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Guard Your Estate

By Effa E. Danelson

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WATCHFULNESS is the keynote for Prosperity, whether referring to riches of Gold or the riches of the Mind. Guard your estate, ye children of the Light, for you are the Torch bearers of the Aquarian Disciples of Progress. Yours is the Privilege of paving the way to the coveted goal of all the ages past. TODAY is the victorious day for those who have journeyed all the way.

Guard your estate—the estate intrusted to you by reason of your Birth; there is given into your keeping a sealed packet at the entrance of Life—he who breaks the seal becomes the possessor of a key which admits him to the secret chambers of his Life and sheds a living Light upon the Path—a light not like any other light—a light that never wavers or dims—a revealing light which penetrates the darkest gloom on the darkest path—a light that once lighted leads its possessor on and on, strengthening the wearied body, restoring the flagging hope.

Guard your Estate, I entreat you, for therein lies your liberty and your destiny, your safety and your power over all enemies—your fortress and your deliverer from the pitfalls that daily beset your path. Gird on the armor of sincerity and watchfulness, turning not aside from your purpose, ever compelling the discouragements to flee as your daily steps carry you forward.

Guard your Estate! It is the Life Eternal that gave you birth—it is the Life Supernal that gives you the right to will, the right to pass from Planet to Planet, from Universe to Universe, through the spiral gateway beyond the horizon of limitation where Time is Infinite and Peace is Absolute.

Guard your Estate, I implore you; it is your birthright which can not be given to another, the luster of which can only be dimmed by you. Guard it well that your feet may safely find the way of Life through the maze of doubts and care as you journey from Cavern to Castle.

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Without Fear or Favor

Do You Know Your Loved Ones Live?

N OPEN letter in answer to many questioners who ask—"Mrs. Danelson, do you believe my loved ones can speak to me?" My answer is always the same—"No, I do not believe; I know they can and I know that in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred speaking to you and being recognized by you is their salvation as it completes the Death-birth which clears their vision, enabling them to realize that the physical death has taken place." We have no patience with those who teach the world of evil and earth-bound spirits and those who tell the sorrowing ones that communication with their loved ones is wrong. In fact, we know it is wrong not to communicate with them if they seek to speak. It is not only wrong but it retards their progress in the new revision of Life. We have no patience with any school of thought which teaches that the individual becomes an evil spirit through the death of the physical body and we vigorously and openly criticise the forty-year investigators and their methods of convincing themselves of a known fact.

Strapping the mind in the cradle of ignorance worked in the centuries of the past, but today men and women want to know and they have a right to know; Life gives them the right. The law that forced us into being will keep us moving ahead have no fear. Your loved ones who have answered the call to move on need your help and you need theirs. Get it fixed in your mind that Life is governed by law and not by the whims or fancies of man, the beliefs or unbeliefs of any age, past, present or future. "As a man thinketh, so is he" is as true after transition as it was before. If you believe in a Heaven or Hell before death, you no doubt will seek those who perpetuate it after death and it stands to reason that they will seek you. If, on the other hand, you are just a plain, ordinary man or woman with intellect well developed, natural instinct glowing, you will look for those Halls of Learning and you will be met by those who have charge of them and be conducted to the place where you will harmonize; and if you are timid, have always held to ideas not your own, you will cling to earth conditions because you lack initiative; and if you love only the things the earth can give you, you will remain close to the earth conditions, hugging them to you and refusing all proffered help from those who journeyed ahead. If you are re-vengeful you will seek revenge—if loving, you will sorrow because those you love do not see or hear

Just why people, especially progressive people, are opposed to these facts is hard to understand. The churches teach of Life after death, but you and I must not demonstrate it. The Universities teach

it, all groups, in fact, teach the world about a future Life but only the Masters and Initiates are eligible to demonstrate it. What folly, my dear questioners! The most humble, the greatest saint and sinner can demonstrate Life after the physical transition—it is the law, not the belief they lived in that gives them the right to return to and demonstrate Life. The same holds with you as with me or any group. No one can give you volition—that must be vested within you. Earthly or Heavenly teachers are at the best, crutches. You and I must perceive the power vested in us and analyze the product as to its value.

We do not condemn any teaching that gives you comfort or peace of mind, but we do object to the obstinate and belligerent tactics used to prevent you from reasoning about Life and the Law, for knowledge can only come to you through reasoning about what you observe. Remember this: your loved ones live and when they are able to break down the barriers between you and them they will manifest to you by some token that you can understand. To know that you can talk to your dead is the easiest thing in the world, but first you must free your mind of the superfluous teachings and superstitions of the past and of the present and be governed by the law demonstrated in your daily Life through the observance of other forms of Life.

When you have a dream, a hunch, a premonition or a revelation, don't argue yourself out of the idea that you felt the presence of some one dear to you—don't fear the guffaw of your neighbor—don't heed the fear complex created by those who launched the insanity craze to save their pet philosophy; keep truth in your soul and fear nothing. Learn values and especially the value of knowledge, its attributes and its possibilities. You ask me how I know and I answer you; would it not be folly for me not to know my father who cared for me when he stood before me, spoke to me and called me by name? I knew because I was not possessed by a fear of knowing. I had sought to know the Truth throughout the years, but there was no one in that vast, silent world who could tell me until my father joined the silent throng. I had had many Heavenly visitors, hosts upon hosts, but who they were or where they came from I did not know; but when my father told me, I knew, for my father never told me a lie. Keep your mind clean and free and your loved ones will find a way, but you must meet them by recognizing them when they come.

All Life Is Universal

NOWING that all Life is universal and that nothing can really die, we have much to look forward to. Knowing, as we do, that Death is only an entrance to a broader view of Life or a greater possession of Life, we can build more securely than those who are uncertain. We know that

WITH OUR GIMES

BY EFFA DANELSON

a task begun in Life can be finished in the next revision. We cannot possess the world and shirk the responsibility of the luggage.

All Life is universal and continues. Time keeps the eternal record of the day as we pass from revision to revision. We may work under great handicaps in our journey; we may live our lives in luxury—we may be raised to the highest Heaven or sunk to the lowest Hell but the balance will be obtained and Life will conquer all handicaps and overcome all shortcomings in its struggle onward toward its final and supreme destiny.

Once you set out on the Pathway of Life you cannot retrace your steps. Life moves forward to a completeness and at no time does it drop out of its own orbit, lag behind or hurry ahead. Man is as fixed in the universe as any Star or Sun; his quarreling and warring over earthly possessions while on this lap of the journey falls away like the mist of the morning when his awakening comes. Death does not bring this awakening, nor does Birth. The awakening comes only through the development of the sense of realization resulting from recognizing facts governed by law—a LAW not made by man but a UNIVERSAL LAW of which man is an integral part, not a judge. In the past man gained his franchise over all Life on the Earth planet by his superior birth force and brute intelligence. Today, he is by degrees entering a new dispensation; he is entering a cycle of intellectual equation wherein brute intelligence will have no part. The human races will realize that all nature has stepped up in its evolution. The minds that THINK have always moulded the races. This Century has been very prolific with thinking minds. As a result, the Nation's leaders who are seeking to bring order out of chaos will have their load lightened materially. The power to think and the privilege granted to the American youth to demonstrate his thinking, especially since the rank and file of our school children can and do compete with the sons and daughters of the rich, have through the natural process of equation, builded into this generation the magnetic power of preservation for the future generations the standard of merit above dollars. The day is here when a day's work shall be rewarded on its merit—when a Banker's child has no caste over the laborer's child. Money has builded caste throughout the history of the present age of man but we are entering into a new age where your dollars will not buy you a position of trust—an age where you will not be questioned as to your influence in the business world, your inheritance or your family; you must be quelified mantally physically the decided mantally physically be qualified mentally, physically, to do your work. The constructive Thinker will be the man of the hour in the future—the man who can build for advancement and preservation of Life will mold the Nation's policy for the generation next in power.

Sign-Posts

DOKING forward we discern the sign-posts now written in want and woe, lighted and shining with the glory of Prosperity—Prosperity not to a few but for all the peoples of all the world—for looking forward we behold the flocks grazing in the fields and the happy child at its mother's breast in the contentment that can only come from a contented and happy mother.

Astrologists, Numerologists, Palmists, Spiritualists—all who predict the future are generally agreed that the Earth is now in the rising sign of prosperity but not out of the danger zone which created the International Bankers and their crafty Statesmen whose ambition and greed were to rule the world.

Finding the coveted goal slipping away they commandeered all the transport vehicles that could be coerced to save them and prepared to drive rough shod. When they struck the first snag they became panic stricken. Their voting machinery failed to stir the dough to the necessary consistency to hold together for the oven, so at least the United States of America was saved by a hair's breadth from its carefully planned roasting.

What concerns us most is the home owners who lost their homes and those who lost their established businesses—those whose hopes were crushed by Bank failures or Taxation. Will these helpless ones be reimbursed? will their homes be returned and their business restored? Every thinking person knows that every home that was taken by mortgage foreclosure or Taxes destroyed the very foundation of the Nation. Unjust laws, executed by unscrupulous Politicians, should be revoked and the property returned to its rightful ownership. We are now at War—WAR between the oppressed and the oppressor. The Government has the power to punish Traitors and instead of breaking more backs by additional taxes on those who struggle, let the President confiscate the wealth of the Traitors whose scheming and treachery brought on this economic war and destitution.

What will 1934 mean to those stricken ones whose heads are still above the sod—what can it mean to their children unless the Government intervenes in their behalf? President Roosevelt is a brave man but unless those who have suffered hold up his hands and prove loyal to their vote he cannot bring prosperity to our stricken country. He cannot repair the damage or prevent greater damage being done. What 1934 shall bring to us as a Nation depends upon the loyalty of the citizens of The United States of America who voted for Franklin Delano Roosevelt for President. Do not expect the impossible; reconstruction after so many years of destruction cannot be accomplished in a few months. Don't let the money merchants scare you; stand by your principles!

