

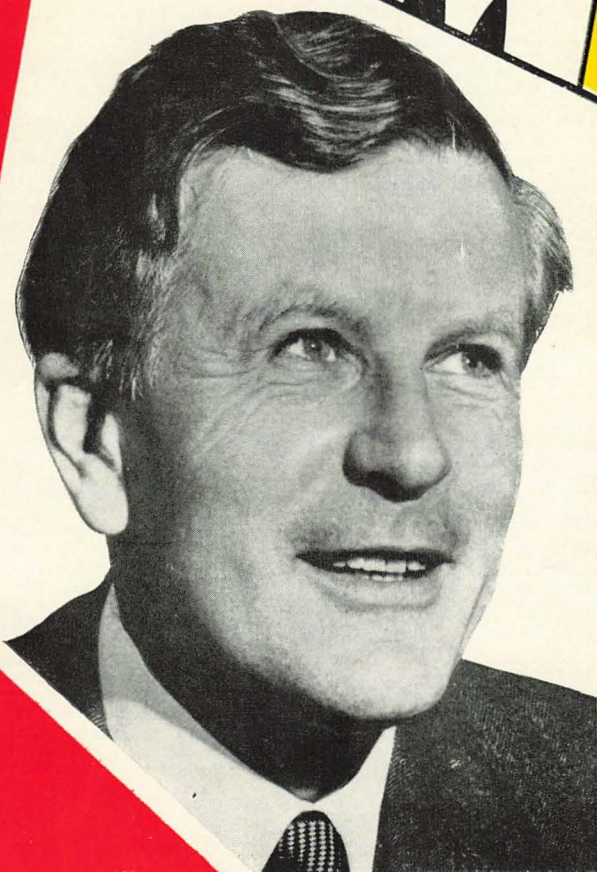
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I AM still wondering why Jock Watson, producer of ATV's "On the Braden Beat", wanted a copy of PREDICTION in a hurry one Friday afternoon recently. I was told it was required urgently for the following night's show.

When the show came on, Bernard Braden began to talk about how popular it was among many people to try to learn something about their future. It had therefore been decided to "investigate" the matter. In a copy of "the magazine PREDICTION" they had drawn a ring round the names of four consultants, and a representative had visited each in turn.

In each case some fictitious circumstances were given concerning a career matter and a love tangle. Two of the

consultants, said Mr Braden, had advised the client, in effect, to give up all for love; the other two had recommended precisely the opposite course.

His main point, however, was that not one of the seers had divined that the client's problem was "phoney".

As to whether that was a proper way to conduct an investigation you will no doubt have your own views.

I think the urgent request for a copy of PREDICTION was also phoney. It could not have reached the studio until the Saturday morning, and I find it hard to believe that it was possible, after that, to arrange and keep appointments with four consultants and incorporate the results in the programme the same night.

But the ways of the TV boys are beyond the comprehension of folk like you and me.

WHEN I was chatting with W. J. Ousby recently, he was rather troubled about his review, in the March 1962 issue, of Simeon Edmunds book *Hypnotism and the Supernormal* (Aquarian Press, 25/-).

Ousby said: "I have found it well worth re-reading. After consulting it as a reference work on the overlap between hypnotic and psychical phenomena, I feel that, in justice to the book and to readers who might have felt that my praise of it was luke-warm, I should recommend it to anyone interested in hypnotism and the supernormal.

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It is not often, I think, that a reviewer expresses second thoughts about a book; but then it is probably not often that anyone, after reviewing a book, reads it again.

I WONDER how many readers will be reminded, by Peter Clark's article on page 10, of the great days of the Liberal Party, when they had a long period in office, with the Conservatives as the only Opposition Party.

Even schoolboys, in those days, were either Liberals or Conservatives—at election times. W. S. Gilbert said they were born that way, but actually it was according to how their fathers voted. (I am speaking of a time when most boys left school at fourteen.)

If you wore an orange rosette you had to be prepared to fight, or avoid, those who wore the blue. Then there was the pleasant custom of throwing mud, literally, at the committee-room windows and posters of the wrong candidate.

My father voted Liberal, not because he cared about the politics of either party, but because he thought the sitting member was a good man to represent the constituency. Not a bad reason, perhaps, if rather parochial. We were therefore a Liberal family, but the people next door were Conservatives.

I REMEMBER a by-election when the Conservative candidate's name was Wild, and the Liberal was a Baron de Forest (I think I am right about the "Baron"). My brother was on holiday at the time, but when the Liberal was duly elected, he sent a postcard to his friend next door. "Dear S—, Aren't you wild? Plenty of forest round here."

The chief excitement for youngsters today at a General Election is probably staying up very late—if they are allowed—to watch the results coming in on the "telly".

This magazine is detached from politics—which has not saved it on occasions from being described as pro-Communist, anti-Communist, anti-American, pro-American, and so on.

Political Astrology does, however, come within our scope, and so does an astrological examination of politicians and political parties. Hence the article by Peter Clark.

This article on Jo Grimond will be followed next month by one on the new leader of the Labour Party, Harold Wilson.

CONSIDER, for a moment, the word "popular". We speak of the "popular Press" and the antonym here, presumably, is "serious". The newspapers with vast circulations are clearly more popular than those with lesser ones, so the word in this case is properly used. It has, however, acquired a subtle connotation that is somewhat different from its legitimate use, so that it often has a derogatory application.

And if the antonym is "serious", there is an implication that seriousness is not popular.

Then there is that peculiar term "popular prices"—at restaurants, theatres, etc. In this case "popular" means not high. Curiously enough, it does not mean very low, which one would expect the most popular prices to be.

I have before me an article by Anne Scott-James, from the *Observer*, on journalistic Astrology, in which she points out that all the popular newspapers and women's magazines run "star" columns. She suggests that these probably have a readership of more than 30 million a day.

I OFTEN tell would-be contributors that their writing style should be "popular", because PREDICTION has always aimed to be a magazine of "popular Occultism".

This does not mean, however, that it is not serious. Its object is to present serious subjects in a manner that can be understood by a wide range of educational and intellectual equipment.

