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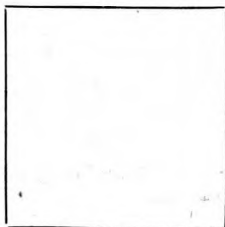
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## EDITORIAL

### *Minor Aspects*

A correspondent writes: "Not enough attention is given to the semi- and sesqui-square which are usually treated as lesser evils. As a matter of fact these two aspects are in my experience the most discordant ones of the lot, and have not a redeeming feature. They seem to give everything bad, from insanity to imprisonment—in fact, all the things that can come to one without one's being able to put up the vestige of a fight against them. I cannot think why this is not more recognised, with regard to both the radical and progressed charts."

What do other readers think of this point? It has always seemed to me that *prima facie* one should distinguish between semi-squares and sesquiquadrates falling in the same element (e.g. from  $0^\circ \cong$  to  $15^\circ \approx$ ) and those that "break elements" (e.g. from  $15^\circ \cong$  to  $0^\circ \propto$ ). The former should be less troublesome.

### *Parallels of Declination and Lunar Secondaries*

Whilst talking of aspects I would say that I have recently carried out some research in regard to transitual parallels of declination in cases of death and accident; and I was surprised to find how frequently the event was accompanied by an appropriate formation of this sort, and sometimes by several. They were usually not more than a day or two from exactitude, and Saturn, Uranus and Neptune were commonly involved.

On the other hand the older I grow the less I think of lunar secondaries. Perhaps they do actually decrease in significance as one grows older; at any rate this year I have had a series (both direct and converse) that looked formidable enough on paper but in the event brought next to nothing. They were hardly worth calculating.

It is true that in war-time one's activities are so circumscribed that directions have less scope for manifestation in some ways, but in others they certainly have more.



Yet the predictive work of many professional astrologers consists in little else but the tedious delineation of the effects that may be expected from lunar secondaries, and often minor aspects at that.

Cases have even come before me when such secondaries as  $\odot \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } \text{♀} \text{ } r.$  and  $\odot \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } 2\downarrow \text{ } r.$  have effected little, though admittedly I have yet to hear of a case wherein a conjunction of the Sun with *malefics* has been inoperative.

Undoubtedly the strongest secondaries are those that are formed by the slow passage of a major planet over a radical point, as for instance  $\text{h } \text{♂} \text{ } \odot \text{ } r.$ , which brought Carol of Rumania to ruin, and the analogous  $\text{h } \text{♂} \text{ } \Downarrow \text{ } r.$  in Mussolini's epoch.

### *The Fall of Mussolini; the Pre-Natal Epoch*

This event calls for special discussion.

Of the main systems of prediction it seems that the ordinary secondary system fails badly, though there is the converse or pre-natal  $\text{♂} \text{ } \square \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } r.$ , which, since  $\text{♀}$  rules his 10th, is appropriate but hardly adequate.

There were heavy transitual afflictions. We have spoken of Pluto in this connection, but there is also the reciprocal  $\text{h } \square \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } r.$  and  $\text{♂} \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } \text{h } \text{ } r.$

The fixed-increment systems come out brilliantly. The four radix directions  $\text{♀} \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } \text{♂}$ ,  $\text{♂} \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } \text{asc.}$ ,  $\text{h } \text{♂} \text{ } \text{♀}$  and  $\text{h } \text{♂} \text{ } \odot$  may seem inadequate because these points were natally in sextile, and one would not have expected anything so drastic from them; but  $\Psi \text{ } \square \text{ } \odot \text{ } \text{♂} \text{ } \frac{1}{4}^\circ$  is excellent.

In defence of the secondary system some may argue that Mussolini was pleased to quit office. Apart from the fact that this is in all probability entirely untrue, astrology is not so subjective that a man could fall from high office under good directions and nothing else, however glad he might be to retire.

In the ex-dictator's PNE there was, as we pointed out in previous issues, a very powerful secondary direction— $\text{h } \text{♂} \text{ } \Downarrow \text{ } r.$ , and this was excited by current  $\Downarrow$  on the day of his resignation.

His natus is given in *More Notable Nativities*; the positions for his suggested epoch are:—

M.C. 10 $\approx$	XI 9 $\text{✕}$	XII 21 $\text{☿}$	Asc. 9-18 $\Pi$	II 1 $\text{♊}$	III 20 $\text{♊}$
$\odot$ 4 $\text{♈}$	$\Downarrow$ 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{♈}$	$\text{♂}$ 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{♊}$ $\text{---R}$	$\text{♀}$ 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{♊}$	$\text{♂}$ 17 $\text{♈}$	$2\downarrow$ 1 $\text{♊}$ $\text{---R}$
$\text{h}$ 24 $\text{♈}$ $\text{---R}$	$\text{♂}$ 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{♈}$	$\Psi$ 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ $\text{♈}$ $\text{---R}$	PL 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\text{♈}$ $\text{---R}$		

I have been asked how I know which of the several possible epochal figures is correct, how I discover where the parents were at the time of epoch, and how to ascertain whether gesta-

tion is normal. In reply, I know none of these things with certitude and (though I would not say, with Gallo, that neither do I care for them) I don't think anyone else does. But if a suggested PNE (a) confirms a carefully observed birth-time, (b) seems appropriate to the character and destiny of the native, and (c) yields good directions, then I consider it is worth attention. Mussolini's birth-time was probably recorded in the rather perfunctory manner usual on the Continent, but in my view his epoch satisfies the other two criteria.

However, such epochal maps as I may mention must be taken as hypothetical and readers must assess their merits for themselves.

Did space permit, one could write at great length on the map (or maps) of Italy in relation to the present course of history, and on the horoscopes of Victor Emmanuel and the Prince of Piedmont, for whom the outlook is not good. We will try to say something on these matters in December.

Speaking for myself, the vast scope of this war has made it impossible for me to watch more than a few of the dozens of important horoscopes which are involved in it, and even these have not received anything approaching adequate study. It is a task, not for one man, but for a Board, composed of members devoted each to the careful invigilation of the affairs of one of the nations or geographical areas concerned. But such an ideal seems quite beyond our present strength.

One day there may be a responsible Board for Astrological World-Survey; but we do not seem near it at present.

### *The War—Retrospect*

#### *Latter Part of May*

We continue to chronicle, for the sake of completeness, the chief events of the past period.

On May 12, exactly under ♀ ♂ Ψ (radix increment) in the German Empire map, Von Arnim surrendered in Tunisia. Perhaps this was one of the greatest victories of military history; a veteran army, holding strong positions and with vast supplies, was destroyed almost to a man. Of this and the two preceding radix directions in the 1871 map we wrote that they were "enough to break any state." Unfortunately in these days the loss of an army of 250,000 men is but an episode, though an important one.

On the 17th we breached three great dams in the Ruhr, a catastrophe quite in keeping with the above direction.

On May 22 we heard of the decision to disband the Third International, or Comintern.

The transit of ♄ over Hitler's Pluto, to which we referred, corresponded with two record air-attacks on Germany, the cities of Dortmund and Duesseldorf being the objectives.

### *June*

The conjunction of the benefics in the 7th at London was good for our allies and for friendship with other nations. There were definite attempts to attain French unity; and in the Aleutians the Americans, who had the above conjunction on their radical ♀, destroyed the Japanese garrison in Attu. The complete failure of the enemy to make a serious attempt to assist their troops on the island is significant; we have travelled far since the days of Pearl Harbour.

Also I wrote too soon of the lack of help received by China from Jupiter in Cancer, for in this country likewise the Japanese met failure.

Some while ago an astrologer described the natus of the Japanese emperor as "not that of an eventual loser." I should demur at this, inasmuch as he has some rather threatening parallels of declination; but, apart from the natus, there is the pre-natal epoch, which is about the worst figure imaginable.

Another interesting concomitant of the conjunction in Cancer was the Hot Springs Food Conference, described as an economic landmark.

On the 11th Pantellaria surrendered to us, with a large garrison.

So far as our predictions for the spring quarter are concerned the prolonged lull on the Russian front was a surprise. Nor did our ♀♂Ψ 1. (1801 map) produce much obvious effect. It is true that allotment-holders, those typical children of Virgo, had some sad disappointments, and the question of gas did, as I expected, come into the news again.

The most satisfactory feature of all was the good news regarding the U-boat battle. I place this under the lunar secondaries mentioned in our last issue as falling at the beginning of July. Often, it seems, the directions fall, not when events actually transpire, but when we hear of them. An interesting point, this.

### *July*

Under the same directions a big movement began in the south-west Pacific; and on the 5th the Japanese Navy was once again defeated with considerable loss.

It seems as if ♃, in our 1801 figure, has a distinct 11th-house value, for good directions to it have usually brought victories

to our Allies and thereby helped us. And perhaps because this planet is actually related to U.S.A. or perhaps simply because it is that country that has most directly aided us, the benefits shown by good directions to our 24 have often come through American channels.

Maps such as this are excellent material for house-division studies, since the cusps can be, if necessary, calculated to a second of arc. We know something of the disputant who, when a horoscope seems to contradict his special theories, at once insists that the data are at fault!

Of course some may prefer the view that Jupiter is always, in a general sense, signifier of *help received from others*, and this in my opinion is true.

Heavy fighting began in Russia on the 5th; and on the 10th we landed in Sicily, which, as we have mentioned, is ruled by Leo, and, by the way, has special associations with the Pluto-Persephone-Ceres myth.

This date furnishes us with a quite classical example of directional operation: ☉ \* 24 r. in our 1801 map was excited by the lunar secondary ☾ \* 24 r., and, on the very day, 24 (T) was ☿ 24 r. in the same chart.