An Explanation of the Tibetan Incantation

By FRATER S. J. MARX

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N THE October, 1925, issue of "The Mystic Triangle," the forerunner of the "Rosicrucian Digest," there was published an article by Sri. Ramatherio on the "Mystical Meaning of Amen." Our illustrious Frater called our attention in that article to the vibratory powers of this ancient word, which has been referred to in many occult and mystical works as AUM, OM, AMEN, AUM-EN, AHMEN. He compared its relation to Numbers, Music, and other Etherical Vibrations.

The purpose of the present article is to reveal a further significance of the occult meaning of this mystical word AUM when used either alone or combined in the Tibetan incantation "AUM MANI PADME HUM."

No matter how far back we try to trace its origin in the Vedas, in the Bible or other sources, we seem to be baffled as to its varied uses. In India the mystic word OM or AUM may signify the three persons of the Hindu Trinity, Brahma, Vishua, or Shiva. To the Brahman, it signifies the "One without a second" of the Adwaita Philosophy. In every case, however, AUM is used as a creative sound whose vibration is to build words. Thus, when the mystic is capable of hearing all in one of the countless voices, cries, and songs, and noises of all human beings and things that exist and move, it is the unique sound of AUM that reaches him. The same AUM vibrates also in the utmost depth of his inner self. He who can pronounce it with the right tone is able to work wonders, and he who knows how to utter it silently attains supreme emancipation.

In a splendid work by Madame Alexandra David-Neel on the Magic and Mystery in Tibet, this mystic who spent fourteen years in that "Land of Snows" which for us Westerners is a land wrapped in an atmosphere of mystery, and is the land of the unknown, the fantastic and impossible has collated her personal experiences with the lamas in the attainment of concentration and its Cosmic revelations. She states that in Tibet where the learned use the formula AUM MANI PADME HUM, together with the proper breathing exercises, they divide this formula into six syllables or vowel sounds and connect these six vowel sounds with the six classes of sentient beings, which are likewise related to one of the mystic colors as follows:

AUM is white and is connected with the Gods (Iha).

MA is blue and connected with the non-gods (Ihamayin).

NI is yellow and is connected with

PAD is green and connected with animals (tudo).

men (Yidag).

HUM is black and connected with

dwellers in Purgatory.

She further states that there are several opinions regarding the effect of the recitation of these six syllables. Popular tradition declares that those who frequently repeat the formula will be reborn in the Western Paradise of the Great Bliss. Others who deem themselves more enlightened declare the recitation of AUM MANI PADME HUM may liberate one from a rebirth in any of the six realms.

It is likewise used for the support of a special meditation which may be approximately described as follows:

On identifies six kinds of beings with the six syllables which are pictured in their respective colors as mentioned above. They form a kind of chain without end that circulates through the body, carried on by the breath, entering through one nostril and going out of the other.

As the concentration of the mind becomes more perfect, one sees mentally the length of the chain increasing. Now when they go out with the expiration, the mystic syllables are carried far away, before being observed again with the next inspiration. Yet the chain is not broken, it rather elongates like a rubber band and always remains in touch with the person who meditates.

Gradually also the shape of the Tibetan letters vanishes and those who "obtain the fruit" of the practice perceive the six syllables as the six realms in which arise, move, enjoy, suffer and pass away innumerable beings belonging to the six species.

And now it remains for the meditator to realize that the six realms (the whole phenomenal world) are subjective, a mere creation of the mind which imagines them into which they think.

Advanced mystics reach, by the way of this practice, a trance in which the letters of the formula, as well as the beings and their activity, all merge into THAT which, for lack of a better term, Mahayanist Buddhists have termed "emptiness." Then having realized the "Void" they become emancipated from the illusion of the world and, as a consequence, liberated from rebirths which are but the fruit of a creative delusion.

From this description of the use of AUM MANI PADME HUM by the mystics of Tibet, we can agree with Madame Alexandra David-Neel in her definition of the use of mysticism and psychology that everything which relates, whether closely or distantly, to psychic phenomena and to the action of psychic forces generally should be studied like any other science. That there is nothing miraculous or supernatural in them, nothing that should

ME is red and connected with non- engender or keep alive superstition. Psychic training, rationally and scientifically conducted, can lead to desirable results. This is why the information gained about such training - even though practiced empirically and based on theories to which we cannot always give our consent-constitutes useful documentary evidence worthy of our attention.

> Let us turn our attention from Tibet now to India and endeavor to secure the reason why breathing practice is enjoined in Raja-Yoga, together with the proper posture and the use of the sacred word AUM.

> From rhythmic breathing comes a tendency for all the molecules in the body to move in the same direction; and this is needed, for when the mind is focussed into will the nerve-currents change into a motion resembling that of electricity. The nerves have been proved to show polarity under the action of electric currents. This indicates the fact that when the will is transformed into nerve-currents it has something of the force of electricity. So the rhythmic breathing helps to transform the body into a gigantic battery of will. When this is gained the yogi speaks of rousing the coiled-up power latent at the lower end of the spinal cord.

> Thus to bring a state of perfect concentration the Yoga teaches that all the molecules must first move in the same direction, this being brought about by proper breathing. Posture is the next important point to concentrate properly the Yoga states. The meditator is taught to sit upright, the chest, neck and head must be in a straight line. Then breathe in and out in a rhythmic way. This brings harmony and tranquillity. Next comes the most important part, that of the inward repetition of some SACRED WORD. Repetition is advised because the act of repetition sets up certain rhythms and vibrations. The sacred word AUM is chosen in India because of its mystic meanings.

> It is a syllable composed of three letters A U M. The first letter A is a root sound pronounced without touching any part of the tongue or palate.

The U sound rolls from the very root to the end of the sounding-board of the mouth.

M concludes the series and closes the lips on sound.

When by the use of these three syllables the Yoga has secured the proper atmosphere and the proper vibrations for pure concentration, and sufficient time has elapsed in the exercise to become mechanical, it is stated that the whole aspect of the nature of WILL is changed, and the book of knowledge of the Akasha records are opened.

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The Origin of the Tarot Cards

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THE wise ones of an ancient time, whose keen minds and lofty spirituality had specialized, generation after generation, in the search for the great truths regarding the origin, destiny and method of progress of the human soul, desired to leave to posterity the results of their labor.

In that far day, writing was of the most primitive sort. Or if it existed in its later more complex form in Atlantis and Mu it was not preserved as such by their colonies. Yet each of the seven chief colonies—Peru, Mexico, China, Crete, Mesopotamia, India and Egypt—shows at its very beginning a rather high cultural development, such as entitles it to be called civilized. Art, medicine, agriculture, astronomy and political codes set each apart from adjacent savage people.

The Egyptian hieroglyphics which later developed bear some resemblance to, but are not identical with, those used by the Mayas of Guatemala and Mexico. Nor are they similar to the cuneiform inscriptions which in time developed in Mesopotamia, nor to the characters which came into use among the Chinese.

Back of these more arbitrary methods of recording thought, however, we find in each of these seven centers the remains of a still older form of writing, the pictograph. Until modern schools were introduced the American Indian made use of such writing. To represent good hunting, he painted or carved on a rock the picture of deer and other game. To indicate, in the desert region, that there was a water-hole in a certain direction, he traced a line on the rock in that direction. Where the line ends is the water-hole; for every Indian trail, in such a region, ends only at a waterhole.

In such writing he has gone beyond simple pictograph and employed universal symbolism. He has not felt the need of picturing the water or the waterhole. He knows that the end of a trail in every Indian's mind is associated with a water-hole. When he pictures where the trail ends, he thus conveys to any other Indian the information that there water can be found. Such picture writing may be found from Mexico to Canada throughout the arid region.

We say, "The pen is mightier than the sword," to convey the idea that the written thought is superior to warfare. And were we to picture the same idea by a sword lying broken beneath a pen, we also should be using symbolical pictograph writing; that is, universal symbolism. And it is by means of such symbolical pictographs that the wise ones of the past have preserved for us their spiritual findings.

The huge stone monuments that, wherever land is found, encircle the



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globe, are such universal symbols. By their form they each tell the story of man's most cherished beliefs, the story of the forces by which he is surrounded, and their conquest by the human soul.

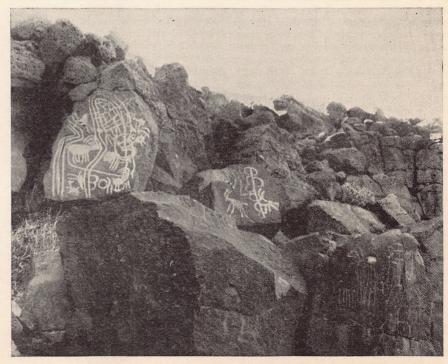
The four most important doctrines of the hoary past are thus incorporated in the obelisk, the dolmen, the cromlech and the dome, all of massive stone.

But in addition to these cardinal doctrines there were other spiritual verities of vast importance to human welfare. And these were traced in the sky as the forty-eight ancient constellations. The zodiac was found, through observation, to be divided into twelve regions, each having a distinct and powerful influence. Twelve of the constellations thus picture the signs of the zodiac. But every sign was also found, and is found today, to be divisible into three decanates of ten degrees, each of which also exerts a well-defined sub-influence. And each of the thirty-six ultra-zodiacal constellations pictures the influence of a certain one of these thirty-six decanates.

But in addition to its influence over physical life and destiny, each zodiacal sign and each zodiacal decanate is related, by the law of correspondences, to a spiritual principle. And the constellation picturing the sign or decanate is also a symbolical pictograph of the spiritual idea associated with it, and thus teaches a definite moral doctrine.

Such brief mention of the constellations as pictograph explanations of the spiritual and moral conceptions of those who traced these designs in the sky seems a necessary prelude to any intelligent discussion of the origin of the Tarot cards, for the Tarot designs were a still further exemplification of the same spiritual ideas which the constellations picture. That is, the Tarot designs were in the nature of a commentary, written in symbolical pictograph,

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Indian pictograph writing, five miles north of Coso Springs, Inyo County, Cal., recording the history of a great game drive. Fred H. Skinner, photographer.

ASTROLOGY AND SURGERY

By HAASAN OSIRIS

Author of "Astrological Birth Control", "My Stars Tell Me," Etc.