That makes possible a wider readership than would otherwise be the case—in other words, makes the magazine more "popular".

Returning to newspaper Astrology, Anne Scott-James says that where the feature is prominently displayed, the readership must be nearly 100 per cent.

Both men and women, she suggests, are more inclined to "read the stars"

when in a state of heightened emotion.

"I remember myself," she writes, "that my second child was due to be born under Virgo, and I determined to carry it over into Libra, a sign which I fancied I preferred. (I succeeded, and my daughter was born 10 days late.)"

I cannot help wondering if that wasn't cheating—assuming, of course, that it was her determination that made the baby late—a not unusual occurrence in any case.

What she doesn't tell us is whether her daughter became more of a Libran than a Virgoan, or vice versa.

THE death of Dr Alexander Cannon, of which I have just been reading, recalls some of the extraordinary claims made by this extraordinary man.

In the early 1930s, when he was on the staff of Colney Hatch mental hospital, the publication of his book, *The Invisible Influence*, created a sensation, and the L.C.C. forced him to resign his post.

The book described his experiences in Tibet, where he claimed to have met supernatural "Great Ones" who could perform fantastic feats by occult powers. He said that he himself once, when pressed for time, was levitated, complete with luggage and porters, across a chasm.

Cannon brought an action against the L.C.C. and won his reinstatement, but not long afterwards he retired from the hospital and set up in private practice in Harley Street. Here he employed two mediums to help in diagnosis.

It is some indication of the character of the man that, because the house in Harley Street had a back-door into Wimpole Street, he printed both addresses on his letterheads.

"Pendennis", in *The Observer*, relates how a friend met Cannon at Colney Hatch, and how another M.O. there described him as a "chronic hypomaniac with paranoid tendencies".

Cannon had a valid medical degree, but the "M.D., Cant." which he put after his name, though suggesting a Cambridge degree, actually referred to the University of Canton.

And on the strength of a Belgian Order of Chivalry he called himself Dr Sir Alexander Cannon.

Once the General Medical Council censured him for issuing a certificate to an A.R.P. warden without seeing him. He retorted that he had treated the

warden, who lived in Kent, for four years by "hypnotic contact" through a third party.

When war broke out in 1939, Cannon went to live in the Isle of Man, where he turned his house into a nursing home which he called the Isle of Man Clinic for Nervous Diseases.

He was still in the Isle of Man when he died.

DR WILLIAM KROGMAN, anthropologist at Pennsylvania University, forecasts that "Telepathy will become so advanced in the future that it will make war impossible. Man will have the ability to receive mental messages from other men. Then no secrets will exist and the result will be peace."

This differs from the view held by many researchers in parapsychology, that telepathy is a *residual* faculty that man possessed to a greater degree in his more primitive state.

One can at least hope that Dr Krogman is right and the others wrong. But is there any evidence to show that telepathy is becoming more advanced?

There is also the consideration that though the desire for peace is intense in almost everyone, few of us could contemplate with equanimity a state in which we could have no secret thoughts.

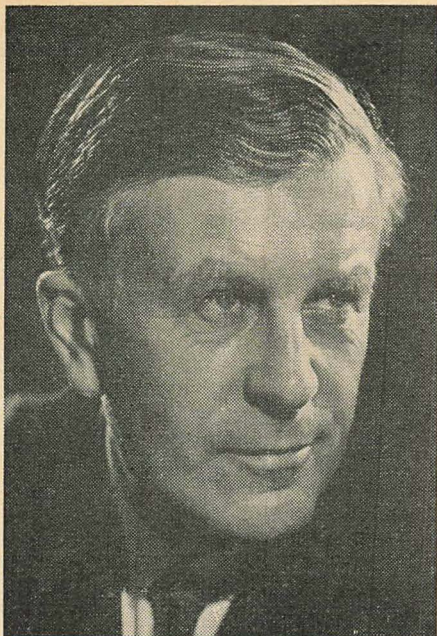
I LIKE this story from the *Dundee Courier and Advertiser*.

On my bus (says the writer) a girl was trying to impress her friend with the virtues of Yoga.

"It's so relaxing," she said. "You sit down and bend your left leg behind your right, press your head firmly downwards, clasp your hands behind your back and try to touch your feet . . . you feel marvellous."

As her friend was still not convinced, she went on: "Look, you can even get a special food to take as well." She held up a jar of Yoghourt!

The Editor



PETER J. CLARK

*seeks an answer in
Astrology to the question*

BEFORE considering one or two charts, which should be regarded as indexes of future developments, it would be as well to have before us the fundamentals of party doctrine, so that we can define possible developments more clearly.

There are a good number of issues that all politicians discuss rather airily: housing, education, pensions, etc. But unless the means by which reform can be paid for are well established their words are meaningless.

Our social amenities depend on production, and this is dependent on ownership.

It is on the issue of ownership that our political parties are now primarily based, and there can be no effective government without the willing co-operation of owners.

If production was not high enough our standards of life would be reduced necessarily, however fine the intentions of politicians might be.

JO GRIMOND has been gaining prestige as a result of a trend towards Liberalism in recent months, and the unfortunate loss of Hugh Gaitskell, who commanded wide public support, has meant a good deal of fresh thinking in party politics.

In his upward thrust, Grimond is the most likely person to gain from political reappraisal, for one of the questions now being asked is whether the swing towards the Liberal Party will gain more momentum.

The moderates who would have entrusted Gaitskell with the running of the State may now decide on different loyalties.

The question has come at a time when on all sides political thinking is virtually stagnant. Various psychological pressures have brought indifference to party doctrines in the mind of Mr Citizen, not the least of which is the menace of large-scale nuclear destruction, which reduces party clashes to the equivalence of a family dispute.

The general increase in the standard of living since pre-war times has also diminished the importance that might have been attached to political change.

The Liberal Party has had one or two by-election successes, notably at Torrington and Orpington, which were considered safe Tory seats.

And since the General Election cannot be long delayed, it will be interesting to consider the prospects of the Liberal Party under the leadership of Jo Grimond.

How far

towards achieving

The Conservative Party represents ownership concentrated in the hands of a relatively few members of the population.

