,

"The Venetian Commonwealth shall be vexed."—C. V. q. 29.

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The Abbé Rigaux, who made a special study of the quatrains relative to the Second Empire, made a similar high claim. The Abbé used to be regularly consulted by the Empress Eugénie. He warned her that if the Emperor went to war with Italy in 1867, he would soon be still further involved in war, and eventually lose Alsace Lorraine, through the treachery of one of his generals (Bazaine?).

A remarkable feature of this work (as pointed out by C. J. S. Thompson in his *Mystery and Romance of Astrology*) is that several persons are mentioned by name who were not known

¹ This particular quatrain quoted by the French editor bears no resemblance to the one given in the seventeenth century English translation (published in London). The above is a literal translation from the current Paris edition, which is an exact reprint of the 1668 Amsterdam edition, deemed to be the most correct.

till after, or long after, the death of Nostradamus. Montmorency, Clerepeyne, d'Estrée, Mazarin, Cromwell, Rousseau, Nabonne, and others are referred to either by name or anagram. Since Thompson published his book in 1929, two more names can be cited—Hister (Hitler?) V. 29; Franco, IX. 16.

C. V. q. 29 seems to imply that Liberty is supplanted by a wicked villain, and the "Hister Bridge" is mentioned. This may mean Hitler Axis(?), because in the Middle Ages, and up to the time of Nostradamus, a bridge was symbolical of Union. There were groups of bridge-building monks who preferred to serve God in this active capacity of building bridges, as a means of preventing strife between towns, who for want of easy intercourse often quarrelled through foolish misunderstandings.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—It was our original hope to publish a short series of articles on Nostradamus from Mr. Carlyle Potter's pen, but lack of space has made this impossible. Since, however, this ancient adept has recently been the subject of several books, so that his name is much before the public, we feel sure readers will like to have an opportunity to see something, at least, of his work and methods.

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A QUIVERFUL OF QUIDDITIES

By GEORGE H. BAILEY

The End Crowns All

In presenting this medley of notions I would like to do more than merely awake a passing interest in the minds of my readers, for there must be many who in the course of their studies have had glimpses of unexpected possibilities in the various fields of astrological activity, which if followed up might yield fruitful results, and to those students especially I would make an appeal not to let any novel ideas lie dormant, but to make them known so that they can be experimented with or enlarged upon for the benefit of us all. This could well be done through the medium of the Quarterly, either in letters to the editor, or by submitting them to me for inclusion in the present series of articles, and in this way we shall not only help one another but also the cause of astrology, which I am sure lies close to the hearts of most of us.

There Buds the Promise of Celestial Worth

Most systems of house division agree in so far as the angles of the horoscope are concerned, only differing in regard to the intermediate cusps. An exception is the system wrongly attributed to Ptolemy, in which all the houses are of equal extent when measured along the ecliptic from the ascendant. Applying this method to the specimen horoscope given in the last issue, 29 Π 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ falls on the cusp of the 12th house, 29 δ 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the 11th, 29 γ 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ on the 10th, and so on. The degrees cut by the meridian do not enter into the scheme, and it is obvious that in some maps the rulership of the 10th house must be very different from that assigned by most housing systems. One would think such cases would provide sufficient evidence to either prove or disprove the validity of the equal-house system, but little appears to have been attempted in this direction, probably because very few students display any interest in it.

Be that as it may, it is an astronomical fact that the line of the zodiacal degree on the 10th cusp found by the equal-house method actually passes through the zenith, immediately overhead, the highest point in the heavens, and for that reason may have some significance, whether there is anything in the equal-house system or not.

This degree is always midway between the descendant and

ascendant, for it is 90 degrees distant from both, and is therefore the most elevated degree in the horoscope. It not only divides the upper semicircle of the ecliptic into two equal portions, but, when extended on both sides as a line perpendicular to the ecliptic, it also bisects the sphere, crossing the zenith in doing so, exactly in the same way as the meridian cuts the equator into two equal parts and passes through the zenith. When $0^\circ \varphi$ and $0^\circ \simeq$ are on the horizon the circle of the zenith degree coincides with the meridian, but swings to the east of it when the northern signs rise, and to the west when the southern signs ascend, pivoting backwards and forwards about the zenith point, which of course is always on the meridian, 90 degrees above the horizon.