The German onset in Russia was a complete and costly failure and our landing in Sicily was equally a success of an extraordinary character.

Then followed Mussolini's resignation on July 25. We have dealt above with some of the astrological aspects of this event, from his individual point of view. As regards Italy, the eclipse worked as one might expect. Conjunction Jupiter, it denoted liberation; conjunction Pluto, upheaval and elimination by force exerted *from within*.

We would like to refer to Mr. C. E. Mitchell's forecast in *Foretold by the Stars* wherein the collapse of the Fascist empire was predicted clearly in 1936. In 1940 we stated, in the September issue, that only reverses and humiliation awaited Italy.

But we also stated, correctly, that a series of powerful good directions awaited Mussolini in his latter years, a series which a wise statesman might have turned to great advantage. It is doubtful, now, whether he will ever be in a position to use them.

The month ended with an unprecedented series of attacks on Hamburg, ruled by Aquarius.

### *August*

The 6th was a black day for Germany. The Russians occupied Orel and Bielgorod and the British entered Catania. Sweden gave notice to terminate the arrangement by which German

soldiery passed through that country, an action that signified much. In New Georgia the Allies took Munda.

The Russian successes at this period appear to confirm the map for the U.S.S.R. published in the *B.J.A.* and erected for local noon, 15/9/1917, at Leningrad, which shows excellent directions this autumn. We have, however, pointed out that no one seems to know upon what event this map is founded, also that the Russians themselves celebrate November 7 as the anniversary of their régime.

### *Prospect*

The quarter under review does not present many outstanding features so far as the mundane maps (lunations, ingresses, etc.) are concerned. The salient point for us is that our King's progressed Sun, which was opposed to radical Jupiter at the time Japan entered the war and inflicted grievous disasters on us, is now passing to the trine of Pluto progressed and radical, the former contact occurring in January 1944. Yet sooner, in September and December of 1943 respectively, the progressed Sun in our 1801 map passes to sextile Jupiter and trine Uranus radical.

From these conditions the most gratifying successes are obviously to be expected.

I have already drawn attention to the long sojourn of Mars, together with Saturn and Uranus, in Gemini, which portends the most terrible aerial warfare. This condition must also be untoward for the United States, but there seems good reason for assuming that Gemini, or at least Mercury, rules Germany. Certainly this sign rose at the foundation of the Empire in 1871.

As a rule I have paid little attention to the smaller European nations, partly through lack of time and partly of data. We may observe, however, that Boris of Bulgaria now has ☉ ♂ ♂ r. (S-) and, later on, ♂ ♂ ♂ r. (S-).

Pre-natal secondaries are perhaps less reliable than post-natals, but they are nevertheless often highly significant.

### *September*

The station of ♄ falls exactly on Goering's r. ♀. This seems to point to impending defeat and humiliation for him.

The Autumnal Ingress is not a very striking figure, though we have ♀ near the nadir, but she is retrograde and in her fall, and not strong by aspect. It may denote an armistice or some state of incomplete peace such as is likely to arise in regard to Italy, until the Germans will have been expelled. ♀, which rules the 4th, both at London and at Berlin, is in close ♂ ♀. This emphasises the widespread transport and food difficulties that

will prevail, though there is no reason to suppose that we shall be specially afflicted by this formation.

The lunation of the 29th shows the three malefics in  $\Pi$  around the 7th cusp both at London and at the Axis capitals; at no capital city do we find them exactly opposing the ascendant, but terrific aerial operations are obvious. We must not forget that  $\mathbf{h}$  is now close to Hitler's progressed  $\odot$  and  $\mathfrak{J}$ , an influence which will weigh very heavily on Germany.

### October

Here the main item, for us, is  $\mathfrak{Q} \triangle$  M.C. (od)—an aspect of victory.

About the 8th there is  $\mathfrak{D} \mathfrak{S} \mathfrak{Q} \mathbf{r}$ . in the Italian figure which seems most worthy of reliance.

The  $\mathfrak{M}$  ingress does not seem particularly significant, unless we hold the Campanus doctrine of house-division, which places the two traditional malefics near cusp 8 at Berlin.

The lunation, on the 29th, shows the same two malefics near the midheaven at Berlin, which bodes no good to Germany. At Washington  $\mathbf{h}$  rises, ruling the 8th; happily it has two good aspects. It would seem that war conditions will at this time be felt severely by the American people. We have  $\mathfrak{H}$  on M.C. and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  rising, but it is ill-aspected and debilitated. The lunation is trine Pluto in the 1801 figure, and to His Majesty's Venus.

### November

The lunation, on the 27th, is of a most violent character; it has in fact more force behind it than any of the other mundane maps of the quarter, six bodies being in conflict from Gemini to Sagittarius. There is, admittedly, strong mediation from the other four. But at this period air-warfare will reach tremendous proportions. The locus is itself opposed to Hitler's Pluto, and  $\mathfrak{Q}$  is near his  $\mathfrak{H}$ . Also, at Berlin, the opposition of  $\mathfrak{S}$  and  $\mathfrak{J}$  comes very narrowly across the horizon.

Very far-reaching and violent movements within Germany would not surprise me during this month.

In sum, the mundane maps scarcely seem decisive in quality. The directional position is highly promising and by the close of 1943 I believe Peace—and what is much more important, Victory—will be well in sight.

*Final Recension, August 21, 1943*

THE EDITOR

*[Lack of space obliges us to omit Mr. G. H. Bailey's "Q" article from the present issue. All being well, it will be resumed in December.]*

## WHAT IS ASTROLOGY'S FUTURE?

By ALBERT G. S. NORRIS

JUDGED from the surface it is true that most metaphysical subjects, including astrology, have retrograded, though socratically much depends upon what is meant by retrogression.

Astrology, theosophy, occultism, spiritualism, psychic research—they are all passing through a form of 6th house purgatorial cleansing, in manner similar to that of the individual who cannot remain a healthy and useful member of society without this process, be it in the mental, the emotional or the physical realm: one simple example being the need to keep the intestines (6th house) clean. I have noted, by the way, that the progressed Moon is frequently passing through this house of Virgo when newcomers first take a serious interest in one or more of them.

It is a truism known to many of the readers of the Quarterly, that none can avoid attracting invisible beings (as does the rock the lichen, which hastens metamorphism): a truth entirely independent of the study of the above themes. Their type, and their qualities, will depend primarily upon *our* motives and thoughts. The interest behind the intensified public attraction to some branches of metaphysics during the last one or two decades, has been largely emotional, sensational, or selfish: yet I will argue later that no few seeds of spiritual potentialities have fallen on fertile soil.

The entrance in 1928 of Neptune into the sign of the Virgin and of Purity, heralded the mass sensationalism in spiritualism (which commenced to open the door to the "world beast"); and the pandering through astrology in the "popular" Press to man's insatiable greed to look into the future (which opened up the dangers of fatalism and its insidious corollary, that man has no free-will). From such serious trends on a wide scale they had to be cleansed and this has accrued in both through the failure of prophecy, and more especially the "no war" predictions. The process, nationally, has had much that is in common in the individual's life when experiencing purgatorial cleansings.

The higher laws—which astrology in point of fact is always demonstrating—work, without exception, for good. Those not yet ready to treat of these subjects for the deeper purposes will fall away and leave the few more dignity and influence to permeate—gently and quietly—the thought of the day.



The waters of Lethé are blessings and their action often most providential. Reliance upon prophecy throughout the ages has stilled initiative, hope and energy and is the prime ingredient of that curse which Alan Leo often emphasised.

Nevertheless—war or no war—there would have come a testing and a cleansing from much of the worst of the past ages, in the scheme of the planet's regeneration, as Neptune progressed through Virgo. This is probably the last occasion which it will do so in the Piscean Age, and certainly the final one of the century. Moreover, there has been an opposition (a tug of war) between the degree of the precessional equinox—Earth—and Spirit—Neptune: and I believe that close research among the historical facts of the period could reveal the actual zodiacal degree of this point at the moment.

Virgo is the sign of the Virgin and of Purity; its symbols are both the virgin and the sheath of corn (the harvest good and bad). Neptune is the planet of the deeper spiritual realities and is the octave ruler of Pisces. On the "negative" pole the Virginian is a most unpleasant and unwholesome creature, little above the animal kingdom, whilst the "negative" Neptunian can be a very sinister person. These extremes—aligning with the old adage that the greater the sinner, greater the saint—are as wide as that which has been experienced in both spiritualism and astrology within the last decade. This is proof that on Earth were far too many vibrations which, impinging upon by the *pure* rays of planetary "light," refracted from the Sun, created much disharmony and disturbance: but through "events and experiences" they stimulated the process of purgatorial cleansing and will lead to wiser things.

And the while, those on the lower rungs felt most the repercussions brought about by the use made by the Antichrist forces in their desperate throw for world domination as the time allowed for the world's major regeneration draws to its close, of the channels which these two great branches of metaphysics opened to them.

Notwithstanding this apparent retrogression, I believe that the passage through foul waters, whilst losing and leaving behind the undesirable elements which gave for a brief time a false impression of much growth, will find astrology in due time strengthened spiritually; and incidentally numerically stronger than before this arrival of sinister influences. The many will leave, but those new-comers who remain will have greater potential strength to work *quietly* and with dignity to influence contemporary thought.

Not alone upon private, and personal, experience of recent



date do I base my convictions that the remaining few will carry the torch through a true renaissance; even now quietly working under the surface. Yet let me state, also, my equally settled belief that our subject will on earth always be for the few rather than the many.