The policy of the Labour Party has been that of public ownership, differing only from the Communists in its means towards that end.

Until recently it has been said that the Liberals had no definable policy, but they have now adopted an alternative to the extremes of private and public ownership, namely, co-ownership.

IN spite of expressions of unity among Labour supporters, the Labour Party is divided on the issue of public or private ownership.

The extreme Left presses for nationalization, and the moderates are either against nationalization schemes, or they feel that only certain sections of industry should be state-controlled.

It is precisely on the weaknesses of this issue among Labour supporters that Liberals tend to gain, since they are now propagating the principle of co-ownership; systems of production in which workers will be made partners and shareholders.

If we transfer our thinking to Astrology, we should consider the planet Venus, as it is largely connected with partnerships and financial affairs. Its aspects will give us some clues to the outcome of ownership schemes.

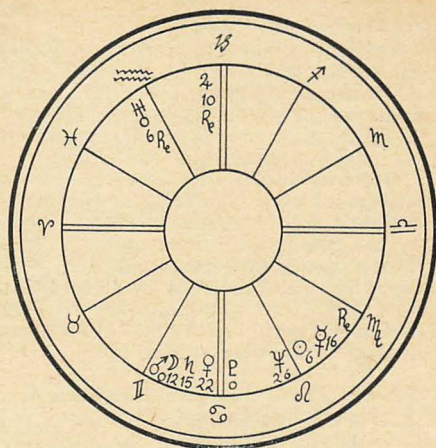
In the chart of the birthday of the national federation of Liberal parties, Venus is in conjunction with the Sun in Gemini, broadly trine to Mars in Aquarius and square to Saturn in Pisces.

The influence of the Sun adds a lustre to conceptions of partnerships, as it introduces creative possibilities, especially if Venus should rule the second house, connected with finances and property, as this chart suggests.

As ruler of the eighth house, Mars in Aquarius could bring profits and shares in industrial leadership.

But the overriding consideration of this configuration is the malefic aspect that Saturn forms with Venus, because it would mean that if any such schemes were introduced they would meet with persistent insecurity and instability.

Deductions from this chart show that the successful co-ordination of partnership schemes is very remote.



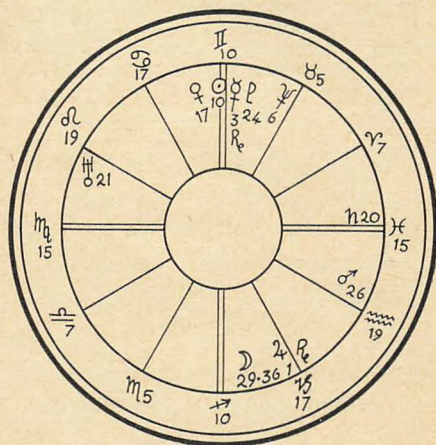
Jo Grimond, 29 July 1913

Jo Grimond. Neither would enjoy the easiest relations with colleagues for any length of time, and each would have to face grave financial problems as the head of any enterprise.

THE most encouraging feature in Mr Grimond's chart is the trine aspect between Mars, connected with his leadership, and Uranus. In air signs, it means that these planets bring both progressive and original thought. He will serve his party more in terms of ideas than in their execution.

Broadly speaking, his prospects this year are quite encouraging. Some significant developments in the Liberal movement will occur in late April, the third week of June, mid-July, and in January 1964. But he will meet intrigue and confusion over domestic issues in November.

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Liberal Party : 31 May 1877, Noon, Birmingham

can Jo go

real Liberal revival?

MR GRIMOND's chart has a conjunction between Saturn and Venus, possibly with the Moon in Gemini, which confirms the indications given in the federal chart. For Saturn would strangle Venus, causing restriction and frustration.

If these planets had been in good aspect the opposite would have been true, and nothing would have impeded partnership schemes.

If one looks for the practical measures that Liberals would adopt to bring about, to quote the words of Donald Wade, M.P., "a nation of owners", the distinction between idealism and realism becomes only too apparent.

The present owners are going to be "encouraged" to distribute shares to workers as a result of tax manipulations.

In any event the conjunction of Saturn and Venus is an unhappy one for any political leader to have in his chart, since its repercussions will be felt within the party itself, bringing disunity and disaffection. Financial depression would arise from any policy under his leadership.

An interesting parallel is that of Michael Foot, M.P., the rebel leader within the Labour Party, born within a few days of

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The most serious problems Mr Grimond has to face will come along in two years' time when, health granted, he will be ground in the political mill. The progressed position of Saturn will come into conjunction with his natal Sun in opposition to Uranus.

Divisions within the Liberal Party will come to a head with explosive consequences, and there will be a reduction of his power.

This period will prove to be one of the biggest tests of his career, equivalent to the crisis Mr Gaitskell faced over the Clause Four controversy in the Labour Party, and comparable with the current Russo-Chinese division on Communist ideology.

IN the chart of the Liberal Party federation, Jupiter and Neptune are in trine, and this conveys something of the lofty spirit that could be infused into the Liberal movement. It is an indication of true fellow-feeling, with an unselfish consideration of the ultimate values that affect man's well-being.

Formed in earth signs, and with other favourable indications, it also suggests that the Liberals could formulate a more decisive and satisfactory policy on the issue of land ownership.

In one form or another it is always the landlord who benefits from economic prosperity, whether wealth be in terms of shares or cash.

In assessing Mr Grimond's future it is clear that he is not going to enjoy any flood in the turn of political tides.

However desirable co-ownership schemes may be from the standpoint of fair play, and the direct responsibilities that workers would have in firms in which they are engaged, these charts do not indicate that industry will progress along this course.

But Jo Grimond's work as a leader may be more important than the benefits that he may personally derive from the Liberal Party, because the lessons of a group are often personified in the experience of its leader.

NEXT MONTH . . .

PETER J. CLARK analyses and discusses the chart of HAROLD WILSON, the new leader of the Labour Party.

ALSO: "My Dream", by Bernard Braden. Interpretation by Colin Bennett.

The Watcher within ourselves

THERE is a frustrated, frightened, screaming child within each one of us", say the psychologists.