A drawback to the determination of the psychological significance of the zenith degree is the fact that it always squares the ascendant, an aspect likely to confuse one's analysis of the circumstances attendant on the passage of any progressed planet over it. In my own case, when the progressed Moon crossed $29^\circ \varphi 37\frac{1}{2}$ in my 20th year I was getting into my stride as secretary to the local theosophical centre, to which post I had been elected a month before, and was also being "brought out" in quite another sphere of social activity in a manner which made me feel particularly small.

Provided the birth-time and the rate of progressing the horoscope are definitely known, the event (or should I say "the state of mind"?) which coincides with the direction M.C. progressed conjunction zenith degree radical should help to determine the significance of the latter. By rotating the framework of the specimen horoscope at a certain day-to-the-year rate (to which I shall refer in a later article) $29^\circ \varphi 37\frac{1}{2}$ came to the mid-heaven at a time when I made a great step forward in my profession, but as this coincided with the direction Mars (mean converse) sextile M.C. (mentioned in the last Quarterly), it is of little use as a pointer, and I must look to my readers for assistance.

Sic itur ad astra

Although Robson's textbook *The Fixed Stars and Constellations in Astrology* gives the longitude of many stars, some of appreciable magnitude have been omitted, and must be sought for in astronomical publications such as the *Nautical Almanac*. Unfortunately, however, the data contained therein are only given in right ascension (or sidereal time) and declination, and to determine the exact longitude one has to make use of trigonometrical formulae. Such a task, although not difficult (the

method being clearly explained in Mr. Robson's book), is always to be avoided if simpler means are available, and here the zenith degree is of great assistance.

We have seen that this degree squares those on the horizon, so that we only have to find the ascendant when a particular star is exactly on the zenith to obtain its zodiacal position. As the zenith is on the meridian, the right ascension of the mid-heaven must obviously be the same as that of the star, and the distance of the zenith from the equator must also be the same as the star's declination. This zenith distance is simply the geographical latitude, the angle between the equator and the zenith being the same as that between the pole and the horizon, so that we need only consult tables of houses for the latitude equal to the declination of the star, find the sidereal time corresponding to that of the star, and subtract 90 degrees from the ascendant.

Whitaker's Almanack is likely to be more familiar to most of my readers than the *Nautical Almanac*, and as it contains a good list of stars we cannot do better than take an example from its pages. The star Eltamin (*Gamma Draconis*—magnitude 2.42—called "Etanin" in some star maps) had on January 1, 1938, a mean right ascension of 17 h. 55 m. 10 s. and a declination of 51° N. 30'. Our nearest tables of houses are those for London (51° N. 32'), and alongside the sidereal time of 17 h. 55 m. 38 s. we find an ascendant of $27^{\circ} \times 23$, so that $27^{\circ} \uparrow 23$ must be on the zenith, and allowing for the slight discrepancies in the latitude and right ascension, it is near enough to say the longitude of the star is $27\frac{1}{4}^{\circ} \uparrow$, although the exact minute could readily be determined by calculation from the figures in the house tables.

According to the Rev. Charles Whyte (in *The Constellations and their History*) Eltamin has been an object of interest for many centuries. It was known to the Egyptians as Isis, and in about 3500 B.C. its rising was visible through the central passages of the temples of Hathor at Denderah and of Mut at Thebes. As it is said that Eltamin was the orientation point of at least seven different temples, dating from 4600 to 1000 B.C., this star was evidently considered of great importance, so that the fact that it now passes over the zenith at London may not be without significance.

Eltamin is a double star and may be observed on the zenith (when conditions permit) at times found from the difference between its sidereal time and that at noon on the day concerned, when it should be looked for to the north of and not far from Wega, the well-known brilliant star sparkling with a

bluish tinge. As Eltamin is too far north to set in these latitudes, it also crosses the upper meridian at a sidereal time of 5 h. 55 m. 10 s., but is then only 13 degrees above the northern horizon.

Anyone born in a latitude north of $38\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ with 29 \uparrow or 29 Π on the midheaven would have Eltamin on the cusp of the 10th house (the star being actually on the zenith in $51\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ N. lat., when 29 \uparrow culminates), and it would be interesting to hear from readers able to trace any effects (which would probably be more apparent if a luminary or planet were within a degree of conjunction or opposition with the star). Situated in the head of the dragon represented in the old myths as guarding the golden apples in the garden of the Hesperides, its influence is (according to Ptolemy) like that of Saturn and Mars. Robson says, "Draco gives an artistic and emotional but sombre nature, a penetrating and analytical mind, much travel and many friends but danger of robbery and accidental poisoning."

