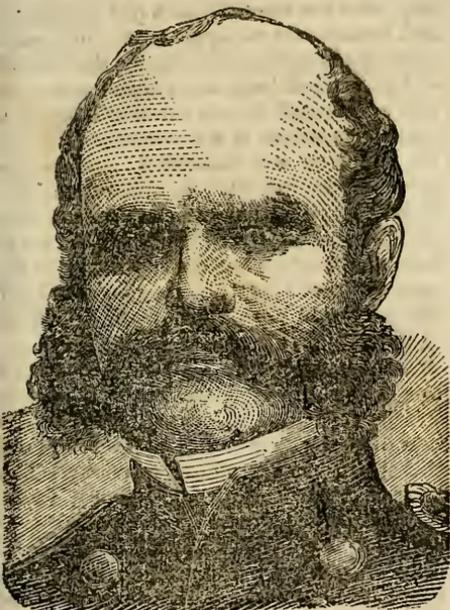


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THE STATUETTE  
OF

**Gen. A. E. BURNSIDE.**

the Planet's places for 23d of May 1824, at noon:

♄ 2-13	♃ 2-14	♂ 15-26	♁ 27-54	♅ 11-18
	♆ 26-22	♀ 14-3	♁ 16-27	

Several publications that I have perused, agree in giving the birth-day of Gen. Burnside as May 23d, 1824; and after examining his Nativity very carefully, I have arrived at the conclusion that he was born about half past 12 o'clock P. M. If this conclusion is correct, he was born under the Planets Mars and Mercury, which will describe a person of full stature, upright body, rather stout and well built, brown hair and good complexion. The Planet Mars in the ascendant in trine to Saturn in the ninth house will cause him to be of an ambitious turn of mind, yet he would scorn to gain popularity by unfair means. The above aspects will also

cause him to be active and energetic in his undertakings, and he will always be governed by honest and upright principles. They would likewise cause him to be fond of war, and warlike implements, and he will generally be successful in both, which would gain him popularity, and bring him profit and honor.

The Planet Mercury in the Sign Gemini, in the tenth house, will cause him to be of uncommon good abilities; active intellect, fond of science; and learning almost everything without a teacher; of unwearied fancy; and there will be but few people that can excel him in grasping and comprehending Political and National affairs.

The planet Jupiter in the eleventh house in sextile to Venus, will cause him to have a great number of friends and admirers; and children yet unborn will love to repeat his name.

The planet Herschel in opposition to Jupiter, will cause him to have evil reports circulated against him, but they will never do him any permanent harm.

On the whole, Gen. Burnside has a very fortunate Nativity, and if the politicians at Washington will only let him alone, and thus enable him to carry out his own plans, I feel confident that he will be a more successful General than any that has yet led the Northern Army, but I am afraid that such will not be the case.

In this No. I have only room to notice a few aspects, in the above Nativity, for the present time and for a few months to come.

## NOVEMBER, 1862.

In the fore part of this month Gen. Burnside had a favorable aspect in his Nativity, i. e. the Moon to a sextile of the Sun, (secondary direction,) which caused him to be promoted to his present position, and it would also bring him many new friends.

DECEMBER, 1862. This month opened with the evil planet Saturn transiting an opposition of the Moon's place, which was very unfortunate for him to commence any important movement. This would likewise cause his life to be in great danger.

JANUARY, 1863. There will no particular aspects occur in Burnside's Nativity, this month; but on the whole the planetary influences are rather against, than for him. Let us hope that no forward movement will be made, for if there is, a defeat and disaster will surely attend the attempt.

FEBRUARY, 1863. In this month the Moon forms a good aspect to Jupiter's place; (secondary direction) and the new Moon, of the 19th of January, occurs in an important position in his Nativity. I look for some very important movements in the Army, or some great battle being fought, with much slaughter, and the Army under Gen. Burnside will be successful.

MARCH, 1863. In the early part of this month the planet Saturn retrogrades over an opposition of the Moon's place. Let us hope that another Fredericksburg affair will not occur at this time. The above position of the planets will cause considerable public clamor to be raised against the General, which will give him a great number of enemies, who will use their influence to have him removed; and very probably they will be successful.

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#### AN ACT FOR THE

### SUPPRESSION OF FORTUNE TELLING AND OTHER PURPOSES.

In the April No. for 1861, I commenced an article with the above heading.

