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## The Herbs of the Field.

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The surprising and wonderful progress, which of late years have been made in various branches of *Science*, have been such as to astonish even ourselves, and if some of the men who lived a hundred of years ago, were permitted to revisit the earth, they would scarcely believe it was the same world which they once inhabited.

But how is it? whilst all these improvements are going on in the arts and sciences, the same improvement has not taken place in the knowledge of keeping our bodies in sound *health*. Why are we not as capable of bearing fatigue, and as strong and robust as our forefathers were? We are warmed by the same sun, cooled by the same breeze, inhabit the same climate, and are subject to the same seasons.

It is because we have neglected their mode of living, one of which was, using those remedies which nature has so bountifully bestowed upon us, I mean the *Herbs of the Field*.

When the mind and the body are worn down by fatigue, when decrepitude and old age have come upon us, when we can no longer enjoy those pleasures which formerly delighted us, when in fact we are ready to sink into the *grave* from mere exhaustion; place the suffering on some bank of flowers, with the sun shining in all its splendour, his ears enchanted with the melody of the birds, his eye delighted with the landscape around him; and if any thing will revive his drooping spirits, and act as a restorative; it is the fresh air and the fragrance of the plants around him. Now if the sight and smell can do all this, what will the virtues do if rightly administered? and one need not go through a College, or be dubbed with an M. D. to learn the virtues of herbs; for one season in the woods and fields will make a man more prac-

tical, then much study in the closet; and you will be able to tell the plants whilst growing, which is more than nine-tenths of the doctors and druggists in the city can do, with all their pretensions to learning. Never be ashamed of being called a Quack Doctor, for Q. D. sounds as well as M. D. any day. Besides kings of old, delighted in the name of *Herbalist*. Solomon, Mithridates king of Pontus, Mesue king of Damascus, Evax king of Arabia, all studied the Virtues of Herbs. It is stated in "Virgil," that when a famous prince was offered by Appollo to be taught his Arts, viz, physic, music, augury, and the art of shooting with a bow, he made choice of Physic and to know the nature of Herbs.

His Arts to him, when great Appollo gave,  
He did not augury, nor arrows crave,  
Nor the melodious lute, but to prevent  
His father's death, who now with age was spent,  
To be an *Herbalist*, and Medicine  
To learn, he rather did his thoughts incline.

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## GEOMANCY.

THE method of casting or forming a figure of Geomancy, has been already shown; as also, what is termed the 'Figure of the Triplicities;' for the better judging of which, the old authors have left on record certain Tables, which contain the "*Sentence*" of the Witnesses and Judge; by which, without further trouble, the answer, so far as a negative or affirmative is concerned, may be found without trouble.

It has been also observed, that only eight out of the sixteen figures can ever be judge; yet, as there are two witnesses also to be taken into account, the *variations* in the answers are 8 multiplied by 16, and therefore equal to 128 in number. In these cases, however, it is of consequence to notice on which side the good or evil figures fall, as *that* gives the variations in the result. Thus, for instance, the Triplicities—

<i>Left Witness.</i>	<i>Right Witness.</i>
0 0 0	0 0 0
0 0 0	0 0 0
0 0 0	9 0 0
0 0 0	0 0 0 although the judge
<i>Judge.</i>	<i>Judge.</i>
0	0
0	0
0	0
0	0

is the same in each case, yet the answers corresponding are different; and so in all other cases whatever.

In order to work by the following Tables, the reader must cast the figures, and refer to the page for the answer to his Question: the answer to questions will be given in future numbers of the "Planet Reader." thus; for instance, in the following figure:—

<i>Left Witness.</i>	<i>Right Witness.</i>
0 0	0
0 0	0
0	0 0
0 0	0
	<i>Judge.</i>
	0
	0
	0
	0

If the question were "of the Length of Life," the answer would be, "Short Life."

If the question were of an affair connected with "Money," the answer would be "Unfortunate."

If it were of "Sickness," it would denote "Death" to the Patient, and so on in all the other questions; referring to the page which will have the required "Triplicities."

*An Example at large of the whole Figure whereby the Judge is obtained.*

0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0
0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0

0 0	0
0 0	0
0	0 0
Witness 0 0	0 Witness
	<i>Judge</i>
	0
	0
	0
	0

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# The Fate OF THE NATION.

FOR MARCH 1862.

At the Lunation of February 28th, from which we make our predictions for March, the 26th degree of Gemini (the ruling sign of this Country,) ascends, and the 3d degree of Piscés is on the mid-heaven. Mercury is lord of the Scheme, and is retrograde in the tenth house, in conjunction with the Sun, Moon, and Venus, and they are all in evil aspect to Herschel in the twelveth; and in sextile to Mars in the eight; Jupiter and Saturn are both retrograde in the fourth house.

The heavenly Speculum continues as clouded as ever, and under the above aspects I do not look for any speedy settlement of the present difficulties in this country. There will be a number of engagements between the Northern and Southern forces; in this month, which will be attended with much loss of life.

The warlike planet Mars transits over

the Moon's place and forms an evil aspect to his own place in the President's Nativity, in the latter part of this month; and in the fore part, Mars afflicts Gen. McClellan's Nativity, which aspects will incline them to push on the War. But let them be very cautious, as fortune will be very fickle: and they may have to push backwards.