To find the zodiacal position of stars with south declination the same procedure should be followed as when casting a horoscope for southern latitudes, and for an example let us turn to Whitaker again, taking Turais (*Iota Argus*—magnitude 2.25—not to be confused with *Rho Argus*, referred to by some writers as "Tureis") with a right ascension of 9 h. 15 m. 26 s. and a declination of 59° S. 1'. In the house tables for the Orkneys (59° N. 0') the ascendant of $4\frac{1}{2}$ ϖ alongside the sidereal time of 21 h. 15 m. 26 s. (12 hours being added) must be reversed to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ν , and subtracting three signs the star is found to be in $4\frac{1}{2}$ ϖ .

Turais is so far south that it cannot be seen from England (for it can never rise in latitudes above 31° N.), so that, apart from its zodiacal conjunction or opposition, its effects on us northerners can only be noted when on the cusp of the 4th, this position occurring when $16\frac{1}{2}$ Ω and $16\frac{1}{2}$ ϖ are on the M.C. The star is in the constellation Argo, supposed to picture the ship built by Hercules in which Jason went to Colchis to recover the Golden Fleece, and said to be associated with voyages and drowning.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

By H. B. PILKINGTON

THE other day a doctor friend of mine was in the mood to talk "Shop," and in the course of the conversation said: "I've seen . . . twice this week and on the first visit I appropriated sufficient time to go over her spine. She was strongly impressed

with the idea that I effected a 'click' into position, and when I saw her the second time her nervous condition was much better. What would her chart have to say about a slight vertebral misplacement?"

To this I replied: "I cannot remember exactly without looking at the horoscope again, but if there was such a misplacement it would be, say, a fifth of the way up."

"That is just about the place where the 'click' came from."

To what extent the astrological data we have *re* the vertebrae is correct I have not had sufficient experience to test in length. It is obvious that a big field open to enquiry is to be found here. However, here is a table of sign-rulerships of the vertebrae. As so often happens in astrology, there would seem to be some overlap of indication, but this drawback, as it seems, is much reduced when we remember that the spinal nerves must derive nutrition alike via the food tract and the emanations of the planets, etc. At times the precise location of the misplaced vertebrae is rendered easier by study of the part of the body affected in the patient. Doing this is not sticking to astrology pure and simple, but, at the same time, few things in life are known well by looking one way only.

The 4th cervical, for example, comes under Aries so far as positive sustainment is concerned via spinal nerve connections, and under Taurus in relation to the autonomic nerve system. This vertebra is a terminal for nerves connecting with the eyes, cornea, and retina, the mouth, its gums, teeth and jaw-bones, tissues of the face, Eustachian tubes, outer ear, posterior nares, nasopharynx and hyoid bone. Pain anywhere as above would be confirmatory of Aries-Taurus afflictions that might involve 4th cervical displacement.

Starting from the top of the spine, the six cervical vertebrae fall under the rule of Aries and Taurus, and afflicted planets in either of these signs would, according to their placing, be taken as corresponding to a particular cervical amongst the six. The application of the Navamsa Measure, mentioned in the writings of Sepharial and E. H. Bailey, is a valuable assistant to fine location.

The 7th cervical brings involvement with the last degrees of Taurus and the first decan of Gemini, when the spine takes over to the 1st dorsal, which is Gemini.

The nerves springing from the 2nd dorsal go round to the heart-circulation system and come under the rulership of Leo and the Sun.

The 3rd dorsal comes under Gemini and sextile aspects between planets in Gemini and Leo are indicative, amongst

other things, of happy co-operation between the breathing system and the heart.

Many nerves rise from the 4th dorsal with ramifications involving parts ruled by all the signs from Gemini to Scorpio inclusive. The Navamsa Measure is useful here as a check up.

Leo and the Sun take charge of the 5th dorsal, and its conditioning may be considered with that of the 3rd.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th dorsals are largely Cancer and the Moon, with additional influences from Virgo. The digestive secretions are affected here, and, again, sextiles Cancer to Virgo are important.

Virgo is the sign connectant to 8th and 9th dorsals. Nerves from the latter vertebrae serve to link up bowel and bladder functioning.