Among much else I see some of the dignified books, published during the period we are discussing, inspired from higher realms more for the future than the present. Whether known or unknown, behind their appearance here has been the invisible influence of those possessing wisdom and spiritual insight into the needs of the years ahead.

Take for instance the Editor's *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology* and Maurice Wemyss's *Wheel of Life*. How little these are used in current delineation and how much before the times; yet above all other books they contain data which alone makes possible a scientific demonstration to an intellectual *when he or she is ready*.

Indeed I aver emphatically that had we not these books it would not be practicable to state specifically and with assurance that a chart indicates, for example, such things as great patience or gentleness; dishonesty or marked contrariness. Even so, I personally would not feel on safe ground without a close and similar examination of the factor indicating the Soul.

So for the future of astrology my claim is one brighter than would have been the case had it not been pressed through a 6th house condition (a house by the way sometimes called the hell of the horoscope); and that there is evidence that those far wiser than we have prepared, in the midst of all this trouble, for the needs of the more illumined times ahead.

Without depression on account of the present, let us take courage and confidence as our companions, and help to prepare the ground for the future.

In this we shall have the faculty of a wider vision developing within ourselves, if we hold more clearly in research work to the conception touched upon above: that planetary influences are pure planetary light rays on the principle of the spectrum, refracted from the Sun. This at once emphasises a vital factor, usually forgotten or ignored—the conditions (or vibrations) of those things, persons, bodies, and so on, upon which they here impinge. We have now much of the secret of the soul in Man, but in, for instance, national astrology, no such progress has been made.

Numbers play an equally vital part in this branch, and *maybe* place-names as well; but of the former there is ample evidence.

May I for the purpose of this argument repeat and amplify some data previously given? The day, month and year dates, brought to a digit, of:—

Britain's declaration of war,  
The German entry into Paris,  
The invasion of Russia,  
The attack on Pearl Harbour,

all add to the same number, and that number is 7, the metric symbol of Neptune. There has been no exhaustive research and doubtless there are other important relative data, but these four pivot points of the war are sufficiently striking for the present purpose when linked with an even more important factor. It is this:

The birth dates of the great Prime Minister, and even greater leader, which the nation threw up at the approach of the greatest peril it has encountered in its history (and 43 days, which again add to 7, before its principal ally deserted it), also add to the digit 7 of Neptune.

How does all this associate astrologically? The answer is equally arresting.

When Britain went to war on September 3, 1939, Neptune was in Virgo 22°. Now note the following important repercussions, which again make no claim to exhaustiveness.

At the signing of Magna Charta (1215) Saturn was in this degree, as was Mars in the 1870 chart of Germany; Jupiter in that of the Third Reich (1933); the Sun in that of the U.S.S.R. (1917); the Moon in that of the Emperor of Japan (1901); and one degree of that of Uranus in Mussolini's map (1883). Neptune was in addition one degree of the exact trine of Pluto in Mr. Churchill's birth chart (1874). Paris is traditionally under Virgo; the ruler of the map of the French Republic is Saturn in Sagittarius 22°, so Neptune was in exact square; and the Republic fell in its seventieth year.

My purpose here is not that of indicating something proven but that of emphasising the revealing power of the simple number, in which it will have been seen all these interesting correspondences have their genesis. Within these and similar principles I am confident rests much that would add to our restricted knowledge of national astrology.

So during a period where on the surface there may seem retrogression, much original work not yet brought into general practice, has been made ready for posterity. The higher realms would not have inspired an important volume of new knowledge, indicated by books more recently published, including

the two named ones, had they not seen in the years ahead their ultimate purpose.

The unhealthy flood-tide of interest in astrology cannot fail to cleanse, in view of its subsequent repercussions, yet some new seeds must fall on virgin and fertile soil, as the waters ebb. As all the published prophecies have not failed, no few have been impressed with the truth that there must be "some truth in the subject."

The newcomers and the stalwarts remaining will be both strengthened and wiser as the outcome of the tests through which they have successfully passed. And it behoves us all to work quietly in our respective spheres, and with dignity, to convince the climate of current opinion that around each and all are perfect universal laws, beneficent always, and removing naught of man's divine heritage of free-will.

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## VIVIAN E. ROBSON—AN APPRECIATION

By DOROTHY RYAN

ASTROLOGY has indeed suffered a great loss in the death of Vivian E. Robson. This must be sadly clear to all students, but those who knew him only through his books could not fully appreciate the real man. In his books he showed more of the precise, scholarly and pedantic Virgo side than anything else. One missed something of his Geminian wit and talent, and something of his profound wisdom and understanding. Through his books he set himself out to undertake a good, sound job of practical instruction, and he performed that task with all the Virgo accuracy, competency and close attention to detail, withholding other qualities which he probably considered extraneous to that particular side of his work for astrology.

To know V. E. R. personally and to see him in his private life was to contact a character of great range and talent, and no one who knew him well could fail to accord to him a great measure of respect and affection.

With four elevated planets in Gemini he naturally possessed all the amazing intellectual versatility of that gifted and clever sign. I have heard him converse knowledgeably on a dozen and one different subjects. I really believe he knew something about everything, but so far as astrology was concerned his versatility showed forth in a phenomenal knowledge of his subject. To converse on astrology with him, even if only for one short hour, was inevitably to gain something new and valuable

in the way of experience and information. In his conversation he allowed himself more scope for speculation and theory than in his books. Yet his theorising was always based on the foundation of years of practical experience. It has been suggested that he concentrated too much on medieval astrology, but I think it should be remembered that medieval rules (so rigid and didactic to the casual eye) suggested infinitely wider ideas and possibilities to his brilliant intellect than would be suggested to some.

I always found it a joy to study his astrological judgment. It was so quick, so sure and poised, always impeccable in its principles, and frequently unerringly accurate. In the early days of our friendship I recall that I was struggling with the task of rectifying my husband's map, and that I began to discuss it with him over the tea-table. He produced a piece of paper, pushed the tea-cups aside, and in five minutes had worked out directions for salient events, handing the result back to me with the remark that he thought I would find this the correct birth-hour. I afterwards laid his calculations aside and completed the work independently. Our results tallied, but where I had taken 3-4 hours, he had completed his calculations in less than ten minutes. The difference, of course, was that where I was forced to use the slower method of gradual elimination, his wise and experienced eye could instantly single out the true directions for the specified events. In his first glance at any map he seemed to have the knack of instantly segregating the really potent factors and of seeing the horoscope in its true perspective. Nor have I ever met anyone who could spot vital transits more quickly than he.

One very endearing characteristic was his Virgo modesty. Although he had a quiet confidence in his intellectual gifts, he never paraded his cleverness. In speaking of astrology he, whose knowledge excelled that of so many others, was always the first to admit that he had much to learn, and he truly said that we were only on the fringe of a vast realm of undiscovered knowledge.

Moon conjunct Saturn also made him extremely shy and retiring. This conjunction was also the means of bringing phases of severe depression, although he never complained of these, and only spoke of them with the same philosophic detachment that he brought to all other human weaknesses. Fortunately the natural buoyancy of his Sun-Jupiter trine in Air usually came to his rescue in these moods of depression.

Maybe he never suffered fools gladly. He certainly had little patience with the "crankiness" that our Uranian study some-

times produces. At the same time I always found him ready to give help and encouragement to the less experienced student, provided that he was first assured that their interest in astrology was sincere and sensible. When I first met him in the early days of *Weekly Horoscope*, I was a young and inexperienced student, all too dismally conscious of that crude inexperience. V. E. R. quickly sensed all this nervous uncertainty, and took pains to give me the encouragement so badly needed. He did all this with such quiet and thoughtful sympathy and with so much tact and delicacy that I can never hope to express the gratitude I felt towards him. I was never able to pay the debt I owed him during his lifetime. Now I can only hope that some day I may be able to repay it, as it were vicariously, by helping students less experienced than myself. I believe I was not the only member of *Weekly Horoscope* who benefited by his help, although he never spoke of his efforts for others.

Naturally, with the Mercurial signs so prominent in his map he was profoundly intellectual and completely lacking in sentimentality. Being an emotional Water type myself, this was sometimes a friendly bone of contention between us. He certainly had no patience with over-emotionalism, but the elevated Sun-Neptune conjunction trine Jupiter in Aquarius gave him great understanding, and he had much of the Neptunian tolerance of human frailty. One felt that although he could view the varying phases of human activity and endeavour with complete unemotional detachment and exclusion of the purely personal, yet he also saw them with great wisdom and a compassionate understanding.

Virgo rising made him a meticulously accurate astrologer. He fussed about seconds as well as minutes, and on one occasion I recall that he lectured me for failing to calculate the Moon's position with sufficient accuracy.

He was an accomplished mathematician, and at our last meeting he showed me a weighty folio of mathematical tables which he had just completed. He had been doing this in his spare time, after the day's work was over. When asked if he did not find it tiring, he assured me that he found it a soothing and restful task. Truly, the active Gemini brain could never be at rest. Physically he was lazy—he would not walk a few hundred yards if he could find a 'bus or train to take him to his destination—but into his mental life he packed sufficient activity to fill a dozen lifetimes.

One wishes that all students could take an example from his Virgo neatness. Even his rough maps were beautifully clear, and his finished work was perfection. The mathematical tables

I have just referred to would have to be seen for their clarity and symmetry to be credited. The desk at which he worked reflected the same exquisite neatness, with its orderly rows of pens, and pencils of different colours.

He was the proud possessor of the most comprehensive astrological library I have ever seen. It contained, I believe, practically every astrological book (ancient and modern) ever published. When I visited him I always used to look forward to the moment when he would begin to ramble around his beloved book-shelves, picking out a volume here and a volume there to show me something of interest. Apart from the pleasure it gave me, I delighted in the equal pleasure it brought to him. I think these browsings among his books gave him some of his happiest moments.