OUR celestial universe is bounded by twelve Zodiacal Signs, each of which has a certain, definite influence upon human life, and each Sign governing a certain portion of the Grand Man, or parts of the human body.

The Earth's orbit is the path taken by the Earth in its travel completely around the Sun in 365¼ days. The Zodiac is the path taken by the planets in their revolution around the Earth. From our various points of view, looking on a perpendicular it appears to us that the Sun transits from one sign to another once each month. The Moon, much closer to the earth than any other planet, also transits from one sign to another but completes a journey through the entire Zodiac once each month or approximately once every twenty-eight days. Knowing, as we do from generations of observation that the planets do influence or indicate conditions experienced in human life upon Earth, it is easy to see that the influence of the Moon must be of vital importance and should be taken into consideration.

Our forefathers, and even the early American Indians, placed great stress upon certain phases of the Moon to plant their crops, set eggs, go fishing, sterilization of animals, etc. Why did they recognize these things? Not because they were superstitious! Because they had found from experience that doing such things at certain times produced better results. They did not know why, but they did know the results. They were practicing Astrology and did not know it. Those are, of course, very rudimentary and simple rules of Astrology. Had they known more of the influence of the Stars they might have accomplished more wonderful results. We of this day and age know that Astrology has a much more vital part to play in human progress than that. The first automobiles and the first radios manufactured were clumsy, difficult affairs to manage, but people went to work to improve upon them and the results of their improvement have changed our entire mode of transportation and communication and, in fact, have changed our very mode of living.

However, a much more important scientific achievement has been left in its original stages, in the stages of development along with the first automobiles and radios. And that is the application of scientific knowledge revealed by Astrology to human life. To most people that branch of science is still in the primary stages, as our forefathers and great-forefathers used it. But it will not be so for long. The age of mass materialism is passing. The time is nearly due when great knowledge of over-whelming power will sweep over the world. It is up to those who wish to



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keep in step with modern progression to progress along with the trend of the times and to investigate these truths and test them out, or be left behind manipulating their old-fashioned ideas.

Surgery has developed some very wonderful things. It has sometimes accomplished the seemingly impossible; but at the same time it has experienced some very sad failures, at times. By the marvelous success of surgery many people are living today who might have been in their graves years ago. But by ignorance of Astrological laws in applying surgery, many are in their graves who need not be, at the present time. This is a very strong statement to make, but one that, with a bit of investigation will be found to be true.

I have personally directed the time for chronic surgical operations for several hundred clients. In every case where the operation took place at the proper Astrological period success beyond everyone's expectations was accomplished. And at such times when the operating surgeons spurned such an idea and set the date to suit their convenience, or when the person deliber-ately defied the proper Astrological instructions, and the operation happened to be performed at the improper Astrological time, much trouble, suffering, excessive bleeding, slow healing of incision, improper healing, adhesions, and sometimes death took place. People will just console themselves by saying or thinking that it was "just that person's time to die" and let it go at that.

There is no sensible, logical argument as to why some people should experience more difficulty with a minor operation than some people do with a major operation, except that it so happened the

major operation was accidentally performed at a good Astrological period and the minor one was not. When surgeons come into a realization of this importance, and when the public wakes up to the fact that demands the proper TIME for an operation as well as a SKILLED surgeon, there will be greater success for surgery and much less suffering for the patients. It costs no more to have an operation performed at the proper time than it does to have it done at the improper time, and it requires no more work, skill or nerve on the part of the operator at such a time than it does at any time chosen at random to suit the convenience of the staff or the operator. The patient places his or her life under the care of the operating physician, pays good money for such a trust in another human being, and is certainly entitled to the best conditions under which to have such a trust carried out, viz, the proper Astrological time as well as the latest sterilized equipment used in performing operations.

It is, of course, impossible to set the time for acute cases that demand surgery at once, but a reasonably small percentage of operations will be found to be acute. In nine cases out of ten it will be possible to defer operating until a favorable Astrological time arrives.

I give below some general important rules to be taken into consideration. These are by all means not all of the things to consider, but a few of the more general ones that are of importance.

An operation should never be performed when the Moon is in a Sign that rules that part of the body that is to be operated upon. For instance, if an abdominal operation, the operation should not be performed when the Moon is in the Sign of Virgo which rules the bowels. If a head operation, it should not be performed when the Moon is in Aries, which rules the head.

It is also dangerous for an operation to be performed when the Moon is approaching that part of the body to be operated upon. It is always better to wait until the Moon has passed through a Sign that rules the part of the body below the point of operation.

Operations that are performed on the INCREASE of the Moon heal faster and not as much vitality is lost as if performed on the decrease of the Moon. Also, if possible have the operation performed when the Moon is in a Sign that is harmonious to you. In the list on page 23 you will find those signs that are harmonious to you.

All GOOD almanacs give the position of the Moon from day to day, so you may discover what Sign the Moon oc-

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On the Borderline of Transition

An Experience in the Unfolding of Spiritual Consciousness

By ORA WRIGHT CRAST

THERE is depth and power to every human experience, that wisdom, truth and moral understanding may be a kind of awakening to our hearts, minds and souls.

It was through a strange experience that I learned the soul can under certain conditions pass into a "death state," to be revived later to record its sojourn. Being young and full of vigor, and seemingly without cause, I suffered a relapse after an operation and for several days continued to sink in vitality and consciousness until the two doctors and nurses just awaited the outcome, expecting every breath to be the last.

One evening, at a little after seven o'clock, when my husband was seated at my bedside, I suddenly relaxed and passed into a "death state." The nurses removed me into the "quiet room," where I could be closely watched and where it would be quiet to "die." About me developed a misty haze, and my soul, leaving my physical body, seemed to take flight, soaring on and on, higher and higher, entering an atmosphere of ethereal air and intense joy.

I was so happy to be released from physical limitations which hampered the body in its fleshy habitation, and thought of mother earth as a vale of tears. My soul was supremely happy to float high among the moving clouds, and the higher I climbed, the more I became purified and was bathed in the "White Light" of development. I felt physically glorified and perfect rhythm pervaded the clear, cool air, which invigorated me, renewing me, body and soul.

In addition to my five physical senses it seemed that I developed a sixth sense and was given the key of wisdom which unlocked secret passageways, which led me into the "Light" and understanding. Luminous were my previous mistakes, and I prayed to be forgiven of all error.

Then I entered into another cloud, where I was purged of all sin. It seemed to be a place of many mansions and I thought of the words of Jesus, that in His Father's house were many mansions.

Spirit, man's seventh Principle, then unfolded to me and I listened to the still inner voice, saying, "And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Romans 8-26.)

I experienced a Spiritual uplifting, accompanied with a sensation of a soft white aura about me, and amidst these summer clouds I threw off my abnormal state like shedding an old cloak and my weary soul was healed. My desire was



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to continue on my journey, floating off into space, but about me was a misty haze, connecting my body with a ray of light which descended and re-entered my physical body. I was conscious of the feeling that I had been outside my body, though connected by a beam of light to my physical form.

After four days, awaiting my transition, the doctors seemed surprised to report signs of life. I had come back to a world of struggle, disappointment and misinterpretation, but I had learned a great lesson, that I was not a poor sick soul, but a living soul, a part of the universe, a life eternal, and in that precious moment I discovered the great necessity of contact with our Divine Healer.

To me this experience came not as a dream or vision, but as a Spiritual awakening into the consciousness that opens the way whereby we are aware of the omnipresent existence of a Supreme Power. I believe the purpose of the soul's temporary residence in the "death state" was for purification and the wisdom learned taught the error of wrong thinking and substituted a desire to live according to the Holy Commandments and to inherit joy and abundance of greater things.

Through this experience I learned that the Spirit within can reach out beyond the body and approach the borderline of death, returning to life to record its journey. The soul, climbing higher and higher to inconceivable heights, drops its old state like the wilted petals of a flower and enters into another sphere, like lifting a sheer curtain in the pantomime. The soul fol-

lows the Spirit's leading, as "being led by the Spirit" with a guiding hand, "For narrow is the gate, and straight is the way that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it." (Matthew 7-14.)

Through this experience I learned to tap the Great Unknown for renewed strength and perfect rhythm with life. In this moment of Illumination I was re-born and became conscious of the presence of the Spirit, and through this medium God reveals Himself to man, thus carrying on the evolution of all Life.

I understand that some modern cults teach that we become sick, suffer and have such experiences because we have erred, but the higher knowledge shows us that we are not punished "for our sins," but "by our mistakes, do we suffer." Pain, disappointment and failure bring upon man a course of life that develops his higher powers, and he learns the law of compensation and as he sows, so shall he reap.

After this amazing experience,* and when my soul had returned to my physical body, I wondered how many miles I had soared from earth, then I realized that my body was as I had left it in the physical form, but was now changed and better able to cope with earth-life, and sunk deep in my mind was the little verse, written by the western poet, Mr. Orr:

"Lord of a thousand worlds am I, And I reign since time began; And night and day, in cyclic sway, Shall pass while their deeds I scan. Yet time shall cease ere I find release, For I am the Soul of Man."

* It seemed something vital had snapped and all power of the body was thrown out of co-ordination. The lungs refused to correspond with the air, the heart with the blood. I was thrown out of "rapport" with my environment; my internal relations were no longer adjusted to my external relations and to the outside world I was partially dead. It was a long struggle to repair the broken inward connection sufficiently to enable it to correspond again with the old surroundings.—(Author's note.)

FALL-TIME LEAVES By CLAIRE KENYON

bet wonder when I see great

What wonder when I see great trees that strain

To every wind that rides across the sky— Unerring rhythm in the smallest vein, And then what wonder when I calmly lie Beneath their leaf-filled arms that reach away

To where the master-moulder of an art Conceives those beauties for a summer's day.

But, oh! the touch of wonder in my heart

When all above the dying, crisping grass The trees hold leaves of yellow, brown and red,

Of gorgeous colors, till they fall to pass
And dance to rest upon their earthen bed.
How great the awe if they could only
blow

To fleck the far-off valley when I go.