The 10th and 11th dorsals have their condition shown by placings in Libra, whilst the 12th dorsal makes the bridge vertebra Libra to Scorpio, to join up to the first lumbar.

The 2nd and 3rd lumbar form the terminal points of a host of nerve lines, involving, more or less intimately, all the signs Virgo to Aquarius, though the Aquarian influence is really slight, and incidentally more over the 3rd than the 2nd lumbar.

The connections to the 4th lumbar are again many and afflictions in any sign Virgo to Pisces can be associated with 4th lumbar non-alignment.

Libra, Scorpio and Sagittarius influence both the 5th lumbar and the sacrum, whilst the coccyx is under Scorpio and Sagittarius. At first sight this may look a bit scattered and unworkable, but a little familiarity does much to clear its understanding.

For example, the planetary indications for anaemia, mal-nutrition, rheumatism, where this is associated with faulty assimilation, and feverish head colds from acidosis commonly enough touch parts of the body associated with the 5th dorsal.

In the case that my doctor friend cited we have ♀ in the 2nd decanate of ♍, squared by ♄ in ♎. Colitis was diagnosed, so the 4th dorsal is a likely spot for spinal mal-alignment, and it was here that an adjustment seemed to have been made, and which was followed by improvement.

Data No. 1 provides an interesting chart of hyper blood pressure in a youth, S.P. 40 above normal. The native is anxious to join the Navy but the Medical Board does not feel too sure about him. He is 6' 3" in height, and nearly two stones above normal weight. It would seem that the multi-aspected 2♈ has encouraged the creation of more cells than the Libran ☾ afflicted by ♄ can comfortably supply with blood. 2♈ in exact

opposition to the 5th cusp is interesting here when this map is compared with the cases of heart trouble mentioned in Mr. Carter's *Encyclopedia of Psychological Astrology*.

Data: Sept. 25th, 1925, 6.30 p.m. 53° 24' N., 3° 2' W.

Mr. Pilkington very kindly states that he will gladly answer questions from enquirers. His address is: Glendale, Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

THE PLANET SATURN

By CHARLES E. CARTER

It is often asserted that Saturn is not only one of the less attractive planets (if not definitely unattractive), but that he is by no means interesting. As an object in the sky he is not splendid like Jupiter, beautiful like Venus, or distinctive as is Mars in his red uniform, nor has he the mysterious quality that elusiveness gives to Mercury and remoteness to Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. He is, in fact, rather ordinary in appearance, neither very bright nor very dim, but dull and sullen as if he came upon the scene with some such words as: "Here I am; I don't want to come, and I don't suppose you want to see me either; but I suppose it can't be helped."

Well, from one point of view, besides that of appearance, Saturn is ordinary; he is a planet that does ordinary jobs in an ordinary way. The Saturnian, we must admit, can be stupid and heavy, and when he is not stupid he can be limited in a way that is almost as bad as stupidity—unable to see anything, or take any interest in anything except the few things, mostly not very fascinating to other people, upon which, throughout his life, he has concentrated his attention. So that to the world at large he passes as possibly useful, but certainly not very likeable—a dull dog, whose chief virtue is that he is not flighty and will sit still and stick to whatever he has once begun. He has an extreme dislike of anything that is not certain, that is changeful and inconstant; he has no spirit of adventure, hates going far afield or varying the routine of his life, has few if any friends—for he dislikes mankind as a whole—gravitates naturally to something safe, even if it is poorly paid, never does anything wrong, and, as a consequence, rarely does anything brilliant either.

His moral conceptions are those of the Puritan—that is to say, he thinks that virtue is a matter of abstention from certain sins and habits, which, by the way, do not attract him

personally. He has no sympathy at all for the warm-hearted spontaneous types that enjoy life and occasionally are not altogether businesslike in their ways.

If he is religious at all, his religion is apt to be a gloomy affair, and mostly a matter of formal observances and codes of "thou shalt not."

In physical appearance he is not lovely, for his teeth are usually his most prominent feature.

In manner he is precise and stiff, sometimes shy and ill-at-ease, and he is seldom a good mixer, for the reason that he disapproves of nearly everybody.

He is honest and dependable, but those who do not like him attribute this to lack of spirit rather than to good principles.