Chinese sages, on the other hand, have said: "There is a secret observer within ourselves watching and noting all we do, never interfering, but just quietly watching".

Occultists say that within ourselves is a spark of the Godhead, which unites us not only to the Universe and all beyond, but also gives us the power to comprehend all within creation.

Each of these interpretations of our inner selves is, in part, correct; together they represent No. 9 in the Tarot's Major Arcana, which is called The Hermit.

"When man knows himself, he also knows the Universe and the Gods", said the ancient Greeks, who interpreted No. 9 in the Tarot as "Man in search of himself", starting on the long journey to find his own soul by retiring within himself.

That is why, in most packs, the Hermit is shown as an old man carrying a lantern, and supporting himself by a stout staff.

The light represents any knowledge which he has, plus faith in whatever creed he practises. The staff is the experience he has to lean upon. The Hermit is old, because our souls are as old as time.

So the meaning becomes clear. It is mankind, thrown in upon himself, searching for the soul—or the spark of the eternal within himself—without which he cannot go on.

OUR illustration comes from an ancient magical pack of Tarot cards, and bears the simple message "God is a Man of

No. 9 in the Tarot's Major Arcana is the subject of this month's analysis

by

Madeline Montalban

the Heavens", and also "Man is the God of the Earth".

"Man is God, and God is man", signifying that there is a Divine Spark of Godhead within us all, and that mankind is, and was in the beginning, part of the Creator.

All religions teach that, but where they often fail to make their meaning clear is in describing the many ways by which man sets forth on his journey inside himself.

We have often heard the phrase, "So and so has gone into his shell since *that* happened" (whatever *that* was). The speaker means that, because of an ordeal, the sufferer has retired within himself.

We all have to do that at times, and we first discover our own depths thereby. This is the "screaming, frustrated, frightened child", that terrifying, self-destructive series of impulses which gets to work when we cannot have what we want in precisely the way we want it.

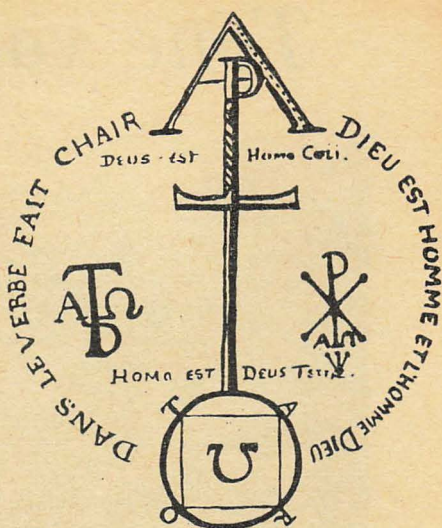
The frustrated child within us cannot compromise, because it is compelled by half-buried infantile memories to shout and misbehave, so that "Mummy" will come and comfort, and give it what it wants. But infancy is over. "Mummy" is not there any more. The world is a harsh and frightening place, and nobody seems to care.

That is Step One on the journey into the hell of despondency.

STEP Two takes us a stage beyond. We have found that screams and demands do not get us what we want. But, in the deepest hell of despondency, something keeps us going, and makes us perform the daily rituals of rising, dressing, working, eating and even sleeping.

This is the Secret Observer, or Watcher within ourselves, who remains calm in the centre of the storm, quietly making us carry on, living as best we can, one day at a time. It is the balancing force within us, for the Watcher is part of the eternal.

The ascent out of the despondent hell is when, with nobody to help us, that spark of



the Godhead within us (which is the soul) comes to life.

Then emerges a new set of principles or beliefs; or a new code by which to live.

Some people "discover" religion at this point. By that, I mean they discover and really accept, for the first time, that when all help has fled, all comfort gone, they are drawing a mysterious strength from within themselves.

TO learn how to draw upon this mysterious strength, and to know what it is and why it exists, is the true purpose of Occultism. A true occultist wants to find out the meaning of life itself, and how its rules apply.

I have often found that the finest occultists are produced through some shattering experience which drives them within themselves, there to find the Mother of Wisdom to replace the lost, comforting "Mummy" of childhood.

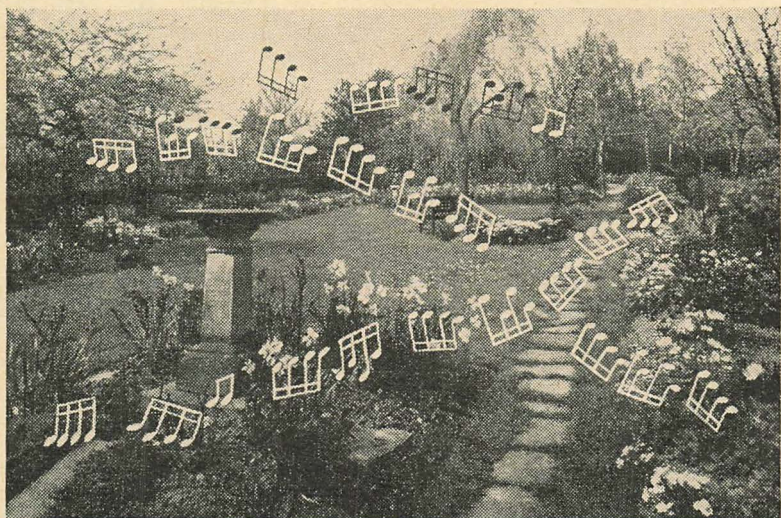
Trials, tribulations, ordeals, and even unhappiness, are all part of growing up. One does not become an adult merely by passing the age of twenty-one. The day we really become adult is when we stop merely running after what we want, and decide what it is we must have, or must accept.

That is the true understanding of oneself.

In the last analysis, it is seldom the things we want that turn out to be the best for us. It is as though, through being frustrated in our lives, and even in our emotions, we are able to find ourselves.

Once we have done that, we are on our way to finding the Universe and the Gods. This is the arcana of the Hermit.

Tone your plants



with music

TO those people who for the most part only believe in what can be seen, heard, smelt or touched, it may seem far-fetched to suggest that music possesses hidden influences which, if rightly used, can stimulate the growth of vegetation.