I commenced by stating, that we learn through the daily papers, that the above named act had passed both Houses at Harrisburg, and it was ready for the Governor to sign. I then went on to ask the gentlemen at Harrisburg, who were interested in the passage of this act, their motive. I concluded that they might answer, that it was to suppress fortune telling, planet reading, &c.; that they desired to suppress what, *in their opinion* was untrue. I argued that the laborer was worthy of his hire; that if people could not devote time to study Medicine, Theology, Law, or even Planet Reading, that the people were willing to remunerate persons who made it their business to study and practice these professions. I concluded this argument by stating that the whole thing was merely a *matter of opinion*. I explained the results that would ensue, were this mode of reasoning pursued in all legal proceedings; and illustrated my conclusion by the persecutions of persons in former times, who believed in, or practised any science or religion, which were not popular in their day, such as, when Galileo discovered the revolutions of the planets round the sun, when Dr. Harvey discovered the circulation of the blood, when Dr. Gall founded Phrenology, Dr. Mesmer Animal Magnetism, they were tortured, persecuted or treated with contumely, merely because their discoveries were treated as *Matters of opinion*. Finally I explained the manner in which such persecutions only had the effect of causing beliefs and Sciences to flourish, and urged that we should learn to desist from suppressing freedom of thought, by legislative enactments.

I forwarded this No. to Andrew G. Curtin, Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, and whether it had any influence upon him or not, I cannot say; but it appears that he nev-

er signed the act entitled as above. A number of gentlemen of influence, and Editors of this City, whom I conversed with regarding this law, gave me as their opinion that it would be simply a dead letter, and never would be put in force. It was my intention to have let the matter die quietly had this been the case; but as the authorities have attempted in two cases to put this law in execution,—one of which is that of Doctor Newton of this city, who has recently been put under arrest and bound over to appear at court, one of the charges against him being the violation of this act,—I have determined to continue this article and expose the whole affair, the manner in which it was concocted, the end for which it was instituted, and the party whom it was intended to operate on. In so doing I shall withhold the real names of the parties most interested in getting the act passed; but, at the same time I shall give their names so near that "he who runs may read." My motive in not publishing the real names of the persons concerned in the passage of this act is, that were I prosecuted for libel in consequence of the publication of such a statement, at this late date, I might be led into difficulties, owing to the removal from this city of persons, whose testimony I should have to depend on for my defence. In writing this article I may be compelled to use expressions that may appear coarse to fastidious ears, but perhaps the reader may remember the old adage, that "it is a difficult matter to keep oneself clean in a dirty job".

It will be with much reluctance that I make these statements; still a sense of duty compels me so to do. Another reason of my continuing this article is, if this law is continued to be put in execution, that in practising my profession, I am liable at any moment to be torn from my wife and children, and incarcerated in prison for a term of two years, and to pay a fine of one hundred dollars, for the violation of one of the most tyrannical and corrupt acts that ever disgraced legislative halls.

In the next No. of the Planet Reader, I shall proceed to give a condensed history of the above act. In the Nos. following I shall give the moral tendency of such an act, its influence and character, and likewise state the manner in which laws of a similar nature have been prostituted on the Eastern Continent, and proceed to show the manner in which the Science of Astrology has been persecuted in other ages and countries.

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# Astrology and the War.

An Editorial from the *Public Ledger*,  
Philadelphia, Dec. 18th, 1862.

**THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.**—The repeated reverses to our arms, where we had reason to expect a different result, has produced a wide-spread and still increasing feeling of dissatisfaction among the people. They say, and truly too, we owe our means, we raise splendid armies, we do everything that loyal citizens can do to sustain the Government in the war against its rightful authority, yet some *maligna influence* seems to be exerted over our armies, and every battle, instead of finishing rebellion, seems only, by disaster, prolonging the war.

It cannot be that our Generals are all at fault, and that the terrible blunders which have marked the progress of the war upon the Potomac, are of their doing. Some of these men of the highest military training and experience. How is it, then, that as yet we have had no general who can lead our armies to success, none who has been able to bring this rebellion to a close, by an intelligent use of the enormous means placed by the people at the command of a Government? If it were only our political generals who had failed of success, we could supply a reason for it in their want of experience and of knowledge, but when men such as Scott, McClellan, Burnside, Buell—all who have been in high command and had a high reputation in their profession—have equally failed, *there must be some hidden reason, not traceable by the public mind*, to which this dismal want of success is attributable.

There is a fault and a great one somewhere. That it is not with the soldiers of our army is evident to all. None ever fought more bravely or faced inevitable death more mildly. No army could have heroes more cool, courageous and self-sacrificing for their country. Wherever the fault lies, it is not with our soldiers.

It is time that an investigation should be made that will satisfy the public mind where the cause of the disasters and defeat lies. Not until they know this, will the people be able to apply a remedy, and until they do know certainly, great injustice may be done ignorantly in their condemnation of men and measures, so great indeed; as by their effect to paralyze the efforts of the Government, and bring the war to an ignominious and injurious end, after all the sacrifices which have been made to maintain the integrity of this Union.