"Stir Up the Gift That Is in You"

(Reprint-"The Aquarian Age")

By LOUISE B. BROWNELL

WITHIN each soul a Giant of Accomplishment is awaiting expression. But this Giant is bound and tied and fettered by your fears, your disbeliefs, your inertia, your lack of courage and ambition, your unbelief in yourself, and in the God within you. He is bound by your ignorance of his existence, or your fear to recognize his genius and your willingness to give him Time and time again as Opportunity has knocked at the Gate of your Soul, he has strained and tugged at these cords with which you have bound him, but unable to free himself, he has lain down again to fitful, restless slumber.

Who has not felt his dissatisfaction? Who has not chaffed with his impatience? Who has not half-heartedly listened to his pleadings to free him from his bonds, and set him free to work for you? But alas, too many of us fear to release him, fearing he will step too far, or crowd us faster than we want to go, or make us work harder than we desire to? We are either ignorant and unaware of this Giant within, or we fear him too much. We want the ease of present living, old associations, the present security (false as it may prove to be) and we hesitate to step out of our beaten path, so crestfallen and discouraged our Giant creeps back into his shell of futility and despair, waiting for a louder knock from Life's School of Experience to awaken us to a larger vision, and that courage and fearlessness which will welcome his co-operation and power to push us on to greater success and victory.

This Giant of Genius buried deep within you has an adventuresome spirit. He longs to break the leash which binds and throttles him and to step out a free soul, on a new and untried path. He has the pioneer spirit which filled the forefathers of our country who, aware of His presence, allowed him to lead the way to explore new sections of this great land of ours. He led them across fields and plains, and the high mountains of Accomplishment. waved the banner of Victory before them, and they followed on, through drouth and cold, through famine and death, through ambush and attack of enemies on every side. Battered and torn, weak and sick, confronted by seemingly insurmountable obstacles, they struggled on. They had freed the Giant within themselves, and he led them ever onward, even driving them when they would falter or turn back.

This Giant within you has an indomitable will, and is ever trying to hew new paths, or lead you in paths of new and greater endeavor. He wants to hew out new paths through the wildernesses. He wants to travel to new countries, chart new maps. He wants to

fly an army of massed planes over oceans. He wants to invent new and strange devices to ease the burdens of his brother men. He wants to build with new tools the needs of his far vision of the Future. He wants to further explore the inexhaustible fields of art, of science, of music, of literature, of astronomy, of electricity, of air waves, and even cosmic waves, whose uses have not yet been determined. He is beginning faintly to comprehend the wonders of Mind, and what it can accomplish. He wants to explore the bowels of the earth and dig up its hidden treasures. He wants to travel the mountains and valleys at the bottom of the seas and solve the mysteries of the great deserts, with their civilizations which have come and gone.

Above all he wants Man to know the heights and depths of his own being and to unleash the powers within him. Far off in the first faint stirrings of time he has heard the Cosmic whisper, "Man, know thyself!" and since that time he has known, deep within his own soul, that there are no limits to man's accomplishment, no heights which he cannot conquer, no depths which he cannot fathom. He knows his only enemies are Fear and Doubt and Inertia; that it is these three foes which are binding the Giant within, and only as he conquers Fear and Doubt and Inactivity, with Faith, Courage, Confidence, Enthusiasm and Activity, will the Giant be able to lead him forth to Victory and unending accomplishment.

How are you to know this Giant is within you? The answer is self evident. Are you not sons of God? There was One who came twenty centuries ago and told you, "Beloved NOW are ye the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what ye shall be." A pitiful few have believed His message and released the Giant within them, but there are countless others who are acting anything like sons of God, who is the spiritual King of this Universe with wisdom, riches, power and glory so vast we cannot comprehend them. If you cannot picture yourself as a son of God, then first picture yourself as a son of a temporal king on this earth. If God had brought you into life as the son or daughter of a king, you would have to feel and act the part. Shakespeare truly said: "All life is a stage and we are the actors on it." But what poor actors most of us make, considering our opportunities.

If we were children of a king, we would be schooled in the parts we had to later play (even though much against our inclination and will). We would hold up our heads if we were children of the king. We would dress as befitting our positions. We would study to become wise in knowledge. We would acquire the fine arts of living, to

grace our station in life. We would learn self-control and temperance, that we might later be able to claim our birthright and be able and fit to govern others. But as children of an earthly king we would still be bound and fettered and hampered, by many conventions, and no matter how we wished, we would not be able to loose the Giant of Genius and Adventure within our souls.

Few are born to be children of earthly kings, but all are born children of the Heavenly King, and what a glorious birthright! How much nobler and freer is our birthright as sons of God with no one to hinder or hamper us, and with unlimited resources and powers planted within us and surrounding us on all sides, if we will only open our eyes to see them, and reach out to grasp and use what has been placed freely in our reach? Every boy and girl, and every man and woman now living, has ten times the opportunities and resources continually at his command, as the children of kings had in past generations, and within us, each and everyone, slumbers a Giant waiting to be put to work, waiting to lead us to undreamed of heights.

This Giant within you is your own soul, which is molded in the Image and LIKENESS of God. Nothing can stay it from its destiny. You may crush it, you may delay it, you may ignore it, you may bind and fetter it, you may bury it, but suddenly, when you are unaware, it will rise up and point its condemning finger at you, and command you to "Go Forward." It will never let you rest, until you are up and about your Father's business. This Soul Giant within you is a Glorious Being of Peace and Power, of Wisdom and Beauty, which knows no worry or lack, no pain or sickness or death, no inharmony or discouragement. It knows no defeat, it brooks no delay; it stands serene in turmoil. It stands fearless in wreck and disaster. It is calm and serene, undisturbed by your dallying, for it knows nothing can defeat its ultimate end and purpose. But it broods over you always as a mother over its child, whispering to you your possibilities and pushing you forward as opportunity offers. It is the voice of Intuition speaking in your consciousness; and it is the Voice of Conscience which brings you back on the path Godward no matter how far you stray. It is the power within you which plusses every effort you make, which encourages you, which protects you. You do well when you listen to its Voice. It is the Guardian Angel whom God has given charge over you to keep you in all your ways. It is the Friend you can never lose. Always and ever it is urging you to "Stir up the gifts within you" to perfect them and to give

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The Astral World - As the Author Experienced It

By NORRIS CHAMBERS

I SAT in a large comfortable chair, in the center of a low-ceiled, square room, thinking of the wonders and mysteries of the incomprehensible vastness of magnificence which surrounded me. The universe, the world, the planets, and the whole system of creation. What was back of it all? Was it a supreme mind, or was the whole thing a matter of chance and a product of evolution?

What was beyond the field of human vision from the earth? Was there a vast greatness of nothingness, of space, or a roaring furnace of fire, lightning and all the terrors of the earthly universe multiplied a hundredfold? What was behind it all?

I was thinking of these problems when I gradually drifted into unconsciousness and darkness engulfed me. It was the development, the unfoldment. I was in a trance, and my body had been caught in one of the rays of the hereafter, which lead to the Astral World and its marvels and splendors.

I felt my soul being swept forward with a strange feeling impossible to describe and saw myself rising slowly above my still body in the chair. I was still connected to my body, however, by a shining, silky thread. I saw the thread stretch, as I drew farther and farther away. It all became clear before me now. I saw it all and knew what it all meant.

I now knew that I was going through the stages of death, although there was some kind of vague instinct which told me that I was not dead; but I still looked upon the room from above. I saw below me the carpet, the furniture, and the chair containing my still, pale body very plainly before me. My body was not the Me, but was only a frail shell. The Me was inside the astral form which I now inhabited.

I was now growing farther and farther from my old body, and at last I saw it disappear and I felt a vague, vivid feeling that I was somewhere I did not belong. The string, or thread, still stretched from my white, crystallike, ethereal form. It was still binding me to my earth form. I must return to it to act as the flower, among the great expanse of greatness of which I did not try to comprehend.

I saw strange crystal-like forms like myself wandering around, and as suddenly as if I had fallen from a high building, I saw one of the forms swerve from its course and rush toward me. What horrible nightmare could this be? It could not possibly be anything more than a horrible, vivid nightmare, filled with millions of unimaginable horrors.

The strange ghost approached me—I noticed that it was not connected by a cord as I was—and said, as it came within hearing:

"I am to be your guide; excuse me for neglecting you so far, but we are not told of the trances as we are the deaths. You are, after your enrollment, or voyage through the Astral World, to return to the earth life."

I noticed that queer violet lights sparkled around me, which resembled spark-plugs, somewhat. Queer-colored flashes occurred occasionally in the vast background; for the whole thing was against a background of nothing. The spirits had no footing. This was the hereafter beyond the barrier of the Fourth Dimension—the Astral World.

I listened intensely, for the guide was speaking again:

"I will now take you to the Time Stream and show you some of the phenomena of the past, future and present."

"You mean it is possible for me to see into the future?" I asked wonderingly.

"We have the future planned for billions and billions of billions of years," he continued, "and after that time if all souls are not perfect time can be carried forward. All souls must be made perfect in the end.

"There are many planes around the earth, each one higher than the other, until they reach a height of attainment so far advanced that they are ready for another planet. One soul cannot go higher than the plane for which it is intended. You will be born upon the earth countless millions of times, and each time you will advance some. You will be placed on a plane a little higher, until you reach the highest earth plane."

"And then—" I asked, "what is there?"

"Wonders and happiness grander and greater," he answered, and I thought I saw a smile on his face. "Each plane you go to is somewhat higher than the one you were on before your last earth life, and the life on the planes becomes more and more refined, and your constitution more and more ethereal. You will advance in happiness on the higher planes, you will feel more contentment there, and you will look down upon the lower planes as the ones you have mastered, and will wonder what is beyond."

"And what is beyond?" I queried, and I saw his face undergo a change. It took on a rapt expression.

"An infinity of infinities," he replied, his voice more mild and less manly. "There are countless hundreds of millions of billions of worlds and chains of planets. There are likewise millions of universes and chains of universes and chains of these chains, and there are also millions of planes around all these planets and universes. Before you reach eternity you will pass through them all. The earthly solar system, its planetary chains, and its moons and suns are

only as a drop of water in the ocean in it all."