Aside from astrology, one of his chief pleasures lay in the enjoyment of music. He had an enormous collection of gramophone records, and although these reflected something of the Geminian versatility of taste, he was a true connoisseur of great music. He was very fond of Wagner's music—naturally enough, since Wagner himself was a Geminian. Strangely enough, he also had a great fondness for Tschaikovsky. I say "strangely enough" because Tschaikovsky's music is so predominantly emotional. However, I believe that Tschaikovsky's gift of suggesting in his music all the sorrows and struggles of tragic humanity must have appealed to his strongly Neptunian side.

His active Gemini brain made him a great lover of tricks and puzzles of all kinds. He had collected quite a number of these. I particularly admired an exquisite little Chinese jigsaw in delicately carved ivory. He also liked detective stories—naturally preferring the problems of pure deduction, but also having a weakness for thrillers. He was, of course, extremely quick and ingenious in solving puzzles, but I recall one occasion when my husband sent him a brain-twister which all but defeated him. We learned afterward from Mrs. Robson that he had been unable to concentrate on his work throughout the day, and that he had been awake during the night twisting possible solutions over in his mind. However, the next day came a letter from him containing an accurate solution setting out all the logical stages of his reasoning, and ending with a triumphant Q. E. D.! I may say that this particular teaser had completely baffled a dozen or more puzzle experts at my husband's place of business, and when they declared that it was impossible to solve, I backed V. E. R. to do the trick—and he did.

In connection with this liking for tricks and puzzles I must mention that he was a skilful exponent of sleight-of-hand. I



still cherish the memory of a delightful evening when, in lighter mood, he broke off a serious discourse on astrology to show me a series of conjuring and card tricks. Under his hand the cards literally took wing and appeared and disappeared with magicianly skill.

I seem to have strayed away from Robson's astrological life. If so it has been because I wanted to give a picture of the man as a personality as well as an astrologer. Although I cannot hope to present a complete picture, I hope I have been able to touch upon some of the traits that will endear his memory to others, as it is endeared to me. Although I cannot help but feel the most profound regret at his passing, I shall always feel happy in the memory of having enjoyed his friendship. I wish that those students who had never met him could have had the same opportunity. No one could fail to be enriched by the experience, for Robson was not only one of the truly great souls—but also a great astrologer.

*Editorial Note.*—We feel that the above Appreciation is not only a fitting tribute to a leading astrologer, but also an instructive character-study. As stated in our March issue, Mr. Robson died on December 31, 1942, and was born at Birmingham at 11.56 a.m., L.M.T., May 26, 1890. See also observations in the June number in Mr. G. H. Bailey's "Q" on page 52.

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## THE ASTROLOGICAL SIGNATURES OF SOME FAMOUS REMEDIES

Lecture by H. B. PILKINGTON, given at the Harrogate Convention, 1943

### *Introduction.*

This morning I am going to read what I have to say to you, so that those of you who wish to have a copy of this talk may have it easily available, except for bits of filling in, exactly as it was given.

Just about seven years ago, the Medical Research Committee of the Theosophical Society published a very interesting book, entitled *Some Unrecognised Factors in Medicine*. The committee consisted of ten men, each a specialist in some form of healing. The general practitioner, the surgeon, the homoeopath, the psycho-analyst, the herbalist and the nature cure man were all represented, and their methods in the healing art carefully considered and set out.

In the autumn of 1942 there was published still another book, this time by a West End surgeon, presenting an all-round view of the quest for the healing of mankind.

This lecture itself is an attempt to show how readily the homoeopathic system of medicine combines with the methods of diagnosis and remedy selection used by the medical astrologer.

One of my doctor friends has the Sun sign of each one of his patients upon their data sheets, and uses the information that it conveys in the selection of the remedy he employs. Much can be learned, as you know, from the Sun's sign in the birth chart, and still more from the complete natus.

Anyway, here is a modest attempt to blend the two methods of diagnosis and healing into a united whole.

The subject chosen for this lecture covers a very large field, so large, in fact, that it could easily become very scattered and disconnected. To bind its ideology together in a usable form, I propose to deal with each mentioned remedy and its allied astrological signature in its relation to the common headache.

We nearly all of us suffer, at some time or another, from headaches, and there are very many different types of them, each with its own symptoms and mode of manifestation. It by no means of necessity follows as a matter of course that our headache is due to its being "the morning after the night before."

Purposely most of the astrological signatures or rulerships that we consider will belong to familiar herbs, plants, roots, etc., such as grow in our gardens, the fields and hedgerows. Always the particular preparation of the tinctures named will be that commonly employed by the homoeopathic physician, for between the homoeopathic practitioner and the astrologer a vast tract of common agreement is possible.

Horoscopes, which form the beloved study of astrologers, are diagrams in symbols of behaviours in consciousness, the native's consciousness. Similarly the homoeopathic physician aims at treating the temperamental consciousness-behaviour of his patient, and not simply the particular disease from which his patient may suffer. This mutual interest in consciousness is the bond of union.

With a view to relating each homoeopathic medicine to its consciousness-correspondence the drug is subjected to a process called "proving."

Actually the "provers" are the doctors themselves, or healthy men and women like ourselves, who, in the interests of the healing art, allow themselves to become saturated and in-



toxicated with the tincture which is being "proved." This drug saturation always produces in the consciousness one or more symptoms that stand out as signal or peculiar. It is the peculiar symptom, and its related consciousness-behaviour that is of vital moment.

For example, those who have allowed themselves to become saturated with the Mercury-ruled medicine for the liver, podophyllum, soon come to cultivate the habit of sleeping with the eyes but partially closed. Headaches of the podophyllum type are relieved by cold bathing, and the subjects thereof are disposed to squint.

Taraxacum or dandelion, a Sagittarius-Jupiter remedy for the liver, produces in its provers a different type of headache. The dandelion prover is adverse to work, and has an inclination to joke and laugh instead of getting on with the job. A sort of Jupiter "trust to luck" attitude prevails.

Dandelion in excess does not produce squint in its effects upon the eyes; its temperamentals "see double."

The teeth of the podophyllum subject are covered with caked mucus in the morning; those of the dandelion, where decayed, are apt to ooze sour blood.

The homoeopathic physician will tell you that podophyllum would seem to act on the lower lobe of the liver, taraxacum on the upper.

Similarly, the medical astrologer analyses the chart. If Mercury, Virgo and the mutables in general are much involved, the headache will have its focal point in the lower lobe. If Cancer, Jupiter's exaltation sign, and the cardinals come into the picture, the upper lobe will be at issue.

If planetary distributions emphasise Leo and the fixed signs, the relation of the liver to blood-circulation will be disturbed.

Looked at from the planetary standpoint instead of that of the signs, we use a Mercury remedy to affect the co-operation between one part of the liver and another.

A Mars remedy is to be employed to affect the muscular substance of the liver, Jupiter to affect blood supply, and Venus clearance.

Stomach and bowels can also be focal in the incidence of a headache, and both of these may be subjected to chart examination part by part.

A very important item in the preparation of homoeopathic medicines is called "potentising." The idea behind potentising is to provide the patient with the remedy containing the minimum of the physical structure of the tincture, and the maximum of the vital, living essence.

Working on the decimal scale, one drop of "mother" tincture, say, of euphrasia (eyebright) herb is mixed with nine drops of medicinal spirit. This is subjected to prolonged turning and shaking, and then labelled "Euphrasia 1x." The second decimal potency is obtained when one drop of 1x tincture is shaken up with another nine drops of spirit, and so on.

- 1x corresponds to 1 in 10.
- 2x corresponds to 1 in 100.
- 3x corresponds to 1 in 1,000.
- 4x corresponds to 1 in 10,000.
- 5x corresponds to 1 in 100,000.
- 6x corresponds to 1 in 1,000,000.

Just as the prover develops symptoms by being given a saturative quantity of the drug, so is the patient relieved of his symptoms by taking an infinitesimal dose of the same remedy.

Balancing one portion of planetary pattern against another constitutes an important portion of the skill of the astrologer, and equally the skill of the physician is shown by the completion with which he notes every little consciousness behaviour in his patients, and makes a good "taking of the case", as we say.

It is a well-known fact that Hitler suffers from a mental disease called paranoia, which leads him to think more highly of himself than he ought to do, and to have the power of convincing others that he is something which he is not.

Amongst my records I have an example of "case-taking" by a physician in the instance of a lady, 60 years of age, who was suffering from paranoia.

Physically, the outstanding symptoms were a headache which had persisted over many years, and a very high blood-pressure. Conversationally, she explained that people were subjecting her to persecution, spread tales about her, she was made worse by the doctor's injections, a friend was attempting to reach her via spiritualism. She was alternately violent and miserable in her attitude towards those around. Feared being poisoned, etc.

Having collected these data, the next step is to go over what is called a repertory, and to note the medicines that produced just this combination of symptoms when a prover was saturated with a single medicine.

Here is the resulting table:

Suspicious	.. ..	Anac.	Drosera	Lach.	Merc.	Bell.
Delusions of persecution		Anac.	Drosera	Lach.	Merc.	Bell.
Revengeful	.. ..	Anac.		Lach.		Bell.
Worse windy weather	..			Lach.		Bell.

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Pain in vertex	..	..	Anac.	Lach.	Merc.	Bell.
Pain in nose	..	..	Anac.	Lach.		
Fear of poison	..	..		Lach.		

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The only remedy applicable to all the symptoms is, obviously, lachesis.