If Saturn's effect upon temperament is unpleasant, so too is his influence upon our affairs. Jupiter may often empty our pockets, but Saturn never lets anything get into them. Jupiter may give us liver attacks, but Saturn keeps us on such short rations that any such derangement is out of the question. Jupiter may incline to corpulence, but this is usually associated with good humour and jollity, whilst Saturn tends to a miserable and chilly bonyness, distressing to the native and repulsive to the onlooker. He may not cause dangerous conditions of health and he is certainly so careful, not to say timid, that whatever human vigilance can forestall, he will forestall, but by degrees he grows thinner and thinner and may eventually fall into what our forefathers called a "decline." As a master, he is austere and unhelpful; as a servant sullen and discontented. In the business of life he is all that is obstructive, hard, unsympathetic and discouraging. As a husband or wife, he is faithful and economical, and, thanks to his exaltation in Libra, I suppose we may say that his best side comes out in 7th-house matters, but even so I imagine that a Saturnian partner must be excessively depressing to anyone who has not a strong dash of the same planet. And what it must be like to be the child—particularly the only child—of two very Saturnian parents, one can only imagine.

So much for what is usually taken to be, I think, a fairly true portrait of an extreme Saturnian. Of course we must all of us admit that a strong influence from any other planet will make a very considerable difference. The Sun will add *joie de vivre*, Mercury will give adaptability and mental liveliness, Venus will bring in the element of beauty and happiness, Mars will give robustness and courage, Jupiter the spirit of adventure, Uranus originality, Neptune fancy and poetry.

But now let us go to the other side and see what things are

like when Saturn is inactive. We shall, I think, have to admit that such a spectacle will convince us that Saturn is not only useful—a virtue often insufficiently appreciated—but even indispensable to all reasonable living. We have, unfortunately, not to go very far afield, or use very high-powered microscopes, in order to find instances of Saturn dethroned. For during this year (1936) he has been in opposition to Neptune and in square to Jupiter, that is to say, in conflict with the two least orderly of the planets, Neptune having, at any rate in some of his aspects, very little conception of order, and Jupiter (if afflicted) usually acting as if it regarded order as being a most excellent thing to disregard and flout!

Saturn himself has been in Pisces, a sign that rules Portugal, where there has been a revolutionary outbreak in the navy, and in Russia, traditionally ruled by Saturn, there has been the sanguinary repression of a certain faction, coupled with obvious fear of attack in the west and east; however, a powerful Government has preserved order. But in Spain, where the trouble seems to have been focussed by the presence of Jupiter in its ruling sign, there is at present a complete and disastrous collapse of order over a large part of the country and the results have been so terrible as to shock civilisation, convincing many of us, I think, if we had to be convinced, that any order is better than none.¹

And is not the same equally true of individuals? We may in our gay youth dislike and ridicule the ideas of self-control, prudence and restraint, but in the long run we have to recognise that these qualities are important and are likely to remain so for many years to come.

To say that Saturn, in its extreme action, is unlovely, is after all only asserting what we can affirm with almost equal truth of any other astrological influence: they are all different—different both in their benefic operations and in their so-called malefic—but the adage that one can have too much of a good thing is true of all of them, and Saturn is not the only planet that we do not care to see in excess! Unbalanced natiivities naturally produce unbalanced temperaments; and whilst in some cases the result may be genius, in the majority it is unfortunate. Indeed, unbalanced horoscopes seldom produce happiness, whatever peculiar gifts they may bring with them. Sound minds, happiness, and effective action come, as a rule, from balanced natures and balanced maps; as soon as we have lack of balance something in the life will go askew.

What is the essence of the Saturnian influence?

¹ Written at the time of the Spanish Civil War.

One can, of course, approach this question from several points of view, which will supplement, rather than contradict, one another, but the traditional belief that he is the planet of *limitation* is probably as true as any. Now limitation is apt to be irksome, especially to the expansive elements in man, which are chiefly shown by the Sun, Mars, Jupiter, Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto. In fact, we may say that the only planets that are to some extent friendly to Saturn are Mercury and Venus, both of which rule, like Saturn, an earth sign and an air sign. Mercury has much the same exactness, precision, and matter-of-factness as Saturn, and Venus has a tendency to order and dislike of muddle and confusion; further, Venus and Saturn are both peaceful planets, with a dislike of violent methods, roughness, and rudeness. One may say that these two understand Saturn well enough and can share his point of view, but this is much less true of the others. The Moon perhaps, is neutral in this respect; it is true that Saturn is in detriment in the lunar sign and in some ways the two bodies are opposites, and yet there is also an affinity, as indeed there often is in opposites. But as there are six bodies that are more or less at variance with Saturn—six out of nine—it is not strange that he is more likely to be unpopular than popular! In nearly everyone there is more that dislikes Saturn than there is that likes him.