"Then what am I?" I asked. "A poor mortal soul lost among all this intangible greatness, this incomprehensible vastness?"

"You are part of it," he returned. "You are a living soul, a part of creation. Without you the universe would go wrong and fall to nothing. You are as a cog in a machine running creation. You are a cog in the universe. Without you it would be hopelessly ruined."

I saw the guide vanish, and I saw the flickering violet lights close in on me. I felt myself being swept forward, forward into nothingness.

I suddenly felt a strange feeling creep over me and on either side of me I saw great fern trees, towering to the height of two hundred feet; and under these trees great dinosaurs and dinotheria prowled—a primeval forest. The past. Slowly the scene changed to caves, the hairy human ancestors standing in the doors, and then the present. New York, London, Paris, Chicago, and all the leading cities of the world of today loomed before me. The feeling of something I had never before seen or heard came over me. It was the feeling of the future.

On either side of me I saw great airships, flitting rocket-ships and countless other unknown machines. I saw great bombs crashing into cities and blowing buildings hundreds of yards. This was the future. The far future. All this was in store for the earth; suddenly a violent explosion and blinding flash in front of me stopped the scene. This was the end of the world. The end of the earth as it would be in the future. I then felt myself slipping forward, and then—darkness.

I recovered my senses in the rocking chair in which I had previously been seated; but the vividness of the trance seemed firmly fixed in my mind. Could the words of the guide have been the truth? How had I remembered them? Was all he had said so, or was it a vivid nightmare? I did not know, but I at least believed it.

The Living Water By Mary Basford

The way's more bright,
Let come what might,
You know your source of all,
Go on each day to meet the sun,
And on your heaven call.
The floodtide's here to stay.
So watch it day by day—
Your every need is filled before you ask,
So cease repining;
The silver lining shows;
Life's water fills the flask,

Occult and Psychic Experiences

Told by Our Readers

The Danger Signal By W. COLSON

WHEN I was sixteen years old, I was living, after my mother's death, with my father who had, a few years previous, gone to China. He had an office in one of the Chinese cities on the Yangtze-kiang, where he was the agent for one of the larger steamship companies. All his life he had studied the waters—currents, oceans and rivers were his joy. He was more at home in a boat or sailing vessel than on shore.

We owned a summer house in a very beautiful, cool canyon in one of the valleys among high mountains that bordered the large river. In summertime, when the Yangtze-kiang rushes down from its source in the province of Yunnan, where the melted snow and many large side streams feed its waters in the high mountains, its surface is full of dangerous whirlpools of all sizes. It is then necessary for any kind of boat, be it a little three or four passenger row-boat or a 300-sailor Chinese junk, to move along watchfully and as close to the short as possible. But here also lurk dangers, since the currents under the surface, playing around rocks and occasional islets, may smash the vessel against these rocks or push it into some powerful whirlpool where within a few seconds it is drawn into the watery depths, which always means death.

I was recuperating from an illness and was resting on a couch on the upstairs veranda of our house, which was built on a stone foundation in such a way that one side was washed by the river. My father had gone to our summer-house to put things in order and was supposed to return around 3 o'clock. He always used a large Chinese rowboat with three or four oarsmen and his unsurpassable Lao-Dah, headman, who seemed to know every mood and change of the turbulent waters. The center of the boat had a solid roof to protect the travelers from the hot sun. Six people could be accommodated there, in which case more oarsmen would be employed.

This particular afternoon my father had gone alone with his men. I was peacefully reading an interesting novel, the weather was lovely and the swallows that had built two nests around hooks in the ceiling were flying happily to and fro through the never-closed shutters, feeding the young ones.

Suddenly I jumped up, regardless of what happened to the book (a thing I had never before done), with the almost unconquerable feeling and desire of wanting to jump into the water and rush to my father. I looked down upon the water, up and down stream. There was nothing to cause excitement. The invisible force, however, drove me to

the end of the verandah in the direction of our summer bungalow. I had to fight this queer overwhelming feeling and wondered for a moment seriously whether I merely experienced the beginning of insanity. As suddenly as this experience started, as suddenly did it vanish. The magnetic force from the outside left and I sat down trying to puzzle it all out.

When we were sitting together at the dinner table with one or two guests my father suddenly said to me:

"You know, my dear, that almost you would not have a father any more."

would not have a father any more."
I murmured: "Three o'clock"...
"The current"...

"Yes," my father said. "You know that one big rock that we always pass by when the water is so dangerously high? Today even Lao-Dah was misled for a moment and we were so close to being smashed and drowned that I hardly see how we were saved. I felt so deeply to have to leave you that I prayed. The next moment there was a jerk and our boat was free."

Then I told my father of my own seemingly queer experience; and now that all was well, I recalled that during the tensest moment I had more felt than expressed in words a short intense sort of prayer that my father be saved.

Our belief in a Higher guidance was strengthened manifold.

And Mrs. Garey Came

In everybody's life there are instances, happenings, that are so outstanding in their intensity, clearness and uniqueness that their memory becomes almost sacred.

I am over forty years old now, but one afternoon of my childhood will never be forgotten, though what happened was something very ordinary—just a visit. But— here is HOW it happened.

I was used to the fact that my mother was what is now called "psychic." Neither of us, however, knew anything about this "peculiarity" in a scientific way. There was no name for it; in fact, it was neither discussed nor even thought of as something unusual. My mother was very intelligent, highly educated, had traveled much and was so beloved by all who met her that the thought of something "out of the ordinary" in her was perhaps unconsciously suppressed, since at that time it would not have been considered complimentary.

Thus, when one day she would mention to some friends and myself that my father was very ill—he was staying in South America for a short time and we had not heard from him for several weeks—we merely expressed hope for his recovery. Several days later my mother told me that he was getting

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Beauty and the ——? By CHARLES HENRY BOWIE

SO YOU are up here on a fishing trip and stopping at the Gleason place! Well, step in, and after the shower I'll show you a path leading to their road."

"Thank you," I replied to the kind old man's invitation. "I shall be glad to accept your hospitality. I have been fishing in Trussell's brook, and was making a short cut back when I saw your house."

"You are welcome," he graciously replied, as his feeble, bent figure led the way to a comfortable chair beside the fireplace, in which was a brisk, cheerful blaze.

"Yes, you are more than welcome now, but for years you would not have been allowed to enter my home, even though you appear to be a gentleman. The other man seemed to be honorable, too."

My host, at the opposite side of the fire, slumped down, apparently in deep thought, and as I glanced about the dingy room I noticed at his right hand on a small table a well-worn Bible and two photographs with identical frames, but otherwise as much unlike as could be. One was of a beautiful young woman; the other that of a large dog, ugly as sin.

"That is the best example of 'Beauty and the Beast' I ever saw," I remarked, nodding toward the photographs.

"I suppose Jack does seem like a beast to you, sir, but not to me, for he no doubt saved my soul from damnation."

"It was many years ago. My wife, Peggy, and I were both young, had been married only a few years, and had worked together with a will to carve this farm out of the wilderness. I didn't know then, but I do now, that I let her work too hard and didn't realize either that she needed other human companionship besides mine.

"There was a man, Galen Semple, a timber cruiser, up here to survey large tracts for a lumber company in which his father held controlling interest. I had known him before I was married, but did not respect the fellow, for he was a cheap libertine. Yet, when I met him up here he seemed changed, and his suave manner made me forget what he had been. I, like a witling, invited him into our home, introduced him to my wife, and he broke bread with us. I can remember even now how he bared his prominent canine teeth as he smiled at my wife, a peculiarity he had when smiling at a woman who attracted him. I can't describe it, but you have seen a dog bare its teeth in anger. Well, imagine that as a smile.

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ICEBOUND

By MONT HURST and FRANK KENNETH YOUNG

THE following story was told by a Norwegian sailor, a queer old fellow whose face was wrinkled with the storms of many seas and whose eyes held the dreamy, far-away expression one sometimes sees in the eyes of mystics and seers.

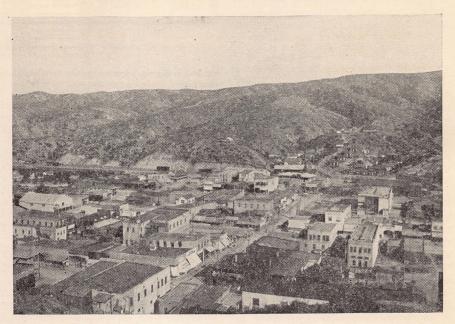
All during the spinning of his yarn he was sitting on a wharf, smoking an ancient clay pipe and gazing across the water as if to the distant shores of Norway, his native land, where, as he quaintly said, his love was awaiting his return.

"My home," he said, "is in Tromso, Norway, a town visited by many tourists who come to see the midnight sun. So far north is this town situated that during part of the summer the sun can be seen both night and day. Many are the beautiful sights to be seen in this far country, where the force of some unseen power seems to pervade the very atmosphere. There, when I was still a youth, I met and fell in love with Olga Johnessen, the daughter of a cycle dealer. She was very beautiful, with a musical voice and a magnetic personality. Frequently, I would go to see her at dusk when shadows fell and together we would watch the sun sink lower and lower until it vanished below the horizon that veiled scenes beyond space. Sometimes, too, we would climb the snow and ice covered mountains to almost inaccessible heights and there sit and talk of the things so dear to the hearts of lovers.

"But, alas, our betrothal came to an early end, for Olga yearned to see America, of which she had heard so much. Her brother had long ago gone to the wonder country and had sent money to pay Olga's passage across the sea, that she might join him. She desired a stage career and believed she possessed talent. Indeed, her love of the stage and her ambition to become an actress seemed at times to outweigh even her love for me. When I came to understand this, I grew very sad. I felt that I could not live without her, that life would not be worth living if it should be that my dreams were shattered. I spoke to her of this and told her I determined, if she went away to America, that I should commit suicide. But she only laughed at me and said I would soon forget her; that my youthful passions were impelling me to speak strange words.

"She was a rather mysterious person, was Olga, hard to know and understand. Old women of Tromso often claimed she was possessed of unnatural mental faculties. She herself once told me she would bring me happiness, even though she were far away. I still begged her not to go to America, for I did not understand.