But as readers of PREDICTION are unlikely to be among such persons, the following may be of some interest to them.

It has been stated by that Initiate of the Hierarchy, known to students of occult science as the Master D.K.: "By the discovery of the note of the vegetable kingdom, by its conjunction with other of nature's notes, and by its due sounding forth in different keys and combinations, will come the possibility to produce marvellous results within that kingdom, and to stimulate the activities of those devas who work with flowers, fruits, trees and herbs."

"The devas", I may perhaps remind some of my readers, is the generic term for the nature-spirits ranging from the smallest fairies to those beings of great size and beauty which in the Christian religion are called angels.

They cannot be seen save by persons gifted with clairvoyant sight: but there are enough of such persons to prove that they really do exist. And as mankind further

evolves spiritually, there will be many more people thus gifted.

MEANWHILE it takes a highly trained clairvoyant to determine exactly which musical note would produce those marvellous results in the vegetable kingdom to which the Master D.K. referred. Nevertheless, it may be generally said that the predominating nature-note for this planet is F, that being the corresponding note to green.

As it so happens, I have recently received a letter from the distinguished American artist, Mr Gil Wilson, who tells me that he has been making experiments with music as a means of stimulating the growth of vegetation, particularly cereals, and the result has proved very significant.

However, when he tried to interest some scientists over there in America, hoping they might be induced to make similar experiments, it is not perhaps surprising that he met with very little response—more's the pity.

And yet, as all vegetation is one form of life, why should it not in some mysterious way respond to music just as some animals seemingly do?

The occult explanation, as already mentioned, is that music (of the right sort, of course) produces its effects through its

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The veteran composer/occultist writes here on some of the hidden influences of music.

influences on that group of devas concerned with the vegetable kingdom.

It likewise influences that other group of devas especially concerned with the animal kingdom.

But scientists, with very few exceptions, will have none of this "nonsense"!

IN any case, whatever construction the scientists—all respect to them—might put on the fact, it has been found that if a wireless set issuing music is placed in a cowshed, the cows tend to give better milk; and if placed in a poultry coop, it tends to keep the birds in a better temper so that they don't go pecking at one another.

That is not to say that every kind of music will produce similar beneficial results and on every kind of animal.

I once tried playing music on the piano to a friend's Airedale terrier just to see how he reacted. I began with simple melodious improvisations, to which he paid no attention.

Then I gave him some samples of the ultra-discordant modern type which is nowadays all the fashion. The result was that at once he showed signs of acute distress and, howling loudly, immediately struggled to get out of the room.

As for cats, I am unable to gauge how most of them react to music. I only know that our three Siamese seem to like it on the whole, since they often choose to curl up on my piano when I am playing. But they do show signs of discomfort when some particularly strident specimens of present-day music are blared out by the radio.

From which it may be gathered that at any rate some cats, and some dogs too, are not lacking in discrimination!

BUT to revert to plant-life. Apart from how music may be said to affect it, of late it has been discovered that if one prayerfully suffuses a plant with love, it tends to live and flourish longer than plants that have not received this spiritual type of treatment.

And not only small plants, for if our own experience is anything to go by, even trees will yield to the power of love.

One hot summer we rescued, from a demolition squad, a six-foot tree and transported it into our garden. It was in full leaf at the time, and gardening experts told us that, being transplanted at the wrong time of the year, it could not possibly live.

Nevertheless, having planted it, we suffused

it with love for several minutes at intervals for a few days, and not only has it lived as a fine healthy tree, but it did not lose any of its leaves till the time when all except evergreens go bare.

Although our experience with this tree may not exactly be ascribed to so-called "green fingers", yet it would seem that love does play its part with "green-fingered" persons, in that they are individuals with a pronounced love for flowers and plants, and of tending them in their houses or gardens.

FROM the purely mundane point of view there seems to be no rational explanation for "green fingerism"—to coin a word—but there is an occult one.

Those persons who are said to have such fingers possess an affinity with the devas especially concerned with floral life and its evolution.

This affinity may have been brought over from a previous incarnation in some cases. In others it may have been created in their present lives by that marked love of flowers which some mothers have instilled into their children, and which has persisted throughout life.

In any event, it is love that attracts the nature-spirits to certain persons, though the latter, unless clairvoyant, are not aware of the fact.

And in this connexion, what about that wonderful process, evolution? Is it just the automatic process that material scientists imagine it to be?

Not so, according to occult science; for it is actually the devas who activate all evolution in Nature.

IT may be that a few of my readers would like to try the music treatment on some of their house plants, and then note the results. Gramophone records with music in the key of F would be the most suitable for the purpose. But jazz should not be used, as it has some undesirable effects.

People possessing gardens might even care, if feasible, to give this music treatment to their flower beds.

I grant that, to the so-called man in the street, the idea of "entertaining" flowers with melody and harmony may seem a very curious one. But is it really so curious when we consider that we are now in the Aquarian Age, which is and will become more and more the age of unification in its widest sense? This will create a different attitude towards many things.

Whereas in the somewhat recently-ended Piscean Age none save occultists would have imagined any possible connexion between flowers and the art of music, now, as our new age advances, this hitherto unsuspected fact will be increasingly recognized; and, moreover, to the advantage of mankind.

***** Stars and their Doodles *****

Alma Cogan



PERHAPS because Alma Cogan was trained as an artist and dress designer, she doodles more than most, and produces complex, ingenious and fascinatingly provocative patterns.