But reflection soon shows us that limitation is a necessary part of manifestation. To become individuals we must be limited by being ourselves and not being anyone else. The act of thought is founded on limitation, for thought is only possible if we have distinct ideas, and thought becomes accurate and rational in proportion as our ideas are distinct; hence it is that every rational discussion has to begin with a definition of terms, tacit or explicit, as Socrates made plain to his associates more than two thousand years ago. People whose radical ideas and conceptions are indistinct, or, as we sometimes say, "woolly," are like workmen with tools the use of which they do not understand; they cannot really think or act effectively unless they rely on another faculty altogether, to wit, instinct. Most of his fellow-citizens thought Socrates was a bore and a nuisance for bothering himself and them about what seemed unimportant things, and, as a result, they put him to death. Many moderns are inclined to sympathise with them rather than with the philosopher, yet a very great deal of confusion—not to say destruction of life and property—would have been saved if the lesson he tried to teach had been accepted by mankind in general. Most wars have been fought about issues

that were by no means clear to the majority of the combatants or even to the statesmen. We might find it useful to try to define some of our common astrological terms—for example, “benefic” and “malefic.”

Saturn, therefore, enables us (if we wish) to have clear ideas and think properly. A number of people I have met have roundly stated that it matters very little what we think if we act rightly, and perhaps it wouldn't, but I have yet to meet a person who thought wrongly and yet acted rightly, except accidentally. Saturn certainly teaches us to act rightly and wisely, and if the Saturn man sometimes behaves too timidly, that is only because he is excessively Saturnian, and, as we have just said, any planet pushed to excess results in loss of balance.

Again, our bodies are very definite limited things—they do not coalesce with each other; we know where one begins and the other ends, and the same is true of all bodies, and not only human ones. All this distinctiveness is Saturnian, and Saturn is an honest planet, because he knows instinctively the difference between “mine” and “thine,” whereas some astrological types are weak in this respect and really hardly seem to be aware of this distinction. Thus an untruthful or dishonest Saturnian is a very unrighteous person, with no excuse for his sins, since he cannot be forgiven on the grounds that he knows no better; he *does* know what is true and what is not, and he *does* know what belongs to him and what does not.

It is not hard to see why Saturn is exalted in Libra, for Libra is the least separate of the signs, and so the separateness of Saturn tends to be modified in it. Libra lives in and through other people and cannot separate itself from others; thus it brings Saturn out of, and away from, itself. Love binds our lives to those of others. Not that any man ever does, or ever can, lose his individuality, for he is always distinct from others, but distinctiveness is not quite the same as separation. One can remain one's self and yet be intimately linked with all other selves.

In our social life Saturn is very strong; he is the Law, which tells us what can be done and what cannot; and just as the law is (at least ideally) a terror only to law-breakers and wrong-doers and is a protection and help to those who desire to live rightly, so the Saturnian principles assist those who work lawfully, but punishes those who do not.

The belief in the fundamental rightness of things is firmly implanted in every man; even very young children protest against unfairness, and older people will die fighting for justice. This universal intuition of equity is a proof of the fundamental

rightness of things and answers with an emphatic affirmative the question: "Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" The fact that we as individuals often fail to see that justice is omnipresent is due to the necessary limitation of our present being; we see things only in part, both in regard to time and to space.

Saturn is the astrological symbol of Divine Justice. So long as man opposes law, whether human, natural or spiritual law, it is inevitable that he should constantly feel the coercive action of Saturn, thrusting or dragging the rebel away from his futile attempts to imitate the Titans, who strove of old to storm the celestial battlements and merge the Divine Order in chaos. The more violently we rebel, the more severe will be the Saturnian inhibitions. But when we learn that true liberty lies in obedience to the Divine Law and not in rebelliousness and self-will, then, as we say in our "Ritual of the Planets," "Saturn becomes our true Friend."

(To be continued)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NOTES ON THE WAR—STALIN'S EPOCH

From M. MATTHEWS (Written Autumn 1941).

During this summer (1941) our King's \odot p. conjoined England's ♂ (1066 map) in ♊ and 11th house, signifying our alliance with Russia, an Aquarian country. Stalin's ♀ p. was close to this point. This autumn the King's \odot arrives at the ♍ of ♑ .