"'There is nothing to explain, my dear Hjalmir,' she said. 'You say you



Tromso, Norway

will come to America after me. Don't waste your money in that manner. You love Norway, its icy crags and floes and the stillness of its nights. Your happiness lies here, among the vast silences.'

"I protested to no avail. She was resolved to go to America and no amount of argument could dissuade her. But the night before she was due to sail, I persuaded her to go with me once more up into the mountains which we both loved, up, up into the starry night, to heights where we two only dared climb. There we paused to rest and view the midnight sun and I sat very close to her with my arm about her waist, for I had a strange premonition that I might never again have a like opportunity.

"After a time she complained of feeling sad and begged me to take her home. In the downward descent of the mountain a chance misstep caused her to slip over an icy ledge and she was precipitated fifty feet to a rocky floor below. Horrified, I hastened to peer over the ledge and caught a glimpse of her lovely, young body, twisted by the fall, lying in a huddle on the ice. For a moment I was tempted to throw myself after her, but was stayed by the thought that she might still be alive and in need of help. Carefully, I lowered myself, hand over hand, to where she lay and stooping to examine her, found my worst fears realized. She was dead! Beautiful and still, her pale face almost as white as the snow that framed it!

"As I made the discovery, a loud, despairing cry escaped me, and I turned to throw myself over the cliff. But suddenly I heard a voice calling my name, a voice with a ring of command that

was not to be disobeyed. Turning to gaze, I saw outlined in the wall of ice the shape of a human face and the face was that of Olga, the woman I loved! It was beautiful beyond words, with large, glowing eyes, curving lips and noble brow. For a moment the thought came to me that I was the victim of my imagination, that I was having hallucinations. But on closer examination I saw that the face was real. Then, even as I gazed, the lips seemed to move, speaking the single word, 'Lover!'

"I moved yet closer and though the temperature was several degrees below normal, I seemed to feel the warmth of a human body. It seemed to me that I stood in the presence of Olga, though well I knew that her crushed, broken body, now lifeless and still, lay but a few feet away. Could it be that, by some strange power, she was projecting her soul through the veil of death to warn me that life was precious? For hours, it seemed to me, I stood staring at the beautiful face in the ice and I was held by her mystic spell until I grew cold and hungry. Then her voice seemed to speak again, whispering in my ear: 'Go home and get food, lover, but return soon. Return often, dear one! I shall always be here when you come.'

"Then, and only then, did I retrace my steps wearily to Tromso. Once arrived, I tried to tell my story to friends, but they believed I had been made insane by the shock of tragedy. Though they returned and gathered up the body of Olga, bearing it tenderly back to the village, they refused to believe the story I told.

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H. P. BLAVATSKY AND THE SE-CRET DOCTRINE—by Max Heindel. Introduction by Manly P. Hall. Published by The Phoenix Press, Los Angeles, Calif. An interesting Biography of Max Heindel's call to the Path, compiled from the first book manuscript he wrote. The book is dedicated to Madame Blavatsky in honor and appreciation of the great benefit the Author received from this noted woman's teachings. Truly, a fitting tribute from one worthy teacher to another. You will want to place this book among your cherished writings by your beloved teacher.

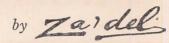
THE COMING REVOLUTION—With Ballots or Bullets-Which? By J. A. Watkins, Los Angeles, Calif. Published by the author. Every citizen of this United States of America should read, ponder and realize that the author is not a fiction writer but a Past Master of his subject. Citizens must awaken to their duty by the power of reason rather than the might of the bullet.

LIVING PICTURES-In the Great Drama of the 19th Century—by Mirza Ahmad Sohrab and Julie Chanler. Published by New History Foundation, New York City. A Biographical history of the founders of the Bahai movement of the world; enhanced by many illustrations of historic places and photographs of the founder and leaders who became Mystics for their cause.

THE PROPHECY OF THE PYRA-MID—by Arthur Wood Chapman. Published by The Elizabeth Towne Co., Holyoke, Mass. The author sets forth his conclusions of the meaning and the relationship of the Pyramid to the world's events, including the depression. This is the third volume received in our office treating on this subject by different authors during the past three months. Each in their turn have brought out some specific happenings. We are promised a release of the present depression in 1936, but the judgment of the Nations does not come until August 20th, 1953. This book is interesting and constructive throughout. Art paper cover, 50c.

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JANUARY, 1934

The lunation for this month occurs in the 1st degree of Taurus, an earthly, feminine, zodiacal sign ruled by Venus.

January, 1934, opens with a rather disturbing influence over the world. There will be spectacular fires, terrible crimes spread abroad, and bold thefts threaten the big cities. An internationally known person will be assassinated and there will be serious political strifes stalking the high circles. Great excitement prevails in unofficial circles and make for many false rumors and ungrounded predictions by extremists.

Many deaths of notable people are indicated. Trade relations with other countries will prosper, however. There will be great expansions in commerce and many improvements in transportation, means of communication and great strides in the electrical and film indus-

Many people will frown upon news of controversy in China and Japan, and for a time the eyes of the world will be focused upon France and her international squabbles.

Sharp criticism of the Administration's policies will continue with some possibility of this going so far as to necessitate a "show down" by authorities. Some trouble will arise over the confusion caused by the repeal of the prohibition law and the Federal authorities will tighten their control over this particular thing.

A hard, cold, severe winter grips the country in most parts, and many deaths will occur from exposure.

New inventions will be "written up" and exploited that are coming to light. Some of them death-dealing wartime inventions or discoveries. A feeling of unrest and distrust seems to spread over the land among some factions, who try to stir up antagonism against the ruling powers. These will have to be dealt with severely to quell their radical ideas.

It is a month of excitement, but not serious enough to become panicky about. The month ends with better conditions and February will be much more agree-

JANUARY, 1934 (For verification: Raphael's Aspectarian for 1934)

- 1. The day is adverse until 6 P. M. for important things. Most everyone will be carrying the "blues" today. The evening favors entertainment.
- 2. Not a favorable aspect occurs today, so calm yourself and refuse to get upset.
- Same as yesterday.
- The day favors money transactions and dealings with women until 3

- P. M. After that things become gradually confusing and upsetting.
- Only one favorable aspect occurs today. It is of short duration, therefore we can expect the adverse ones to overcome it. Be careful of all money transactions and do not be surprised at delays. Avoid acci-
- 6. Until 1:30 P. M. things are favorable in a general way for business, personal affairs and accomplishing things. After that, not so good. Evening shows disputes, accidents and delays.
- 7. A day to be careful, retrench and rest. Unfavorable for travel or great activity. Attend church or lectures and read.
- The day is mostly favorable for transactions of importance, money affairs, domestic affairs and ro-
- Sharply adverse indications rule the day. Be careful. Hold your Guard your health and temper. avoid accidents.
- 10. The day is good for general and ordinary pursuits, but do not expect too much from promises or agreements.
- Rather disappointing for personal plans and artistic pursuits. Make haste slowly and do not take any risks or chances.
- Until noon be careful and cautious in all things that you do. Avoid hurts, ill-will of others and losses. The balance of the day is very much better for general domestic, business and personal affairs.
- The good aspects for today occur too early to be of use to us in the United States. Therefore proceed with discretion.
- 14. An excellent day for usual Sunday interests, amusements, recreations or religious devotions.
- 15. The day mostly favors routine matters. Not especially adverse for big deals except that they may be delayed. Good for home conditions and for reasoning with other people.
- 16. Until 4.45 P. M. serious adverse aspects operate. Guard against treachery, deceit, false promises, theft, accidents and quarrels. The balance of the day is very much better.
- 17. The entire day is filled with benefic influences. Keep busy, forge ahead, accomplish as much as possible.
- 18. Adverse until 1:11 P. M. Be careful. After that very much better for the usual affairs of the day.

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Reviewing

The Leading Magazines

of the month in their respective work in the

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These wonderful magazines touch on every theme of human emotion. Space does not allow a general review of contents, so we are just making a brief synopsis of the sky lines as follows:

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THE WHISPER-Published at Montague, Mich. A Journal of Prevenient thought which says, "Give Tomorrow a Voice of Today." "Prevent Rather Than Cure." "Let Us Shape Tomorrow's Generation Rather Than Patch Up Yesterday's Mistakes." A worthy cause sponsored by Joseph A. Sardony and William Alvis Guthrie, M.D.

THE SEER — Published in France. The October Seer contains an article on Music in Seances by Horace Leaf, F.R.G.S. He says in part, "Until qualified scientists became interested in supernormal phenomena, it was believed that music was indispensable to their production." We are heartily in accord with the scientists. He further says, "I have always found this a troublesome factor in my development classes, as in some instances the music which has aided one psychic has retarded another."

ASTROLOGICAL BULLITENA Published in Los Angeles, Calif. A Silver anniversary number beautifully bound in silver and a very good photo of its editor and publisher on the cover. A guide for your daily life according to the signs of the stars.

N A T I O N A L ASTROLOGICAL JOURNAL—An ethical periodical sponsored by the National Astrological Association in the interests of scientific Astrology. A very interesting magazine to all who are interested in Astrology.

NATURE'S PATH—Published in New York City. The November issue carries an appeal to Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States of America for freedom for the newer and natural methods of healing. A powerful and logical appeal for freedom from tyranny by the old schools of thought who retard progress.

PEACE—A new magazine on our reading table published by Sri Santiasram Godavari, India, contains many inspiring articles. Outstanding, we find an article entitled "Mind, Its Mysteries and Control," in which he says

"Violent fits of hot temper do serious damage to the brain cells, throw out poisonous chemical products into the blood, produce general shock and depression and suppress the secretion of gastric juice, bile and other digestive juices in the alimentary canal, drain away your energy and vitality, induce premature old age and shortens life." This is food for thought; especially it should be taught to our children.

NAUTILAS—Published in Holyoke, Mass. In the December issue Eliza-beth Towne, one of its editors, talks on "The Way of Life, The New Game of Collective Bargaining." "There are 125 millions of us Kabitzers looking on at this new game of Collective Bargaining and the God in every one of us despises the poor sport who won't play unless he can stack the cards." A wonderful article, straight from the shoulder, by a fearless writer.