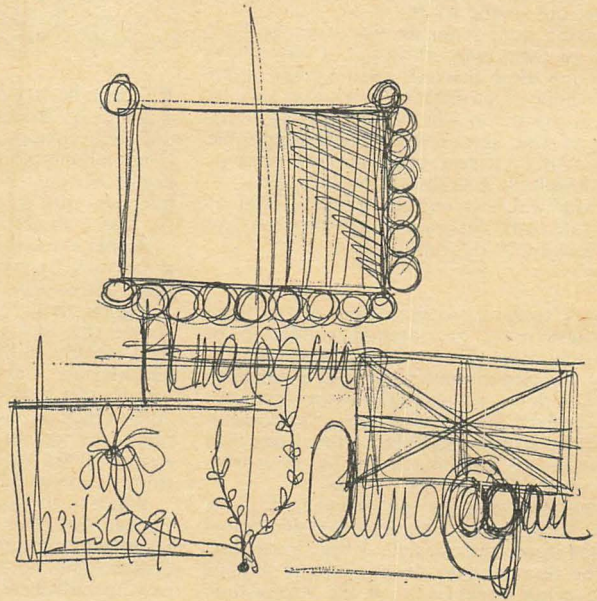
"I can't resist a piece of plain paper when I have a pen in my hand," says Alma ; "and, though I can't imagine why, I nearly always seem to include a flag or two in my doodles—usually a Union Jack . . . anyway that's the way it is with me. I'm such an inveterate doodler that I've even started doodling in oils !"

Miss Cogan wasn't joking. In the hallway of her lush Kensington flat there hangs an extremely effective Picasso-like oil painting executed by this talented artist, who fully earns this description without the final 'e'.

What Alma's Doodle means

This is the pattern of a busy, artistic, talented person who is full of the zest of living ; ambitious and hardworking.

The 17 circles surrounding an oblong, partly shaded, indicate a two-sided character, one side of which is warm, friendly and demonstrative, the other side being slightly aloof, moody and difficult to get to know. But it is the warm-hearted facet which most frequently prevails. The roundness of the signature confirms this, as also does the floral spray. The numerical sequence in the bottom left corner indicates a business-like and sensible approach to life, and the Union Jack shows a love of travel. Many of the lines and, indeed, the signatures, have been inked over twice. This is a sign of an appreciation of nice things—beautiful clothes, smart restaurants, effective decor and attractive works of art.



the key to the secret

● Below, the author comments on how man, who has not yet arrived at the stage of spiritual development where he will carry out work for the community for love of his fellow men alone, is still developing will and understanding by struggling to satisfy desires. Later, when he realizes that material possessions and sense satisfactions cannot satisfy his spiritual nature he will seek esoteric instruction and turn his will and understanding to the service of the Creator

CAN worldly activities and spiritual development go hand in hand? I believe they can, and that the real function of esoteric knowledge is to teach how these seemingly conflicting aims can be achieved simultaneously.

I once saw a picture which in allegorical form depicted how man's worldly activities developed both his physical and his spiritual nature at the same time.

It was a Chinese painting of a tree heavily laden with ripe apples, but at the tip of one slender bough grew a delicately coloured peach.

The picture was used by Chinese mystics as a symbolic representation of how different aspects of man's nature, the apples representing his physical nature and the peach representing his spiritual nature, both spring from the same source of life.

These examples drawn from nature can be helpful in gaining a broader picture of life, as for instance when the Indian poet Kabir likens life to a field in which man can cultivate and grow whatever he wishes.

These symbolic pictures must possess some deeper meaning if they are to have practical value for the man or woman coping with worldly problems. Instruction as well as inspiration is necessary to deal successfully with problems arising out of the tension and uncertainty that is inseparable from life in 1963.

MY own work and experience have shown me that anyone who wishes to do so may find solutions to his personal problems and aid his spiritual development at the same time through esoteric knowledge.



The above photograph is of the Lakshmi Temple in New Delhi. In Hinduism it is believed that the Goddess Lakshmi has the power to grant worldly success, and she is regarded as important as any other Deity. (Reproduced by courtesy of the Central Government of India.)

Esoteric knowledge is made to sound much more mysterious than it really is, which adds greatly to the student's difficulties, but it simply means an inner or secret knowledge.

It is over this word "secret" that much misunderstanding arises. Esoteric knowledge is not secret knowledge in the sense that it is hidden and cannot be discovered.

Anyone can go into a bookshop and come out with the Bible, the Bhagavad Gita and the Koran under his arm, and in these books is enough esoteric knowledge to keep him busy for many lifetimes. The first step is how to decipher, or to understand, the instructions in these esoteric works.

I do not for a moment suggest that anyone should read esoteric books from cover to cover, for this would most likely defeat its own object, as happened to a man who had learned the whole of the New Testament by heart.

He came to see me because he was unhappy and had lost faith in himself. He had made the mistake of neglecting his family and his work while concentrating all his interest and energy on trying to discover the secrets of life, and, as a result, he was completely out of step with everyday affairs.

THE first step in self-development is to attend to any pressing personal or practical problem.

Lessening a tension which upsets digestion

by
W. J. Ousby

or causes worry may appear to be going away from, rather than towards, a spiritual goal. But, as the body and the mind are the vehicles through which the psyche operates, faults causing loss of energy, such as unnecessary tension and worry, should be given attention. This energy is required for work in psychical development and should not be wasted.

As soon as a little progress is made in conserving energy the student will feel better and will look for the next step, and, if he is working on the right lines, his intuitive faculty will tell him what to do.

The right ideas will come, favourable chances and opportunities will occur, for there are unknown factors, as scientists call them, though I still prefer the word "forces", which determine whether one's fortunes are unfavourable or propitious.

Once a man has the faith to follow his intuition and knows he is on the right path he will move steadily, step by step, towards his goal.

Sometimes the first step may appear to the uninitiated to be a very down-to-earth decision, and very different from the pious spirituality depicted in stained-glass windows.

A GOOD example of this practical approach to a personal problem was the decision made by a woman whose daughter and son-in-law were living in her house, and who treated her very badly.

She said to me: "I pray every night to be kind and generous, but their selfish ingratitude is turning me into a bitter, resentful woman."

She was praying for patience and the strength to repress the bitter reproaches which came to her lips.

If she had been a saint she might, with kindness and patience, have risen above the situation. But being just an ordinary human being, she showed her resentment at times and then, despising herself for doing so, tried to make amends. Generally, it was not a happy home.

Using meditation techniques, she was soon able to take a detached standpoint, and saw herself clearly as a hurt and rather self-pitying person, tangled up in a tense relationship with a young couple who were as confused as she was herself.

She saw that no amount of talking would alter the situation. Immediately, she felt free.