There appears to be a mystery in the mind of the writer of the above, regarding the cause of the recent reverses to our forces, and he seems to attribute it to some *Malign influence being exerted over our armies*.\* A person while in a state of wealth and prosperity neglects, and even scoffs at the believers in Religion, but when diseases of adversity overtakes him he is ready and even anxious to seek an interest in heavenly things. So, while everything, in the political horizon, seems prosperous, those engaged in matters pertaining to national affairs, will deny and even scoff at the idea of Astrology. But when this political cauldron is thrown into convulsions these individuals are conscious of an overruling influence, which they are utterly at a loss to account for, by any known rational system in their power to project. Not only the writer of the above, but also Southern Editors appear to have become impressed with the idea of some *controlling influence*, or as they express it "games of chance" or "good and bad luck;" as the reader will see in perusing the following, which we copy from the *Richmond Examiner*, Sept. 6th, '62.

War is a game of chance, and in all games of chance there are unaccountable runs of good and bad luck. In the latter part of last winter and in the beginning of the spring, we had our season of evil fortune. Mishap succeeded mishap, as followed loss, and disaster pursued disaster, in a melancholy series so long and unbroken, that the Confederacy's leaders in their courses fought against Sicra Juds. V. 20.

could realize the sensations of Macbeth, when he asks—*Shall thy line stretch out to crack of doom?*" The tables are now turned; the cards run the other way. The North has now its dismal season; while the winter of our discontent is turned to glorious summer.\*

What would we think of an editor in speaking of the different seasons of the year—the ebbing and flowing of the tides—the rising and setting of the Sun—as being the result of chance, or caused by good and bad luck? Would the reader not at once perceive that all these were governed by Nature's laws? In like manner a person referring the results of the war as a matter of chance or luck, is equally in fault with one who would attribute the above natural phenomena to the same source.

By the science of Astrology it would be an easy matter to account on scientific principles and by the laws of Nature, for the successes and reverses in National affairs; without referring them to games of chance, or good and bad luck, as the reader can see for himself, by referring to the back numbers of the *Planet Reader*, for our published predictions on the Fate of the Nation.\*

While the Government appoints men for Generals, to lead our armies, with unfortunate aspects operating in their Nativities, so long will they meet with reverses and disaster, with equal certainty as would result from an infringement upon any other of the laws of Nature.

In ancient times every King or Emperor had his Astrologer, whom he invariably consulted in case of any important anticipated movement or undertaking, and even at the present day, the majority of Nations, especially those of the East, still continue to consult the Astrologer or the Stars. Now the question arises, whether these Nations, for so many centuries, have been deceived—whether these consultations have been productive of any good, or have they been deluded, and no better prepared to meet the future than those who abstained from this mode of procedure.

I maintain that they were not deluded, and that Astrology is a science, which consists of principles, as well founded as those of Chemistry and Astronomy. If it is delusion, can the reader inform me the manner in which I have predicted the Fate of the Nation, the truth of which predictions, time has but too fully verified.

If Astrology is a science, (and my study and experience convinces me that it is,) and the government still continues to begin important undertakings when evil planetary influences prevail, and to appoint men to lead our armies, who have unfortunate aspects operating in their Nativities, thus disregarding the principles of Astrology, and in consequence our soldiers are overcome by the enemy; the President and his cabinet are as responsible for their slaughter, as though they had poisoned so many of our patriotic soldiers with arsenic, and endeavored to justify themselves by confessing that they were ignorant of the principles of Chemistry. But instead of our Government—like the Republics and Kings of old—un-

\* See our predictions on the Fate of the Nation, for March April, May and June, 1862; likewise for July, August and September, 1863.

derstanding and consulting Astrology, previous to undertaking any important movement, and being guided by its principles, the legislature have been basing themselves in passing laws, to fine and imprison *all* those persons, who shall receive any remuneration for making predictions, "by consulting the movements of the Heavenly Bodies." Yet when the Army meets with any particular disasters, on account of violating the laws of Nature, or acting contrary to the principles, and rules of Astrology, the religious people and the clergy ask the President, in solemn mockery, to appoint a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. But the God of Nature asks through his inspired volume, Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Knowest thou the ordinances of the Heavens? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the Earth?

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## THE ASTROLOGER.

NO. 5.

Sun in Leo.

Or Traditions relating to the Fate of Persons born from the 20th of July to the 20th of August.