THE AQUARIAN AGE—From Santa Barbara, Calif. "Hope for Cripples," by George B. Brownell, attracted our attention, which advocates "Eating of only one kind of food at one meal," which appeals to us and we recommend a trial of this simple suggestion.

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Stir Up the Gift That is in You—(Continued from page 10)

may benefit through them.

Even though you may have trained yourself early in life for a certain kind of work, and may feel it is necessary for you to express in that path only, the Soul Giant within you knows there are dozens of paths awaiting you, any one of which you might have chosen to lead you to Success, Happiness and Victory. The Soul within you, being in the image and likeness of God, knows that before you grow fully into His likeness you must work in many vineyards and gather many harvests.

The Giant within you, no matter how often he seems to slumber and sleep, always has one eye open, and never lets an opportunity go by to point out to you new avenues of accomplishment. Eternally he is urging you to stir up your gifts. It does not matter how old you are; how often you have previously failed; what the world thinks of you; what your heredity or circumstances. None of these things seem important to the Giant within. All he is looking for is quick release, to prove what you two can accomplish together, and what he can do through your mind and body and consciousness.

Thank God he has broken loose in many people we have known and heard and read about, and through them he has accomplished such wonders as to make this world we live in pay homage to the Soul within. He broke loose in Columbus and led him unperturbed and unafraid in the face of tremendous obstacles, to find this country in which the soul of man has found greater freedom of expression than in any other country on earth.

He broke loose in Lincoln, and helped him to override tremendous obstacles, bring freedom to the black slaves, and to sow seeds of greater mental and spiritual freedom for the whole world.

He broke through in Voltaire, when he was an old man, and helped him to free the common people of France.

He broke loose in Emerson, Mary Baker Eddy, Ingersoll, Plato, Buddha and Jesus and enabled them (with countless others who have followed in

them expression, that you and others their footsteps) to give man greater spiritual freedom.

> Read the biographies of all great men and women if you wish to know how he broke loose in them, and enabled them to accomplish miracles.

> This same Soul-Giant is also leaping and straining within you, waiting for release. When are you going to loose his fetters and follow him to Freedom and Victory? Always he will be a step in advance of you, leading you on. Thank God you will never catch up with him, when you once make up your mind to loose him and let him go. Yours will be the task of following wherever he leads you, and you need never fear to follow. His motto is ever "Onward and Upward" toward Freedom and Happiness for you, and those who follow in your train.

> Longfellow caught the vision of the sleeping Giant in the souls of men when he penned these immortal lines:

NOT TOO LATE

"It is too late! Ah, nothing is too late-Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles Wrote his grand "Aedipus," and Simonides

Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers,

When each had numbered more than four-score years!

And Theophrastus at four-score and ten Had but begun his 'Characters of Men.' Chaucer at Woodstock, with the nightingales,

At sixty wrote the 'Canterbury Tales.' Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last, Completed 'Faust' when eighty years

were past. What then, shall we sit idly down and

The night hath come; it is no longer day?

For age is opportunity no less

Than youth itself, though in another dress.

And as the evening twilight fades away, The sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

Icebound—(Continued from page 13)

"Many times afterwards, when they returned to the mountain with me, though I could always see the beautiful face in the ice, they repeatedly assured me that they could see nothing! . . . Well, perhaps not! But I am glad I am not as they. My life is made happier by my communion with my icebound lover. I find solace in the vast silences of the icy crags where I know she will be waiting for me.

"When I do not visit her as often as is my usual custom, I hear her voice calling to me. And when I go, the face seems to smile, and I am happy! The warmth of a human heart lives on there in the fastnesses of the mountain and the features of a beautiful face are there engraved in ice for only one to

"Many weeks have passed since I last saw Olga, and I am sure she is missing me. Even now, I hear her voice calling and calling. Don't you? But, no, of course, YOU wouldn't hear. Well, my ship sails tomorrow! Thank God I'll soon be with her again!"

An Explanation of the Tibetan Incantation

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We no longer wonder when we read in history, romance, fiction and religious books of the East, the power of OM, or AUM, and likewise we learn with gratification that even in the services of the Occident, the vibratory powers set up in a church service of the use of the word, AMEN, more especially in some forms of ritual where this Amen is chanted and properly used. The Occident has still much to learn from the Orient on the vibratory powers of vowel sounds.

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"O-0-0-0-0-0-0, -m-m-m-m!!"

"He who would understand the PLAINS must ascend the ETERNAL HILLS, where a man's eyes scan Infinity. But he who would make use of understanding must descend to the PLAINS, where PAST and FUTURE meet and men have need of him."

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Life is a feast and we are gathered around the table; love is the wine and friendship the repast; the joy and merriment should not terminate with the rising of the sun nor the darkening of the heavens; laughter should peal free like the winds, for work ever casts its shadow upon us, and the gods do not wait.

Have you failed? Many have failed. Life is neither a perfection nor an achievement. There are no ultimate victories nor spoils to gain. He who thinks he has fared well because the current is with him is a fool. Our actual position is somewhere between

Would you be inspired? Then read defeat and victory. One favorable tide e. Think of it often and you shall be does not mean success.

To the successful the world is glorious; to the unsuccessful it is relentless. Thus we are constantly viewing life through the mirrors of success and defeat, but rarely do we see it as it is, because we live and labor under delusion.

The most successful writer is the one who pours the greatest amount of life into his work.

How can I know the Unknowable? How can I know that which is above my understanding? Is it possible to build from the Unknown to the Known?

In spite of pen and press, we are not monsters, but poor creatures of emotion. We have grace as well as fault, and no matter how far removed from life we may seem, there is something that stops us short of bestiality and godliness.

current is with him is a fool. Our The human body is beautiful not beactual position is somewhere between cause of its voluptuousness nor its at-

traction, but because of its power and utility, and whatever part we may admire, it is always the most finished and useful part.

One can easily imagine himself to be master of mind and body, but it is only vanity. For if we venture far out upon the stream of life where passions and circumstances are the gales, it is not so.

I cannot see why the higher powers want our supplications. If they lean at all toward human attributes, our devotion will not enrapture them. Surely, it must be sickening to be worshipped by one's inferiors.

I would not say that the American people are prosperous by accident, but by hard work. As long as they earn that right, felicity shall be theirs, and when it is obtained by inheritance, only then shall it fade.

Nature, the astute employer, keeps us unaware of our value lest we become too conscious and demand our full worth.

Experiences of the Author—(Continued from page 12)

better. About two weeks after that she received a letter verifying her statement. He had had a dangerous case of yellow fever. We were living in Germany for my education.

But here is the incident that affected my way of thinking, my belief in something more than the five senses and something that was not explained by

theology.

I was about twelve years old. My mother and I were living in Berlin, Germany. I had just returned from school and we were sitting down to lunch, when my mother said to me: "Magda, Mrs. Garey is coming today. Do you remember her?"

If someone had offered a trip to the planet Mars, I could not have been more astonished. When I was about five years old, my parents and I had lived for a while in Sydney, Australia; that is, we had stayed there for a few months while my father had to attend to business before returning to Europe. My parents had made friends with a family living in Sydney. They had several children with whom I played almost daily. It happened that I was bitten on the wrist by a poisonous insect and suffered an attack of tetanus (lockjaw). The little boy of the Garey family brought me a pretty silk handkerchief and sweets, while his sister wrote me a letter, the first one I had received in my life, addressed to me personally. And that was an event in my mind. Soon I was better and we left Australia, not knowing then whether we would settle in England or Germany.

My mother chose Bremen, since she was acquainted there and from there wrote one letter to the Garey family. We never heard from them again.

"Mother," I said, "did you hear from them? How do they know that we are in Berlin?"

"I don't know, dear girl, how they know that; in fact, I had not thought of them for many months, but I know that Mrs. Garey will be here this afternoon."

Soon the door bell rang, and, unnecessary to say, I had opened it before our maid could get there. But it was not the expected lady. The minutes passed, even hours. Then, in the evening, suddenly the door bell rang again. I opened and saw a lady that I did not remember having seen before.

"Does Mrs. Colson live here?" she asked.

That was one time where my politeness gave way to enthusiasm. Instead of answering her, I yelled, turning my back on her, "Mother, mother! Mrs. Garey is here!"

Mother came and they recognized each other immediately. I stared. I knew that my mother "knew a lot," but that she had foretold that visit was a miracle even in my mind.

Mrs. Garey did not have any idea where we were living. She had been in England for a visit and had looked up the directories wherever she had gone, knowing that my parents traveled quite a bit. Hence, when she saw a familiar name in the Berlin directory, she gladly risked a possible disappointment. Since she had come to Germany on a hurry trip and had to return to her home in Sydney, I never saw her again.

I do want to add that I often thank the Higher Powers for having given me a mother who was so naturally in touch with the Finer Forces, and that my father understood such characteristic, and did not hamper it in any way. How much fuller and happier life is when we can live in the knowledge of an awakening super-consciousness.

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21. Mostly confusing influences are in operation. Do not lose things by forgetfulness. Keep your wits about you. Do not become too easily ex-

asperated.

22. Until 9:23 A. M. adverse. But the balance of the day gets gradually

better and better.

23. Rather disappointing results occur from your expectations today, so do not plan or expect anything important.

24. Opposite from yesterday, for today things should go all right in all departments of life. Good for buying, selling, trading, etc.

Until noon adverse. Be careful. Prevent losses, accidents and disputes. Balance of the day is good for romance, finances, travel and changes.

Until noon very, very good. After that, steadily more confusing. In the evening be careful so as to prevent serious accidents, thefts, and serious family disputes.

27. Mostly confusing. Not good for progressive matters. Postpone all important things until a more favorable day.

28. Adverse. Attend church or lectures only. Not safe for travel, visiting or entertaining.

Be careful of bad checks, counterfeit money, false promises and misrepresentations.

Favorable for general business activity and self promotion until 5 P. M. Ask favors, promote yourself, engage your friendliness, etc. After that be careful.