She went to a house agent and helped the young couple to equip a small flat of their own.

The husband no longer thought of her as a jealous mother-in-law; the daughter was freed from the clash of divided loyalties, and the woman herself was free to go out again to business.

They were thus all able to live their own lives and to have what the woman really

wanted . . . a happy relationship with each other.

DURING the early stages of acquiring esoteric knowledge it is not so much a question of assimilating new ideas as of getting rid of the old ones which are wrong.

As the Bishop of Woolwich has just pointed out, our ideas of the Cosmos are childishly misleading.

One which needs correction is that spiritual development should take priority over everyday tasks. This is not so. Our freedom and spiritual development come from finding out our part in the Great Scheme. Everybody has work to carry out in this world.

The person who is spiritually over-ambitious can come an awful cropper, as for example the man in Germany who was recently sentenced to three years' imprisonment for attempting to kill a brother monk who had been appointed to take over the supervision of the chicken farm.

This man, by overestimating his spiritual capacity, had damaged himself and his religious order. If he had correctly found his real place in the world he would have developed the strength and understanding necessary for attaining the spiritual goal he had in mind, and would have been a successful chicken farmer, which was his real vocation in life.

WORLDLY activities and spiritual development go hand in hand, for the finite is part of the infinite. In the scale of life, ascending through Nature and Humanity to Spirit, man is at the stage of development when the spirit begins consciously to manifest itself.

Humanity acts as a link in the scale of evolving creation. Each generation acts as a stepping-stone for the next, so that step by step, humanity moves slowly forwards from selfishness, fear and ignorance.

Everyone should play his part in this Great Scheme, carrying out his share of the work whether he be a hewer of wood or a drawer of water, which in modern idiom means carrying out essential work such as baking the bread, driving the buses and otherwise supplying the myriad needs of his fellow men.

Many men have not yet achieved sufficient understanding to work willingly for this scheme, but the Creator, foreseeing this, arranged that they, despite themselves, should take part.

This is beautifully expressed in Hinduism, where the consort of Vishnu the Creator is Lakshmi, the Goddess of Desire and Material Success, who lures man from apathy and laziness by stimulating his desires so that later, when he has developed the strength and will, he may acquire understanding and serve the Creator.

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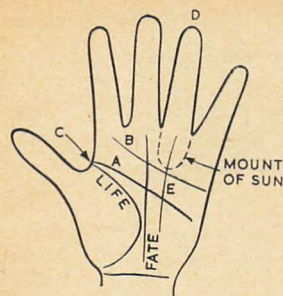


Fig. 1

NO one in the whole wide world can expect to live in a state of eternal bliss. It is, in fact, justly human to have a touch of worry here and there, for however well off or personally happy we may be, there are occasions when we have to face up to anxious times.

When the palm contains well-marked major lines only, the owner tends to be self-contained. Endowed with a sense of discipline, he shows a positive approach to life.

Naturally well-balanced, he is hardly likely to be given to worrying unduly (Fig. 1).

When a network of helter-skelter lines gives the impression of a palm-size grill, it reveals a too impressably sensitive disposition. The owner is a natural worrier and is quite undisciplined.

Abrupt and impulsive, he acts first and thinks later, obviously negatively (Fig. 2).

THE lines of Heart and Head are the true revealers of our operative and active self. When clear, deep and long, they have an enlightening effect on our personality, and show a wholesome innate balance.

They certainly indicate a hopeful disposition (Fig. 1 A, B).

When the firm, long, Head-Line is quite straight, it speaks of innate aptitude for realism. Its owner deals with things in a down-to-earth, practical manner, and of course without undue fretting. He tends to be an optimist (Fig. 1 A).

A firm, long, line that slopes down gently shows a natural aptitude for the artistic. Its owner, when confronted with a worrying situation, endeavours to sort it out imaginatively.

If unable to solve the problem at the first attempt he turns to a thought-provoking aesthetic interest, thereby gaining necessary respite.

He then returns to tackle it from a fresh angle, and generally finds the answer (Fig. 3 A).

THE space between the Heart-Line and Head-Line is revealing. When not unduly wide or narrow it is a symbol of prudence, balance and rational outlook.

Hope, Fear and Anxiety

by

Mir Bashir, B.A.

The owner is objective, dispassionate and advocates harmonious relationship. In fact, he can be quite worry-proof (Fig. 1).

An excessively narrow space betrays a jealous and intensely subjective disposition. Self-centred and envious, its owner lives anxiously, and too often inclines to be morose and rather pessimistic. There is also a touch of sadism about him (Fig. 3).

Nevertheless, he can be frightfully tenacious, and a rather competent worker. His concentration can be deep and, when really occupied, he can be without a care in the world.

If numerous offshoots droop down from the Heart-Line, the owner tends to go through a series of frustrating experiences, which keep recurring and stimulating a heightened sense of uncertainty and anxiety which usually leads to neurosis. Obviously he can hardly find any inner peace (Fig. 4 A).

CUTS or malformations in the Heart-Line also show acute phases of anxiety. These can cumulatively cause hardship and can be lasting (Fig. 4 B).

When the Head-Line is cut, islanded or of woolly formation, tense moments of occasional anxiety seem to be unavoidable.



Fig. 2

Situations arise, suggestive of apprehension, and the owner reacts in a set pattern, which in due course becomes a confirmed reaction process (Fig. 4 C).

Should the Life and Head-Lines begin jointly but immediately separate, it is a mark of a sensitively alive and prudent nature. Caution and intelligence help towards a fairly worry-free life.

The person seems to sense impending trouble, and quite instinctively knows either to avert or circumvent it. Usually he is able to do so quite successfully (Fig. 1 C).

THE most stubborn and incurable worrying disposition is shown when both the lines begin jointly and travel for an inch as one line, before separating.

Such a person tends to be intensely self-conscious and extremely sensitive. Devoid of self reliance, he is a born worrier (Fig. 3 A).

He personalizes everything, and takes offence at trifles. He even believes the whole world to be against him.

On the defence every moment, he is given to apprehension and despondency.