"The Sun in Leo maketh a stout body, bold, arrogant, eloquent, and proud; a mocker and scorner, unmerciful, cruel, hard, and hard to be intreated; beset with many miseries and perils, out of the which he being escaped, shall obtain some common office; as to be a captain over soldiers; and he will look for benefit at the hands of persons in office. He will be unfortunate in children, and from them sustaining much labour and affliction; prone to anger, and putting himself into many dangers, very ambitious, and promoting himself to honors and dignities, and it bringeth him in danger of fire, sword, and violence of beasts, whereby he shall die out of his own house or place, Howbeit by the help of God he may escape out of all these dangers."

"A girl, born when the Sun is in Leo, shall be stout at the upper part of the body, and slender in the lower extremities, angry, a slanderer and babbler, albeit that the softness which is in woman doth somewhat admit and assuage the excess of the same. She ought also specially to take heed of hot waters and fire, by the which she shall be greatly in danger: she shall also be much enclined to the sickness, or gnawing at the stomach. But after the age of twenty or twenty-one years, she shall be fortunate in riches, the which she shall obtain by the help of great men, and the use of other men's goods; also in house-keeping, beauty, and love. Notwithstanding, she shall have but few children."

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## THE FATE OF THE NATION

For the Winter Quarter of 1863.

The Sun touches the first point of Capricorn on the 21st of December, 1862, at 3 h. 20 m., P. M. When 16 degrees of Leo ascends, and 7 of Taurus culminates. Mars is in the ninth house, in opposition to Jupiter in the third, and is sextile to Herschel in the eleventh. The Sun is Lord of the scheme, and is in the fifth house, in conjunction with Venus and in square to Saturn in the third house. The Moon leaves a square of Saturn and applies to a square of Mars. These are very unfavorable omens, and the baneful influence of these evil configurations will fall heavily upon all classes. I look for it being a very gloomy Winter; and the poor will suffer severely. The people at large and the administration will be very much at variance, and there will be a general call for a change in the Cabinet. During this Quarter there will be several engagements, both by land and sea, but the North will generally be unsuccessful, by the latter.

The news from abroad, this Quarter, will be of a very unfavorable nature; troubles are threatened with some foreign Government, which will produce a general depression throughout the land.

## FATE OF THE NATION For Jan. 1863.

The New Moon which occurs previous to the Winter solstice, takes place on the 21st of December, 1862, at 0 h. 3 m. A. M. The conjunction falls in the third house, in square to Saturn in the first, Mars is in the seventh, in sextile to Herchel in the ninth, and applying to an opposition of Jupiter in the ascendant. The aspects during this month are generally unfortunate, especially for the Northern States. I fear stormy weather will cause much destruction to our shipping, and many lives will be lost on our coast, or that some great naval battle will be fought in which we shall get the worst of the bargain. Let us hope that no general movement will be made in the army during this month. If there is, I am afraid that it will result very unfavorably for the General Government.

Trade and commerce is very much depressed, and I look for more losses by pirates. The public at large are very much dissatisfied with the administration, and there is a general cry for a change in the Cabinet.

The French Emperor is influenced by Mars, which will be likely to lead him into quarrels and warlike actions.

Jeff. Davis' Nativity is afflicted; but I look for it affecting his health rather than his political prospects.

Persons born from the 20th to the 25th of March, June, September and December, in any year, will now feel the direful effects of Saturn; let those take timely warning.

## FATE OF THE NATION For Feb., 1863.

The New Moon, from which we make our predictions for February, takes place on the 19th of January, at 11 h. 0 min., A. M. The lunation occurs in the tenth house, in square to Mars in the twelfth, and to Jupiter in the sixth.

The aspects still forbode evil; but it will be much worse for the South than the North. I look for some battle being fought during this month, which will cause widows and orphans to be multiplied. There are still complaints of the Administration, and people are anything but satisfied with its proceedings. Trade and business of all kinds are remarkably dull. I look for bankruptcy being the order of the day, and the Government's and other stocks will decline.

The news from abroad is slightly improving, and if this Government has not already been entangled in foreign diplomacy, perhaps it may be deferred for some time.

## FATE OF THE NATION For Mar., 1863.

The New Moon for March occurs on the 17th of February, at 10 h. 5 min. P. M. The lunation falls in the fifth house, in trine to Jupiter in the ascendant. The Government affairs begin to be more prosperous, and some of the people begin to be sanguine that this great rebellion will soon come to an end. Business of all kinds begins to improve. I do not look for any particular battles being fought this month. Burnside's and the President's Nativities are afflicted, yet I should say that it will affect them more personally rather than the Government at large.

Foreign news begins to be more interesting. I look for large meetings, and perhaps riots both in England and Ireland, but more especially in the latter country.

"Geomancy" and the "Ancient and Modern Names of plants" are crowded out of this No.