I think the war is unlikely to end till about the close of 1943. Aspects in 1942 seem not strong enough to bring about ease. But during 1943 the King's ♃ p. comes to ♈ ♑ , and late in that year ♃ p. \triangle \odot r. and ♂ p. \times ♀ r. are propitious—with good transits, especially ♑ in M.C. ♈ ♃ p. \triangle \odot r. Also in that year ♑ will be transiting the M.C. of the War Figure, with ♄ in good aspect to the M.C. and nadir of its own and the King's map. As ♄ influences air power, it points to our own and Russia's air superiority. Other symbolic directions point to 1943 as a peace year.

Also, in my horary figure (*Astrology*, December 1939) there are several good aspects to ♄ in ♊ 10 by symbolic measures in 1943, signifying success for Russia—by 1° , ♄ \times ♄ ; by $2\frac{1}{2}^\circ$, ascendant and 7th cusp \times and \triangle ♄ , ♀ \times ♄ , ♂ \triangle ♄ (with ♑ \triangle ♀ in ♊ in spring of 1944).

These ♄ aspects benefit President Roosevelt, whose \odot is in ♊ 11. (The horary figure was cast for February 22, 1933, 0.1 a.m. London, "What will be the destiny of the world?")

In Stalin's map, ☉ comes to ✱♂, by 1°, in the summer of 1943, with ♃ p. going to ♂ ☉ r. and to the trine of ♂.

The accession map also has several good aspects by 1° in 1943.

This autumn is not propitious, ♃ in ♀ benefiting Hitler, as it is stationary exactly on his ☉ p. (and ♂ the King's ☉ r.). The fiercest fighting on a great scale took place this summer and autumn, with the King's ☉ ♂ England's ♂, ♂ his ♃, from M.C. and Nadir, with the transit ♃ ♂ his ☉ in October, and December ☉ ♂ ♃, bringing crisis.

Stalin's transits are adverse also. America might enter the war about November, as ♂ will be stationary on President Roosevelt's ☉ p., ☐ his ♂ progressed. Next year he has ☉ p. ☐ ♂ p., ♃ p. ♂ ☐ r. Early in 1942, his ♂ is ♂ ☐, by 1°.

The 3 measure gives some important directions. Hitler by this has ♃ ♂ ♃, ♀ ♂ ♃, in 1942. In the War Figure, ♃ △ M.C., ☐ △ ♂, in 1943. Stalin then has ♀ △ ☐, increasing his power and authority. I give Stalin's pre-natal epoch:

April 1, 1879, 4.14 a.m., 1.18 a.m. G.M.T.

♂	♂	♂	♂	♂	♂
14	5	28	3.22	18	20
☉ ♀	♃ ☐	♂ ♀	♀ ♂	♂ ☐	
10.57	22.51	29.24	8.33	9.46	
♃ ♂	♂ ♀	☐ ♀	♂ ♂	PL ♂	
1.22	6.23	0.40 R	8.25	25	

Ruler of M.C. rises in its own sign—a strong character and firm ruler, with ♂ ♂ ☉ also rising. ☐ opposes ♃ from 7th angle. ♂ ☐ ♀ and ♀ destroys peace, but should have success in war, ♂ being ✱ ♂ and first applying by direction to ✱ ☉, that trines the M.C. By 3, ♂ △ ♃ in 1943.

Miss Matthews also writes:—

ASTROLOGY AND EVENTS

Mr. Gleadow's interesting article gives much food for thought, but I certainly disagree with his statement that aspects do not cause events, and that political (that is, international) astrology is still mere guess-work.

To my mind it is the most important of all branches of the science, but lack of sufficient data and power of judgment often causes erroneous forecasts. I feel certain that events *can* be foretold by astrology.

I think we need specially to study the maps of rulers of countries. More attention could have been paid to our King's ☉ p. ♂ ♃ r.—8½° ☐—☉ (☉ p. ♂ England's ♂—thus ♂ ♂ ♃)—directly on angles. I referred¹ to the December 8th ☉ ♂ ♃ aspect in the heavens as being

¹ See above letter.

a critical period, being the nearest in time to the King's own completed aspect. We declared war on Japan on that very day, the aspect being on M.C. and Nadir in the figure—12.30 p.m. summer time (11.30 a.m.). The ♂ involved the King's Ψ ♂ ♂ in his 9th and 3rd houses radical, denoting shipping losses and treachery, and pointed to Japan being concerned, as Hirohito's PL ♂ ♂ fall on 16° Π \uparrow . I always thought the most critical period of the war would come from the summer to end of 1941, owing to these aspects.