The above aspects likewise indicate some danger of another Cabinet member resigning, or some dissatisfaction connected with some prominent men high in office.

I look for another falling off in trade and business, and a downward tendency of government stocks.

News from England continues to be of peaceful nature. But Louis Napoleon will have Mars passing over his ascendant, which will cause his movements to be of a warlike tendency:

Mars in Capricorn the ruling Sign of Mexico, will bring bloodshed and mischief to that nation; and it will cause it to be in very unsettled condition.

## The Astrologer.

### No. 1.

UNDER this head I shall introduce to the notice of my readers a variety of extracts from rare and curious old authors; some of which exist only in manuscript; and others are either out of print, or locked up in the libraries of the wealthy and the learned. They will uniformly consist of the most simple and easy methods for acquiring a knowledge of planetary influence that could possibly be devised, and wholly devoid of the usual and necessary scientific Calculations, attendant upon casting Horary Questions, and calculating Nativities.

The period of our birth is always marked with some peculiar circumstances that have a visible effect on the future conduct of our lives, our feelings, and our general characters. Of these circumstances none is more worthy of our attention than the situation of the Planets at the moment when we first breathe the breath of life; since, from a judicious and accurate observation of their position at that awful time, which brings us into a varied scene of trouble and confusion, may be

easily gathered what kind of existence our destiny has decreed for us; what propensities will distinguish our career; what pursuits will mark our way, and what success we may reasonably expect to attend our exertions. Thus, an education suited to our particular genius and talents may be given us, and we may thereby be enabled to turn many of those distinguishing peculiarities, which more or less stamp all the beings of the human race, to our Advantage and Happiness, that, but for this necessary information, might become the source of our Wretchedness and Misery.

The ancients, who suffered no science appertaining to the future, to escape their penetration, have enabled us to afford the reader some useful and entertaining discoveries on the effect of the Planets over the race of man; and as the Sun is the most powerful and conspicuous, we shall proceed to mark his way through the different signs of the Zodiac, and to show the effect of his revolutions, beginning with the sign Aries.

#### Sun in Aries.

Or Traditions relating to the Fate of Persons born from the 20th of March to the 20th of April:

"The Sun being in Aries, maketh them who are born, neither very rich, neither very poor. Also angry, but soon pleased; studious, eloquent, diverse, proud, and luxurious; promising (as they say) mountains of gold, and performing nothing, evil reported among his kindred, and shall be brought in danger by his enemies, which shall be men of power.

"He will be in danger of being hurt by four-footed beasts, as being cast off a horse, and in danger of being wounded, by sharp instruments or fier-arms: In other things he will be more fortunate and happy, and also long lived.

"Also if it be a girl that is born, she will be given to lying; quick tempered, fair, currius, delighting in new and strange things, envious, and fruitful in children, and her first child will not live. She will be in many perils and dangers, whereby she will receive a scar on the head, or else be naturally marked there, or in the feet. This we have noted also out of certain authors, that the children of Aries being born in the day, will be fortunate, and of great reputation and renown amongst great men and princes; contrarywise, they who are born in the night, will be unfortunate and of no reputation."

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**TESTIMONIAL.**

We have always been very much opposed to testimonials and certificates, &c., as practised by quack doctors, and people wishing to impose upon the public, but as there are some people that will not be convinced, unless some proof can be shown of what the parties have done, and to satisfy those persons we insert the following testimonial:

This is to certify that Dr. L. D. Broughton, wrote my nativity, which has proved very beneficial and true to me, and he also furnished me with medicines of his own make, which have perfectly cured me of sickness of several years standing, namely, nervous debility of the system, darkness of the mind, pains in the forehead, &c., in fact his medicine built me up from a broken down system to a healthy and sound constitution, and I have remained a healthy and a sound man ever since, never having taken any medicine since I left off taking his, and it is near four years now since he cured me.

WASHINGTON EVANS,  
Merchant of Charleston, S. C.

September 1st, 1859.

This gentleman was living in Philadelphia at the time he came to see us, and he had been very unfortunate for some eight years past, so that he had lost all the money that he had left to him, which was a great many thousand dollars. But, in writing his nativity, for which he paid us ten dollars, we advised him to move to Charleston, S. C., and he writes back to us "blessing HIS STARS that directed him there, for he is going to be a rich man again." He likewise writes to us wishing to know what we will write his nativity for, in the best manner that we possibly can write it, and we answered his letter, stating that one hundred dollars would be our price to write it as he wanted it, and we have just received his letter telling us to write it for him for one hundred dollars.

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Prognostic Astronomy, Astro-phrenology, or Astro-trology and Phrenology harmonized.

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"I tell thee,  
There's not a pulse beats in the human frame  
That is not govern'd by the stars above us.  
The blood that fills our veins, in all its ebb  
And flow, is swayed by them as certainly  
As are the restless tides of the salt sea  
By the resplendant Moon; and at thy birth  
Thy mother's eye gaz'd not more steadfastly  
On thee, than did the Star that rules thy fate,  
Showering upon thy head an influence,  
Malignant or benign."  
[NEELE.]

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