If we take a walk along the sand-hill strewn coast of Lancashire we many times come upon a patch of wet, boggy ground. Under such conditions we are likely to find growing a diminutive plant called "sundew" in popular botany, its tincture being called *drosera* in pharmacy. Its planetary ruler is the Sun. Its position in the plant world is unique, inasmuch as it is one of only two plants which we have that keeps itself going, at least in part, by sucking the vitality out of flies and other insects that venture to rest upon its leaves, which are studded with glandular hairs that exude drops of a viscid, acrid juice.

The fact that the Sun is lord of *Drosera rotundifolia* tells us that it is a remedy associated with that form of headache that is focalised in the blood-stream to liver relation—the headache that comes of the Sun not shining enough in the inner being of the sufferer. The *drosera*-sundew headache is one with a throbbing outward motion. It goes much worse after sundown, and its worst pains do not subside until the Sun is well past the nadir. People with the *drosera* type of headache lose confidence in themselves, and become full of mistrust in regard to others. A bout of coughing in the *drosera* patient is always preceded by a crawling sensation in the throat. Talking about coughing reminds me that *drosera* is about as near a perfect specific in whooping cough as one could wish to find. *Drosera* has shooting pains on the right side of the gullet.

Colour is provided in our garden at the moment (April, 1943) by reason of the purple-blue flag iris being in flower. *Iris versicolor* is its botanical name. This remedy is under Jupiter, and probably more particularly when Jupiter is an occupant of Cancer. What the patient needing iris has gone through in terms of "feeling" counts for much. The iris headache heralds its onslaught with blurs before the eyes. The focal point of the pain is in the forehead, just above the eyes. The Jupiter-Cancer element in this remedy is linked up with the Moon via the sign Cancer, and the iris patient has periodical headaches each time the Moon reaches the square or opposition of a sensitive place in the birth chart, so marking the zenith of inconvenience. The line in the repertory which runs "Sick-headaches every eighth day," is true to astrological precept. With some iris subjects constipation and diarrhoea alternate fortnightly, as the Moon rebuilds particular activating aspects.

The vomit is easily recognised, being stringy, glairy, and ropy. A burning feeling runs from mouth to stomach.

Not so long ago a man, who complained of suffering from a "nasty headache" which had lasted many months, went to a new doctor. Enquiring as to his symptoms, it was found that, according to his statement, his headache was "always worse if he chanced to go for a walk with his wife." The doctor quickly altered this evidence to read "Headache made worse by turning the head sideways," a symptom associated with the herb spotted hemlock, or *Conium maculatum*, a remedy under Saturn. Hemlock attained notoriety through forming the potion drunk by the Greek Socrates. It is quite possible that *Conium* is under Capricorn as well as Saturn, for some of its symptoms and characteristics are definitely those of the sign of the statesman. The *conium* patient likes to be properly dressed for the occasion; he enjoys wearing his best clothes. Quite often, too, the clothes hang with some sense of heaviness on the shoulders. To a lady the hint that this remedy is going to be useful is provided if the breasts tend to harden at M.P. time. We noted that with the iris headache it is preceded by blurred vision. With the *conium* patient objects viewed tend to have a red fringe, or are striped in rainbow colours. When once the *conium* headache is well established its pains convey the sensation of a lump in the brain, deep-set, and radiating first to one side and then the other. Sweat comes on after sleep, and chiefly to the head and upper parts of the body.

Another very valuable medicine, also under the rulership of Saturn (but this time the sign ruler is Libra, Saturn's exaltation sign) is *Rhus toxicodendron*. *Rhus tox.* is a splendid remedy in very many cases of rheumatism, the kind of rheumatism with stiffness which is relieved by a little movement. As might be expected from the astrological signatures, the kidneys are basic in the type of rheumatism for which *Rhus tox.* is efficacious. A very curious symptom associated with *rhus* is that the scalp feels to have become contracted around the roots of the hair and the pain is aggravated by brushing the hair back. The *rhus* headache gives one an intoxicated feeling, with the inclination to fall after rising from bed or chair. Withal the skin becomes painfully sensitive to cold, a limb laid upon in bed "goes to sleep" and the region of the small of the back is stiff.

To-night it is our happy fortune to have a lecture by Mrs. Clephan Clarke, on Scorpio, which reminds one of that most valuable of homoeopathic preparations, *pulsatilla*, whose tincture is extracted from the wood *anemone*.

The rulership here is that of Scorpio and Venus. The pharmacopoeia has several drugs under planets located in the signs of their detriment, and if we note the curative power of these drugs in their proper usage, it should help us to realise that if we have a planet placed in the sign of its detriment, it may yet have its blessings and benefits.

The pulsatilla headache is one associated with intense congestion in the head, and one-sided stitches. It has a definite rhythmic feeling, and there is considerable painful pressure behind the eyes. Travelling pains may be a feature. Even when all is well in matters of health, the pulsatilla type does not handle the digestion of fats, butter, cream and such like very well. Smoking will give its subjects the hiccough, and the nose bleeds very easily. Another feature of the pulsatilla subject is chilliness, and wet feet invariably mean trouble. So chilly is the pulsatilla patient whilst suffering from headache that, no matter how light the day clothes may have been, it requires courage to meet the cold and to change into night attire.

Near to my home is a large field, surrounded on its east side by a ditch. Early in March its banks became clothed with stinging nettles, *Urtica urens*; and here and there the lovely golden-yellow flowers of the celandine are to be found.

The greater celandine becomes chelidonium in therapy, and it is a truly golden remedy in its appropriate sphere. This botanical specimen is given as under the Sun and Leo.

The chelidonium headache conveys the impression that the contents of the skull are being pressed asunder. The affected parts are icy cold, in spite of the fact that the face looks red. The pains are worse on the right side. With a condition induced by faulty Sun and Leo action, one would anticipate feelings of weariness, and this is precisely what provers of chelidonium have brought to our notice. Chelidonium subjects are disposed to perspire in bed, but not until after midnight. They feel weary after meals and are "run down" without exactly knowing what is wrong.

It is quite possible, of course, to have a headache that comes from experiencing cuts to the scalp, and such-like injuries. Accidents of this kind jog the brain nerves quite a lot, and it is here that St. John's wort or *Hypericum* is supreme in healing power. Those who have first-hand knowledge of this wonderful power have no difficulty in realising that it is under the Sun.

Still another type of headache has pains as though a sharp instrument were being driven into the brain. It is here that *Ruta graveolens*, the Herb of Grace, comes with healing touch. A lovely herb and flower, and under the exegesis of Sun in

Sagittarius. This headache is associated with loss of power in the regions of the thighs.

With *Rhus tox.* we were able to note that the limbs laid upon "go to sleep"; with *Ruta* they just ache and ache again. Certain kinds of eye-strain are greatly helped by the Herb of Grace, notably those whose subjects restlessly read one novel after another. *Ruta* types have a curious habit of stretching the arms out to full extent when yawning.

Mr. Carter wrote me quite recently to tell of his successful employment of the herb *Berberis vulgaris*, whose beauty adorns our gardens in early spring. This remedy, like *Allium cepa*, the (at the present time) elusive onion, is under Mars.

The berberis headache has a definite and peculiar symptom, inasmuch as it causes the sufferer to feel as though the head is growing larger and larger. Victims of the berberis headache raise the hand to the head ever and anon, as though removing a light cap of some kind.

The berberis headache usually has its focal point in the kidneys and bladder region. Usually there are, too, gouty pains that radiate from a centre. Anything of a spasmodic nature in the kidney cleft calls for, and is helped by, berberis. Another peculiar feature of subjects detailed to benefit by this medicine is that their feet bang heavily when coming downstairs.

So far we have not mentioned a remedy directly under Venus, so let us take a look at the purple foxglove, or *Digitalis purpurea*, to give it its therapeutic name. Once again we may study an individual headache whose pains shoot down from the forehead to the nose, and is definitely worse after taking a cold drink. The head is constantly inclined to sink, or fall backwards, as though the anterior neck muscles had lost their tone.

Suppose we leave the hedgerow and field and their medicinal inhabitants, and look at a horoscope to survey its indications as to what might be called for in the way of remedies to meet its possible indispositions.

Here on the board we have a chart\* of which the subject has a very interesting medical history, and whose case has many times been a puzzle to medical practitioners. Each organ of the body would be judged sound, but somehow the "link up" does not hang together healthily, as we say. Afflictions in mutables can be like that.

Quite a number of the native's illnesses have occurred whilst on holiday, or on a journey, which fact is shown by Mercury ruler of the 3rd house, square Uranus in the 6th. Jupiter in the 9th is also afflicted.

\* Native born 9.15 p.m., Nov. 22, 1915; 53°29' N., 2°15' W.



By illnesses I mean having to stay in bed and be "on a diet" away from home, for three or four weeks.

Here we have a Gemini Moon in wide square to Jupiter and opposing Venus. The position of the Moon suggests thyroid trouble, and the afflicted Jupiter, inability to digest milk, cream and fats. Venus, afflicted by Jupiter in Sagittarius, shows a sensitive liver. With Moon-Jupiter afflictions you often get a voracious appetite, and that is the case here, the subject loves to nibble between meals. Small potency doses of iodium, iodine (from seaweed), Jupiter being in Pisces, have been useful. The iodium headache is accompanied by the feeling of a tight band round the head. The flow of digestive juices in the stomach is largely regulated by two different sets of nerves, which control the quantity of hydrochloric acid produced.

Much of our desire to eat has its physiological origin in the interaction of these two sets of nerves.

Saturn in Cancer is restrictive in the quantity of pepsin produced, without limiting the zest for food, and many of our subject's digestive disturbances have their start in the stomach, which is under Cancer.