Alternately good and adverse. Take no risks or chances. Proceed, but do so with discretion. Do not take too much for granted.

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about the spiritual concepts which also were traced in the stars. Each Tarot is linked, in a manner which is unmistakable to one familiar with astrology, to a definite planet or zodiacal division.

Because the Egyptian Tarot teaches the survival of the personality beyond physical death, that each must make his own attainment rather than expect a vicarious atonement, indicates in detail the methods to be followed in making this attainment, and sets forth the other identical doctrines, it is safe to conclude that it is derived from the same people who traced the constellations in the sky.

As to the Tarot pictures, Iamblichus, a Neo-Platonist of the fourth century, has left us a document entitled, "An Egyptian Initiation." This document was translated from the original manuscripts into French by P. Christian, and from the French into English, in 1901, by Genevieve Stebbins.

The account left by Iamblichus describes an initiation into the Egyptian mysteries. At one point in his journey the candidate was stopped before twenty-two frescoed paintings which picture the twenty-two Major Arcana of the Tarot; and Iamblichus gives a detailed description of each.

These Tarot pictures described by Iamblichus, as I have already indicated, teach in still greater detail the same spiritual ideas that are taught by the constellations. Both constellations in the sky-the stars of which usually offer not the slightest suggestion of the design pictured—and the Tarot pictures adorning the walls of the ancient Egyptian initiation chamber make use of primitive symbolical pictograph writing to convey the most important things the ancient wise ones had found out about the human soul. The Egyptian Tarot, then, portrays the spiritual conceptions of the Egyptian initiates, as derived from a still more remote past. There is a peculiar sympathy, however, between the thoughts of man and actions for which he finds no rational motive. That is, the same sympathy that exists between the happenings on earth and the positions of the planets in the sky also manifests through his unconscious mind.

If we but analyze our dreams we shall find that symbolism is the common language of the unconscious mind. And the successful use of the Tarot cards as instruments of divination depends upon their sympathetic response to invisible factors of intelligence. So it would, indeed, be strange if they responded merely in the transitory laying of the spreads, and not also in their symbolism to the minds of those who handle them.

When, therefore, the Tarot cards came into the hands of a people with a different conception of life, it would be remarkable if, at least in those tenets wherein they felt most strongly, the pictures on the cards were not changed sufficiently to portray these intense convictions.

Gypsy fortune-telling cards differ markedly from the Egyptian Tarot pack, but I am sure their symbolism is more correct in portraying the Gypsy philosophy and the Gypsy mode of life.

French, German, Italian and English Tarot packs differ from each other, because of national characteristics, and from the Egyptian and Gypsy cards because Christianity has made its impress upon them. But each pack, through that sympathetic response to the minds of those who use it, more correctly than the others, portrays in symbolical pictograph the deeper convictions of those who have thus somewhat altered its designs.

Even the playing cards, which are derived from the Tarot, show variations from the Tarot quite characteristic of their constant use as instruments of gambling.

The significance of the more important variations, as witnessed both in playing cards and in the different Tarot packs, will be the subject of further

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cupies. By looking for the Sign the Moon occupies in the above table you may quickly see what part of the body is being governed.

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So that you may know what sign you are in, I give below the dates covered by each of the Zodiacal Signs. These are not the dates when the Moon occupies the various signs; your almanac will tell you that. These are the dates when the Sun enters each sign and how long it occupies that sign, and if your birthdate occurs between the dates given, you are born in the Zodiacal Sign

opposite that date. You may then refer to the other table and discover what Signs harmonize with you. These dates do not change. They are the same for every year.

Date	Sign
March 21 to April 19	ARIES
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Sign	Part of Body Ruled	Harmonious Si	gns
AriesE	Head and face	Gemini, Leo, Libra	a, Sagittarius, Aquarius
TaurusN	Veck and throat	Cancer, Virgo, Sco	rpio, Capricorn, Pisces
GeminiE	lands, arms, shoulders, lungs,		
n	ervous system	Aries, Leo, Libra,	Sagittarius, Aquarius
CancerE	Breast and stomach	Taurus, Virgo, Sco	rpio, Capricorn, Pisces
Leo	leart, both sides and upper		
p	part of back	Aries, Gemini, Lib	ra, Sagittarius, Aquarius
VirgoS	olar-plexus and bowels	Faurus, Cancer, Sc	orpio, Capricorn, Pisces
LibraK	Kidneys and loins	Aries, Gemini, Le	o, Sagittarius, Aquarius
ScorpioE	Bladder and generative system	Faurus, Cancer, Vi	rgo, Capricorn, Pisces
SagittariusI	liver, hips and blood	Aries, Gemini, Leo	, Libra, Aquarius
CapricornS	pleen and knees	Faurus, Cancer, Vin	rgo, Scorpio, Pisces
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"Peggy, poor girl, seemed fascinated by Galen's gallant manner and subtle flattery, but our dog, Jack, whose picture is there, shared my dislike.

"A few days after Galen had called at our house I arrived home just at dusk, having been away all day lumbering. Jack had been with me and as we entered the house he acted strangely, the hair on his back rising in anger. With his nose to the floor he went from place to place, out into the hall, to the stand on which Peggy kept plants, to the kitchen stove and the sink. My wife was busy preparing supper and noticed nothing unusual, but I read the story in the dog's behavior and waited for my wife to tell me that Galen had been here again. She did not, however, and a terrible grip tightened about my heart. God knows that I tried to appear as usual, though I noticed my wife seemed constrained and quite absentminded, something unusual for her.

"Shortly afterward I was away again, all day, and this time purposely took Jack along. On our return he acted much the same as before, and the grip on my heart tightened. Had the dog in his trailing entered the bedroom, a tragedy might have happened. Such was the condition I was in. But he did not and I held my peace, though my faith in all mankind was shattered and I found myself planning how I should kill the scoundrel who would wreck our happiness.

"I can never forget the night it happened. I had been logging all day and went to bed early and utterly weary. It seemed as though I had hardly shut my eyes, though really it was close to midnight, when Peggy's terrified voice shrieked: 'Dave! Dave, for the love of God come quick!'

"I leaped from bed and followed her to the summer kitchen, where her small lamp revealed Jack crouched at the side of the trapdoor that leads to the basement. His fangs were buried in Galen's throat, which he had grabbed as the luckless man's shoulders came above the floor. His ashen, terrified face looked at me appealingly.

"I grabbed the dog, and at a sharp command he released his hold. His victim tumbled the few steps to the floor below. Quickly I followed and took the stricken man's head in my arms, but I could not stay the hand of Death. No one could, for his blood spurted out at every heartbeat. He had but seconds

"'Why are you here, Galen?' I asked as calmly as I could, though I knew.

He answered chokingly, 'The talisman, Dave, the talisman. I came to steal that. His eyes met the terrified ones of Peggy triumphantly.

"As I laid the ghastly form aside, I did not mean to say anything of the kind, but spoke my thoughts, I guess, when I blurted out:

"'He was not wholly a knave as he stood on the brink of Hell!' Peggy's pale face flushed; she knew what I meant.

"I remembered that, a long time before, I had told Galen of a tiny crude stone image, a 'lucky stone' an old Indian had given me, but I thought it of little consequence and did not know at the time where it was. Peggy was a changed woman from that terrible moment and I guess I was changed too, for distrust had pierced my soul.

"No strange man again entered our home until after my wife's death, fourteen years later, and we never referred to Galen in all that time. I waited in vain for some explanation, but would not ask for it, and she in her pride would not volunteer any."

The old man roused from his reverie as I inquired somewhat anxiously:

"I hope you don't have the illusion still that your wife was unfaithful!"

"I know she wasn't, thank God!" replied the old man, aroused to new energy. "For years I had grave doubts, but about two weeks after she was at rest in the little cemetery out yonder I was sitting here alone by the fire one stormy night in winter. It was one of those swirling blizzards we get but a few times in a season. How terribly lonely I was that night! My heart bled. I never before wanted Peggy so bad. A word or a touch of hers would have seemed a benediction. I realized as never before that her faults were trivial compared with mine.

"Tears of contrition flowed down my face. I reached for my Bible here and opened it at random. The verse that came under my brimming eyes was the twelfth verse of the thirty-fourth chapter of Ezekiel.

"'As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.'

"Suddenly a cold wave seemed to envelop me; my body felt strangely numb. I looked up and there in the very chair you occupy was my dear

wife, her kindly blue eyes gazing into my own. A look of holy tenderness and love suffused her face. I cannot describe it, for I am an old man with but limited education. 'Dave,' she said in her dear, well-remembered voice, which wavered with tenderness, 'do not grieve, dear heart. We are closer now than we ever were in the flesh and I am glad to tell you that I never was unfaithful to you. I was tempted, to be sure. Flattery got the better of my foolish little mind for a short time. Galen's persuasion and audacity overcame me temporarily, and I assented to his coming to see me that night. Just before the time of his arrival I went all to pieces. I realized what a despicable thing I was about to do and turned Jack into the summer kitchen to frighten away Galen, not dreaming it would end in tragedy.

"'My change toward you was not of the affections or because I loved Galen. for I did not, but because I had foolishly wrecked our happiness and had been the cause of Galen's untimely death. How I longed to tell you all about it, dear, and to receive your forgiveness! A hundred times I approached you to do so, but your coldness held me at bay. I am not blaming you, Dave; it was all due to mistakes of the flesh.

"I arose, sobbing, and stepped toward her to clasp her in my arms, but she had gone. From that moment doubts vanished. She has visited me many times since, and I know she will welcome me when I have passed the barrier."

As the narrative ceased, the old man's trembling voice rose feebly as he sang the refrain of the old hymn,

"I need Thee, Oh, I need Thee! Ev'ry hour I need Thee!"

For a moment I bowed my head as he sang, and when I looked up again the sun had broken through the thinning shower clouds and a beam of refulgent light from the window bathed the old man's whitening locks and showed clearly his kindly features as he gazed upward in rapt attention.

A smile overspread his face, the trembling voice faltered, then stopped. He brushed a feeble hand across his eyes then arose and volunteered to show me the road leading to my boarding place.

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