When \odot entered \uparrow , these critical degrees, $8^\circ \approx \text{♄}$, were on M.C. and Nadir, Π $13\frac{1}{2}^\circ$ rising, thus involving both the King's and transit \odot ♂ ♄ on the angles, with Hirohito's Pluto rising in the figure. The December 8th \odot ♂ ♄ had ♄ 8° rising.

By 1° President Roosevelt's ♂ is now on Hirohito's ♂ , ♂ his own ruler ♂ . He also now has ♄ (dispositor of ♂) ♄ ♄ —heavy responsibility, and privations for the American people—also ♀ \square ♄ (both by 1°). (I take his map according to Lyndoe, Asc. ♄ 23, M.C. Π 22—the time his mother gave.)

With regard to our declaration of war map, it seems hopeful. Our King's birth map has ♄ 7 on M.C., Asc. $\approx 27\frac{1}{2}$. Thus the ♄ is exactly on his M.C. going conjunction, and ♂ trine, his ♄ 1. ♂ is also \triangle PL, \ast ♀ , and rules the 4th, the final outcome, with ♄ in it, \ast ♂ . The \odot is \triangle ♂ (but that may also help the enemy). ♄ , our ruler, is ♄ ♄ , \triangle Ψ , but R. Delays, but gives executive and sea power. The 1° measure tends to give Japan success at first, as ascendant comes \triangle \odot first; but later, Asc. \triangle ♄ , ♄ ♂ , PL, ♄ ♄ —all in about $1\frac{1}{2}$ years, air supremacy and stern justice. Later, ♂ to M.C. may denote peace negotiations. At present, Ψ opposes the 1066 ♄ —shipping losses.

President Roosevelt's Solar Rev., January 31, 1942, has \odot going from \square ♂ to \triangle ♄ in Π (ruling sign of the U.S.A.) promising success.

At present Hirohito's ♄ (1°) in ascendant radical, goes from ♂ ♄ to \triangle Ψ , indicating gains at sea.

February New Moon (1942) will oppose his ♄ , with ♄ in \square to it, and the solar eclipse of next March will fall on the place of Mars in the Japanese Constitution Map, which is now on the M.C. of that figure (1°), foreboding ill for Japan.

ASTROLOGICAL FIRST PRINCIPLES

From "CRITIAS."

I believe Mr. Gladow's article should be read and pondered upon by all students. But, as he himself hints, the question of always abiding by first principles is not easy, because these are, in practical work, so interwoven. To attribute death to a semisquare of Venus is certainly idiotic; but if this planet were in Scorpio in the 8th house and heavily afflicted, I should not care to rule it *entirely* out of the question. It might, I think, be a contributory factor: for instance, a young girl might be involved in some way, as by administering the wrong medicine, failing to air sheets, or perhaps by running across the road and so occasioning an accident. Life is complicated and it

has been remarked that astrology, since it mirrors life, cannot be simple.

But, as Mr. Gleadow implies, we must look deep into the psychology of each case. Thus I recently attended a marriage wherein the principal direction in the bride's map was ☉ * ♀: here ♀ ruled the 7th, and the marriage-motive was probably a desire for liberty, at least in part.

A planet has (1) its own nature, (2) the imprint of the sign occupied, and (3) of the house occupied, and (4) it rules two houses. However much we may try to simplify the matter, all four seem indispensable factors in judgment.

From A. PARKES.

Mr. Archer's article in the last Quarterly was of very great interest to those of us who are interested in horticultural astrology.

The time spent in the small experiments I have made during the last few years has certainly repaid me many times over, and has convinced me in no uncertain manner that "there is a time to sow."

The most outstanding feature of my gardening in 1940 and 1941 was the size of the root crops. Seed was sown when the Moon was in earthy signs in trine to Saturn, lord of roots. 1942 gives the last opportunity for some years to sow seed under this aspect, and I am looking forward to the results.

Mr. Archer's last point is an interesting one. Some there are who have "the green fingers," others have not. Those who have not are doubtless compensated in having other gifts not shared by the children of Earth.

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