If the incidence of trouble does not follow quickly upon the taking of food, it would point to the body parts related to Mercury and Uranus being the affected area. A small portion of unripe tomato, or a few strawberries, as well as a greasy meal, can work agonies for this native. Which remedy would be needed to meet the exigencies of a given indisposition would be shown to the doctor by the symptoms; the medical astrologer might have to erect a horary map before feeling quite sure.

Under Cancer we have a priceless remedy in ipecacuanha, the juice of a trailing plant that grows in South America. The ipecacuanha headache is characterised by an intense bruised sensation from the forehead, right down to the root of the tongue. It is a golden remedy for nausea and vomiting. Diarrhoea may or may not be present. There is an indescribable sinking feeling in the stomach. These symptoms, with a clean tongue, would be testimony for ipec. At M.P. time, with this remedy indicated, the flow is bright red.

Afflictions in Aquarius often go with sensitivity to effects from unsound fruits and such like.

Mention of Aquarius reminds us of two great Aquarius remedies, arsenicum and natrum muriaticum. Each of these has its own symptom indicants, so selection is made easy.

The arsenicum headache is pressive, a load bearing down in the brain. The face looks earthy pale, and internally there is a

sense of intense burning. The tongue coating is very dark, as though covered with something that has been burnt up.

Natrum muriaticum is associated with a headache that begins at 10 a.m. and goes on into the afternoon. The pain is very severe. Patients weep easily. Acne-like eruptions become prominent. The patient is anaemic in spite of eating much. The circulation is poor. The tongue has a mapped appearance.

To cover the Mercury afflictions the Virgo-Mars medicine nux vomica is applicable. Here the headache is definitely congestive in type. There is burning in the head, and a puffy, red face. It is the morning meals with nux vom. that give rise to indigestion. The tongue coating is very thick and white. The nux patient takes cold easily, and must be well wrapped up with clothes, even in summer.

How many remedies does this map call for of the homoeopathic type? Not more than half a dozen as a medicine chest, and its ills could be met promptly and efficaciously.

Since Mr. Carter shared with us so much knowledge linking up the zodiac with the biochemic cell salts, we astrologers have become cell-salt minded, and rightly so too, for their value in sickness is great, especially when the horoscope is employed to guide their employment. Briefly, their application to headache runs—

**KALI PHOS.** (Aries). The headache of the brain-fag, eye-strain type. Headache relieved by being in the dark, it affects chiefly the sides of the head, and the head perspires easily; nervous headache.

**NATRUM SULPH.** (Taurus). Has a dull, muffled feeling. Thoughts come slowly. The top of the head is affected. It feels as if it would split. Music causes sadness. Patient must hold the head. Headache may be combined with a stiff neck.

**KALI MUR.** (Gemini). This headache frequently accompanies throat symptoms. The tongue is greyish white. Kali mur. is probably not a signal remedy in headaches, but can be useful in those having a rheumatic origin.

**CALCAREA FLUORICA** (Cancer). Headache is often preceded by vivid dreams and unrefreshing sleep. Calc. fluor. symptoms are ameliorated by cold.

**MAGNESIUM PHOS.** (Leo). The pains of mag. phos. are spasmodic and cramping. Neuralgia-like rheumatic headache. The pit of the stomach is a focal point.

**KALI SULPH.** (Virgo) is a deep-acting remedy, and so is good where a definite headache is a side line to a serious condition. A headache decidedly worse from a too warm room. Fasting ameliorates.



**NATRUM PHOS.** (Libra) is associated with the headache that goes worse after sunset. There is a stunned feeling in the head. The roof of the mouth is coated a golden yellow. The patient grinds the teeth during sleep and sleeps heavily, but not until after midnight.

**CALC. SULPH.** is the Scorpio salt, and is useful where the headache is combined with inveterate constipation. There is an aversion to coffee and milk. Acid drinks are much liked.

**SILICEA**, the salt related to Sagittarius, is another deep-acting remedy, with a headache as though the brain were being pushed through the forehead. Noon to evening headache. Pains ascend over the head from neck to forehead.

**CALC. PHOS.**, the salt of Capricorn, is especially suitable for people of dark complexion who are thin and spare in build. Headaches at spring and autumn of the year. The head is hot and the scalp smarts around the roots of the hair. Perspiration on the forehead and the eyelids. Will leave the eggs at breakfast time and eat the bacon rind.

*Natrum mur.* we have already mentioned, so we come now to

**FERRUM PHOS.**, under Pisces. This is our remedy for the sick headache that obscures the vision, the "blinding" headache. The scalp is sore and tender to the touch. There is vomiting of undigested food. It is a frontal headache often relieved by a little nose-bleeding for people with a florid complexion. The iron element in this remedy corrects congestive tendencies; the phosphorus element is beneficial to lungs and stomach.

It will have been noticed that the symptom distinction differentiating one remedy from another in homoeopathy is often a small though distinctive one, so that these small distinctions may be ever in mind; it is an "unwritten law" with the good homoeopathic physician that each day the *Materia Medica* must be meditated upon, a remedy or two taken and its symptoms recommitted to memory.

How else could the practitioner know that the *pulsatilla* headache is relieved by cold bandages, and that of *natrum sulph.* by placing the feet in cold water? How else could one keep in mind the fact that the iris headache fluctuates, crescendo and decrescendo, and that that of *natrum mur.* is continuous?

Dr. Margaret Tyler tells of visiting a young lady patient, 23 years of age, who had been ill for five days with aching bones, sore throat and sickness. However, what was more interesting than the indications of "flu" was the change in the patient's consciousness-behaviour. Ordinarily she loved sweet things; now she revolted against them. In health she found

sugar invigorating; now it made her sick. Usually she was catholic in her choice of drinks, now she desired nothing but hot milk.

All this was testimony for the need of graphites, and the skill of the physician was shown by being able to place remedy and symptoms together side by side.

Aversion to sweets Ars. Caus. Graph. Merc. Phos. Sulph. Zinc  
Nausea from sweets Arg. Graph. Ipec.

Desire for hot milk (Calc.) (Chel.) Graph. Hyper.

Three doses of graphites worked a complete cure.

That glorious alphabet of the astrological symbols, by means of which we astrologers have the Laws and Life of the Heavens brought nearer to our understanding, is ready to explain why a particular remedy is applicable in a given situation.

It is no surprise to us to hear that iris, a Cancer remedy, which sign is said to rule over the estuaries of rivers, should assist the cure of a heaving, fluctuating headache, or that arsenicum, an Aquarius medicine, should exercise sway over a continuously painful one.

Like the good physician who studies his *Materia Medica* every day, are not we astrologers ever busy calculating, classifying and comparing our charts, and tabulating the evidence thereof?

The number of medicines of which we know the rulerships and characteristics is really quite large, large enough to be right useful in the succour of human needs.

Astrology applied to the Art of Healing proves again the love of Him Who has decreed that the below shall be as the above.

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## THE FOCAL CHART

By "REGULUS"

THE type of chart I am about to describe is a form of combined chart I have frequently made use of to facilitate the consideration and comparison of several related natal and mundane charts in the attempt to prognosticate with the greatest measure of accuracy the influences astrologically affecting any special event or period.

I do not claim the chart as a new thing, but I am convinced that in combination with the mode of judgment I have evolved for this particular purpose (in which the planets are collated and related to a particular mundane chart, and the prospects of

success or failure estimated, or shown to be not culminative) the multiplicity of aspects and planetary positions that have to be considered are given their due importance, and can be dealt with in the speediest possible manner.

We shall usually find that we shall be discussing two or three natal charts and at least three mundane charts, one of which times very closely if not exactly to the event we seek to discuss. This will be either:—

- (a) A transit over an important point in the chief actor's natal chart.
- (b) A special phenomenon, eclipse, occultation or major aspect treated mundanely; or
- (c) The latest lunation or ingress.

This I term the *focal chart*, and I write it out in the ordinary way, except that, in order to make use of the space outside the astrological circle, I write the cuspal degrees just inside the cusps.

Next, I prepare a table of all the principal planetary positions in the natal and mundane charts indexed under their signs. In the example, which describes the event, i.e. Churchill meeting Roosevelt at sea and concluding the Atlantic Charter in the first weeks of August 1941, I would commence:—

Aries	27 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hitler	descendant	} Focus Aries 28 $\frac{3}{4}$
	28 $\frac{1}{2}$	Churchill	Neptune	
	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	War Chart	Moon	
	29 $\frac{1}{2}$	War Chart	descendant	
Taurus	15	Dominant	Jupiter	} Focus Taurus 21
	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	Hitler	Mars	
	16 $\frac{3}{4}$	Hitler	Venus	
	21	Mussolini	Moon	
	21	Mussolini	descendant	
	22	War Chart	Uranus	
	23	Ingress	Saturn	
	26	Ingress	Moon	
	28	Ingress	Uranus	

and so on, round the signs of the zodiac.

These naturally group themselves into clusters of planets in conjunction with each other, which must duly comprise all the principal conjunctions between the various charts, mustn't they? Similarly the aspects between these clusters, as considered from an average point focusing the combined influences of these clusters, are in my opinion the clearest and speediest indications of all the principal aspects between the charts.

The focal point or focus of each cluster is easily arrived at by adding together the degrees of the planets in a cluster and dividing the result by the number of the planets. For example, the Taurus cluster adds to  $189\frac{1}{4}$  degrees, which, divided by 9, gives us Taurus  $21^\circ$  as shown. We shall be quite in order to consider only whole and quarter degrees, as we are dealing purely in ordinary aspects and a general orb of  $5^\circ$ .

I define a cluster as a number of planets each of no more than 3 or perhaps 4 degrees from its neighbour, and I make a maximum outer range of some  $15^\circ$  or half a sign, which is seldom reached except in a large cluster of some dozen planets.

I seldom go outside a sign for any cluster, but should I have, say, six planets in Libra 27, 28,  $29\frac{1}{2}$ , Scorpio  $0\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 3, 5, I add  $30^\circ$  to each of the Scorpio readings and get a sum of  $187^\circ$ , and dividing by 6 gives me  $31^\circ$  and a negligible fraction (less than a  $\frac{1}{4}$  degree). This is Libra 31, which is obviously the same as Scorpio 1.

I now insert all these important planetary positions in "boxes" round the outside of the chart, a line bearing the focus marked on it or across it leading to its approximate equivalent position on the chart, as in the example. Each "box" or cluster is numbered for reference, and the judgment of the problem, which must be left to a further article, is partly in the consideration of the aspects between these focus points as representing their cluster; and partly in the mundane consideration of the chart that has been selected for focal chart, being the most applicable influence to the time of the event in question.

For the purposes of simplicity in printing, I have printed the chart in tabular form, based on the "rough copy" table I have just constructed previous to setting up the focal chart.

### TABULAR FORM OF FOCAL CHART

for the meeting of Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt on or about August 8, 1941, resulting in the announcement of the Atlantic Charter.

Focal chart.—Transit of Mars over Aries 18, trine Mr. Churchill's radical ascendant, August 8, 1941, ascendant Leo 8.30.

Aries		Libra	
18	Midheaven; Mars	18	Nadir
$28\frac{3}{4}$	(1) {	$21\frac{1}{4}$	(6) {
	Hitler desc. $27\frac{3}{4}$		Ingress $\text{♂}$ 15 $\text{♀}$ 17
	Churchill $\Psi$ $28\frac{1}{2}$		Hitler $\text{♂}$ 19 asc. $27\frac{3}{4}$
	War Chart $\rangle$ $29\frac{1}{2}$		Churchill $\text{♂}$ 23 $\text{♂}$ 17
	„ „ desc. $29\frac{1}{2}$		War Chart asc. $29\frac{1}{2}$

## Taurus

21 (2) { Dominant  $\text{h}$  12  $\text{21}$  15  
 Hitler  $\text{♀}$  16  $\frac{3}{4}$   $\text{♂}$  16  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Mussolini  $\Psi$ , desc.  
 21  
 War Chart  $\text{H}$  22  
 Ingress  $\text{h}$  23  $\text{D}$  26  
 $\text{H}$  28

## 27 11th Cusp; Saturn

## Gemini

## 0 Uranus

## 15 Jupiter

24  $\frac{3}{4}$  (3) { Roosevelt MC 22  
 $\text{♂}$  27  
 Ingress desc. 26  $\frac{3}{4}$

## Cancer

## 7 12th Cusp

## Leo

## 3 Mercury

8  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ascendant

12  $\frac{1}{2}$  (4) { War Chart MC 9  
 Hitler  $\text{h}$  13  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Churchill  $\text{H}$  15

## 15 Sun

## 26 2nd Cusp

## Virgo

6  $\frac{1}{2}$  (5) { Mussolini MC 2  
 Churchill  $\text{D}$  2 MC 6  
 Stalin  $\text{H}$  9  
 War Chart  $\text{♀}$  9  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\text{♂}$  10

## 14 Venus

## 18 3rd Cusp

## 26 Neptune

## Scorpio

17  $\frac{1}{2}$  (7) { Stalin 13  
 Churchill asc. 18  
 Mussolini asc. 21

## 27 5th Cusp.

## Sagittarius

8 (8) { Dominant asc. 6  
 Churchill  $\text{♂}$  8  
 Stalin  $\text{♀}$  10

## Capricorn

## 7 6th Cusp

9 (9) { Hitler  $\text{D}$  6  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\text{21}$  8  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 Dominant  $\text{D}$  12

## Aquarius

8  $\frac{1}{2}$  (10) { Roosevelt  $\text{♀}$  5  $\text{♂}$  11  
 Churchill  $\text{h}$  9  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 conjoint

8  $\frac{1}{2}$  Descendant

## 26 8th Cusp

## Pisces

## 18 9th Cusp

23  $\frac{1}{2}$  (11) { Dominant  $\text{♀}$  23  
 Ingress  $\text{♂}$  24

NOTE:—In the above tabular version the words in bold type belong to the focal chart, the other items are the "boxed" clusters of planetary positions.

(To be continued)

## STUDIES IN THE FIXED STARS

By THE EDITOR

*No. 6: Almach, Acubens, South Scale, Dorsum.*

These four stars form a grand square around  $13^\circ$  of the fixed signs, their respective positions, as given by Robson, being  $13-78$ ,  $12-31$  ♀,  $13-58$  ♀ and  $12-43$  ♀. Their natures are ♀, ♀-♂, ♀-♂ and ♀-♂. This suggests a complex of much intricacy which can only be solved, if at all, by a careful study of examples in which this cross is powerfully occupied.

The group has a special interest at the present time by the fact that Adolf Hitler's ♀ is in  $13-27$  ♀.

That must not prejudice our judgment. These stars have an undeniable relation to Beauty—physical beauty and also the expression of ideas in beautiful language, viz. in poetry, and in other forms of art.

I refer to such cases as Shelley, Tennyson, and Rupert Brooke, all handsome men and eminent poets. All three had the Sun conjunction Acubens. Isadora Duncan (beauty in movement) had ♀ ♂ Almach. Lily Langtry, the famous beauty, had ♂ conjunction Acubens. A prize baby (born 5.15 p.m., Colorado Springs, October 30, 1906) had Almach rising; it was described as "perfect inside and out."

In other cases one finds merely that planets with these stars produce what might be called fine-looking men, or imposing appearances.

An interest in politics is often pronounced, even among the poets. Apart from them we may cite Lord Salisbury, Eugene Debs, Ramsay MacDonald, Lady Oxford, and, perhaps, Von Tirpitz and financiers such as Morgan and Rockefeller. Presumably one must judge from the general tenor of a horoscope which aspect of the complex is the more likely to manifest. In judging cases quoted it must naturally be borne in mind that famous men often have private interests not perhaps generally known to the public, and often these indicate one's true character better than one's public work. For example, both MacDonald and Morgan were art connoisseurs, thus exhibiting the beauty-loving propensity of this stellar formation. Hitler, too, has a probably genuine love of art.

That these stars tend to eminence seems fairly clear; but, as tradition usually warns us in regard to fixed stars, it is an eminence associated with danger of final disaster, though I question whether the operation of any fixed star can, by itself, produce a decisive result of that kind.

So far as these stars are concerned, collapse is often due to, or accompanied by, financial or sexual indiscretion, tragedy or scandal. This is true of some of the examples cited above, but not of all. Shelley would be a case in point. Often the native suffers in these ways, but through no fault of his own. A tragic end is not uncommon, as for instance in the cases of Shelley, Isadora Duncan, the Grand Duchesses Tatiana and Marie, Dolfuss and Ludwig of Bavaria.

In other cases the latter end of life is an anti-climax, as in that of Weygand, and that of James II.

Queen Caroline, wife of George IV, had Acubens rising; she was by no means beautiful in appearance or pleasant in manner, but was ill-treated, humiliated and aspersed with every kind of calumny. She died in obscurity.

Leopold III of Belgium is another whose married life was interrupted by a cruel tragedy.

Dolfuss had ♂ conjunction Dorsum. The Lindbergh baby had ♂ on Almach, which probably denotes wealth rather than his end.

Robson gives a very bad character to Acubens, which is certainly not borne out by some of the cases we have mentioned. Being of the natures of Saturn and Mercury, it may well indicate either a profound and serious mind, or a crafty and lying one, according to the degree of moral unfoldment. Almach is said to give "honour, eminence and artistic ability," which seems true, and the poetic and artistic qualities of some of those we have cited confirm this; whilst, since it is of the nature of Venus, it may, in maps of poor moral calibre, produce sexual and financial laxity. Dorsum he describes as an unfortunate influence: it is of the natures of Saturn and Jupiter and probably provides the political element we have alluded to, and also the danger of downfall which presumably arises with all stars that contain a Saturn component. As for the South Scale, it is tabulated under Jupiter-Mars, but in the text it is said to be of the nature (according to Ptolemy) of Saturn and Mars; and nothing good is said of it. I fear this sober view is not without justification; it is a common factor in suicide.<sup>1</sup>

The reader will now probably ask how (apart from the consideration of the general quality of the map) he can distinguish between these four stars. It seems to me chief weight must be given to the star with which the planet or point is in conjunction, and little to the other three. If we take the values of the stars in terms of the planets, as Ptolemy gave them, and pay

<sup>1</sup> R. L. Stevenson had ♀ ♂ this star, which may have been related to his death from pulmonary consumption.



regard to the nature of the planet conjoined, we shall get a fairly true result. It seems, however, that Acubens has a distinct Venus element, as well as one of Saturn and Mercury.

The clearest note is probably struck when we have a case of the conjunction of the Sun with a star, preferably without other strong contact.

*(To be continued)*

## ANALYSIS OF COMPETITION RESULTS

There were a number of interesting attempts at solving the competition in our last issue, but judging by the results it was apparently a rather difficult problem. Here is the solution:—

A was a schoolteacher, unmarried, and died.

B was not a schoolteacher, but married one and had a daughter.

C was a schoolteacher, and married an old acquaintance at her mother's death.

The chief stumbling-block seems to have been the profession, for while 55 % of the competitors were right in the case of C, 90 % thought B a teacher, and only 33 % favoured A. Although ♀ is B's ruler and is lord of her 10th, it is cadent in a fixed sign, and ♄, ruler of the 7th and 4th, comes between it and the ☉, while domesticity is strongly marked by ♀ in ♍ on the ascendant. In the case of A, ♀ is more prominent than it appears to be, for its  $2\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$  S. lat. brings it within  $3^{\circ}$  of the eastern horizon. It rules the 6th, disposes of the lord of the 10th, also of ♃ just below the cusp of the 7th. C's ♀ is in ♍ in the 2nd applying by retrograde motion to ☿ ☉, which is  $\Delta$  PL in ♐ in the 6th. (A also has PL in ♐ on the cusp of the 6th, ☿ ☉).

A third of the entries gave A as the one who died, but more than half decided on B, presumably because of the close square between ☉ and ♄. ♃ is hyleg in B's case, however, with as close a trine to ♄, and ☉ is  $\times$  ♄, its disposer. C's ☉ applies to  $\square$  ♄, but her ♃ is hyleg,  $\times$  ♄ the ruling planet. In A's case, no matter whether we take the ascendant or ♃ as hyleg, ♄ is the anareta, angular in ♍, opposing the one and conjoining the other, and at death it had progressed by retrograde motion to the line (or prime circle) of the western horizon (having nearly  $1^{\circ}$  S. lat.). Further, ♄ is on the cusp of the 8th,  $\square$  ☉ and PL on the 12th and 6th cusps respectively, and at death it had been carried by the axial rotation of the horoscope to ☿ ♃ rad (mund.), while asc. p. was ☿ ♄ p. (mund.), thus bringing in the haemorrhage associated with the fall.

Fifty-five per cent thought A was married, despite the fact



that although her ruler is in the 7th, it is  $\mathfrak{h}$  weak in  $\infty$  and  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $\delta$   $\mathfrak{J}$ , and  $\square$   $\mathfrak{L}$ - $\mathfrak{H}$  in  $\infty$ . Admittedly, it is  $\ast$   $\mathfrak{J}$ , but  $\mathfrak{J}$  is in the barren sign  $\mathfrak{M}$ ,  $\square$   $\odot$ . Only 22 % were correct with B's marriage, two-thirds of the competitors placing her as the unmarried sister, which seems rather strange, for quite apart from the rising Venus, the map is of a "marriageable" type. Both  $\mathfrak{L}$  and  $\mathfrak{J}$  rule the 7th (containing  $\mathfrak{J}$ ),  $\odot$  being conjoined with one and sextile the other, and, as before stated,  $\odot$   $\square$   $\mathfrak{h}$  is mitigated by  $\mathfrak{J}$   $\triangle$   $\mathfrak{h}$  from the 7th. The husband's profession may be seen by reversing the horoscope, for this renders  $\mathfrak{F}$  the most elevated planet, on the cusp of the 9th,  $\triangle$   $\mathfrak{J}$  in the 1st. Everyone gave C as married, although half thought to B's husband. Her elevated  $\mathfrak{J}$  in  $\infty$  and her rising  $\mathfrak{F}$   $\delta$   $\mathfrak{J}$  strongly dispose towards marriage, but its delay was due to a weak  $\odot$ ,  $\square$   $\mathfrak{h}$  (its disposer) in the house of hopes and wishes, the ruler of the 7th being retrograde. That marriage to an old friend should be associated with the mother's death is clear from  $\mathfrak{h}$  in the 11th (the mother's 8th), this planet receiving the application of the  $\odot$  after the latter's separation from  $\triangle$   $\Psi$   $\mathbf{R}$ . Her inheritance may be seen from  $\mathfrak{L}$  in the 8th,  $\ast$   $\mathfrak{J}$ .

As might have been expected, B's marriage occurred under strong Martian directions (breaking down the restraint of  $\mathfrak{h}$ )— $\odot$  p.  $\square$   $\mathfrak{J}$  r., and  $\mathfrak{J}$  p.  $\delta$   $\mathfrak{F}$  and asc. r. (mund.). At the same time the converse  $\mathfrak{F}$  had returned to  $\delta$  asc. r., and the converse  $\odot$  was  $\mathfrak{J}$   $\mathfrak{J}$  r. (mund.). C's marriage occurred under  $\mathfrak{F}$  p.  $\triangle$  M.C. r. and  $\odot$  conv.  $\delta$   $\mathfrak{F}$  conv., while the closeness of the mother's death at that time was indicated by  $\mathfrak{J}$  p.  $\delta$   $\odot$  r. (mund.) and  $\mathfrak{F}$  conv.  $\square$   $\odot$  r.,  $\odot$  ruling the 8th,  $\mathfrak{F}$  the mother and  $\mathfrak{J}$  the mother's 8th. The double event fell in the period covered by asc. conv.  $\delta$   $\mathfrak{H}$ - $\mathfrak{h}$ , the mid-point of which coincided with the sister's death, which affected C much more than it did her married sister.

Few competitors gained half marks, but two came very near the full solution. Mr. Frank Howard correctly stated that A died, B married a teacher and had a daughter, and C married after her mother's death. Unfortunately, however, he not only omitted to mention which of them were teachers, but gave no astrological reasons for his decision. Miss Loumel Skaife came to the same conclusions, besides naming B and C as the two teachers (instead of A and C), and supplementing her findings astrologically. To her the Editor has pleasure in awarding the well-earned prize.

*Note:* The above commentary is by the reader who set the Competition. It will be observed that in his notes he refers to some methods not in general use.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MUNDANE ASTROLOGY

*From* LEON ARTEMIS.

If further investigation should establish the truth of the theory outlined by P. Vernon in the last issue of the *Quarterly*, it would also demonstrate the potency of transits, for as (apart from natural phenomena) world events can only be brought about through the medium of human activity, the coinciding of major aspects between the heavy planets with important changes in mundane affairs must obviously be due to their transits over sensitive points in the horoscopes of the people associated with the events concerned.

It seems to me, however, that the effects of these configurations are far more likely to show out a generation later, for then the individuals in whose birth maps they occur will have arrived at maturity and will be participating in the management of affairs along the lines indicated by the positions of the configurations in their nativities. Surely it is then and then only that the full weight of the major aspects will be felt in the world at large, their stimulation by directions in personal horoscopes resulting in external activity of a nature corresponding to that of the planets concerned.

No doubt some readers of the *Quarterly* have studied history in the light of astrology, and it would be interesting to know if they can produce any evidence sufficiently positive to prove (or disprove) either of the foregoing theories.

### COSMOLOGY

*From* MONKTON FARLEIGH.

While I hesitate to respond to Mr. Cleary-Baker's invitation to criticise his theory that the earth is really the centre of the universe and is not the negligible speck of dust in the cosmos which the astronomers would have us believe it to be, I cannot restrain myself from pointing out that it really does not matter to us, as astrologers, which view is correct.

So far as the horoscope is concerned each one of us is at the centre of the universe of which we are aware, and therefore the natus is nothing more than a map of the solar system in relation to a certain spot on the earth, and can do nothing more than reveal the interactions taking place between the life-essence ensouling us and the physical world in which we dwell. Were we inhabitants of Jupiter or lived on a planet attached to another system, in bodies of a vastly different shape and size from those to which we are at present accustomed, each one of us would still only be aware of the outer world in its relation to our own central consciousness. If, however, consciousness were absent, the universe would cease to exist for us, no matter whether the whole of the cosmos centres on the earth or on a gigantic star millions of light-years away.

Let us then leave the astronomers to theorise, and confine our own attentions to the incontrovertible facts of astrology.

## MARRIAGE

From HEBE GREEN.

As a young and very inexperienced student I am writing to ask for your ruling on two conflicting statements given in different text-books concerning the time of marriage. According to Simmonite if the Sun in a woman's horoscope is situated between the cusps of the 4th and 1st or of the 10th and 7th, she will either marry early in life or will wed a man younger than herself, but if the luminary is in one of the other quadrants either marriage will take place in her later years or the husband will be her senior. In Robson's *Students' Text-book of Astrology*, however, this rule is completely reversed, and as one rendering is bound to be wrong I am hoping that from your experience you will be able to decide between them.

[NOTE BY EDITOR.—We favour Simmonite's view, though we can think of exceptions to it. These cut-and-dried rules, beloved by the older astrologers, are seldom if ever trustworthy, but it would be unjustifiable to say they have no basis at all.]

## "SPICA"

From "QUAERENS."

In connection with your articles on the fixed stars, I wonder if you would be interested in the comments of an entirely undistinguished individual who apparently shares with Oscar Wilde and King Carol the doubtful privilege of having ☉ ♂ Spica? I was born in South London, on October 15, 1894, at "about 11 p.m.," which I have diffidently rectified to 10.49 p.m., male sex.

Taking your suggestions in turn:

1. I don't think there is anything very paradoxical about me. I admit to being absurdly sentimental but I can't really trace anything in the way of harshness or coarseness.

2. Art, science, music, letters—I'm interested in them all, but nothing out of the ordinary, except perhaps so far as music is concerned; this has been my one life-long hobby. I think I might have been really good at the piano but for one of my last-war wounds, which rather cramps my style.

3. Definitely no sexual inversion, and I should hardly have said misfortune in love. However, my wife died eight years ago when my sixth and youngest child was under 9 months old, and I suppose that would come under your head of separation, even though no marriage could have been happier; and, surprisingly, I've married happily again.

4. Religious enthusiasm—not enough, I fear, but I think I could call myself religiously minded.

5. No political enthusiasm—but I have nothing in Capricorn. So does Spica amount to much?

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