And yet he is warmly disposed, and responds heartily when given the right consideration. Hungry for affection, a little attention can often brighten up his dreary world.

Fingers themselves are revealing. When straight and well-formed, they show an aptitude for wholesome living. There is innate capacity for right handling, and the owner is not likely to fret too often (Fig. 1).

ILL-FORMED and distorted fingers are another matter. They reveal an unsavoury character, one who tends to be crooked (Fig. 2).

The mind is warped and there is a peculiar imbalance. The owner naturally falls into wicked ways. In fact, he has hardly any sense of the spiritual.

Crafty and suspicious, he takes to anti-social behaviour and lives a life of crime. Due to an inner twist, he is shrewdly evasive, and thoroughly cunning.

No wonder he lives in a state of perpetual anxiety.

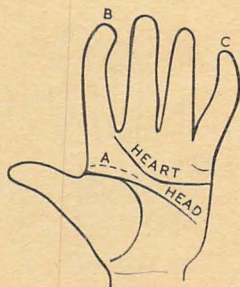


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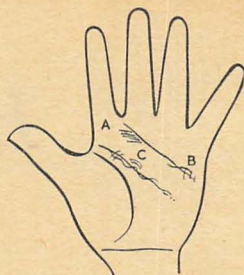


Fig. 4

WHEN the forefinger alone happens to be twisted inward at the tip, it shows a marked inclination to be on the defensive. Edgy and sensitive, its owner tends to be suspicious and afraid (Fig. 3 B).

And yet he can be a conscientious and competent worker, and can grow out of his apprehensions if given the right kind of understanding.

The little finger that is badly distorted shows a real twister. It is a mark of a cheat and a deft liar. Unable to resist a temptation, he is all the time on the alert.

He is quick to manoeuvre a situation for personal gain. Usually he reveals remarkable perception in the choice and technique of skilful exploitation of people (Fig. 3 C).

Strangely enough, he is usually exposed, often in the process of applying his too shrewd trickery in connexion with an innocent person. When this happens, his sense of shame often helps to stimulate his dormant conscience, and a change of heart is more than likely.

However, he seems to be unable to give up his old habits, and occasional lapses do occur, though generally in the form of little lies and acts of harmless misdemeanour, more due to fear than recognition of the need for ethical conduct.

THE Mount of Sun, the fleshy elevation beneath the third finger, is associated with brilliance, and a sense of joyful living. Prominently placed, it throbs the being with a promise of scintillating hope (Fig. 1).

When a sticky situation arises, and things really go wrong, it proves an unfailing tonic and drives the blues away.

Its owner, in fact, is too optimistically conditioned to allow despair to darken life's horizon.

If the third finger, besides being long, is also well-balanced, he is able to change an awkward situation into a gay or ridiculous one, through a brilliant twist of his irrepressible humour (Fig. 1 D).

And with a strong and undisturbed Line of Sun, nothing is allowed to impair the equanimity of mind. Hope, in fact, kindles the heart for evermore and stimulates an ardent zest for living (Fig. 1 E).

MY DREAM

By **Cliff Richard**

Gosh, I've been so busy lately that I haven't had much time for dreaming. I'm lucky if I snatch a few minutes on a film set during rehearsals.

The last vivid dream I had was concerned with dancing, and I imagine this subject was on my mind, for I've been studying and rehearsing dance routines quite a lot recently.

Anyway, this dream started off with me sitting in a box at an Opera House waiting for the curtain to go up.

The audience hushes as the curtains part to reveal a ballet scene. It is the kind of image I have in my mind as being typical of Swan Lake. The ballet dancers are dressed in downy costumes, with close-fitting skull caps made of feathers. As they pirouette across the stage they gradually change shape and, in my dream, I am amazed to see that they are turning into real swans. The audience, too, react as one might expect, standing up in their seats and calling out. Then a rather suave compere-type hurries to the centre of the stage and, speaking into a microphone, assures them that there is nothing to worry about and they will be re-paid their ticket money at the box office. This announcement causes everyone to rush from their seats.

At this point the dream changed completely to something about a railway train, and became in effect a quite different dream.



Cliff Richards, subject of this month's dream study, needs little introduction. In less than five years this popular young singer and film star has earned world-wide recognition and the affection of thousands of devoted admirers

COLIN BENNETT

interprets

CAREFUL reading of this dream as set forth discloses two or three distinctly unusual points. As an instance, when the girl dancers turn into real swans we are told that "the audience reacted as one might expect—standing up in their seats and calling out". In other words, they started a scene of violent protestation, but under the circumstances this is not what anyone would have expected. The audience would have sat silent in rapt astonishment at what would have been accepted as a marvellous trick of stage illusion.

Then the compere comes forward and reassures seat-holders, telling them "there is nothing to worry about". So the latent content of this dream reveals itself as being a state of fear, worry and consternation, only checked on the brink of actual panic by the audience (of which the dreamer in the box was a principal one) being told

they could have their money back on asking for it. It is not a happy dream at all, but one in which everything unexpectedly goes wrong. Its least unhappy part consists of the belated assurance that there is still the chance of returning to a state of "as you were" and starting all over again.

WE are told that at this point the dream changed suddenly to something about a railway train, which was "quite different". Here the dreamer is wholly wide of the truth. The railway of a dream is a graphic representation of the journey of life. So the actual transition depicted is one from make-believe to reality. Which poses the question: what is this artificial state of affairs that is—or has been—going wrong and causing something of an incipient panic in the dreamer's subconscious?

It may be anything or "nothing" in the literal sense: a real difficulty to be faced and overcome, or merely a fancied irritation born of an overwrought attitude of mind. The dream suggests it be dealt with by changing "lines of travel", whatever these may be. There is a lot more in the dream, but this hint is enough to make a start.

MINING MAGIC

by

Nicholas Heron

IN an age dominated by commerce and heavy industry it seems odd to suppose that there should be any occult or ritual significance attached to mining and smelting the various ores and metals. Nevertheless, this was once a highly arcane procedure, and, in certain primitive communities, still is today.

The ancient world believed that metals "grew" in the earth in exactly the same way as did trees and crops, and mines were regarded in very much the same way as were farms.

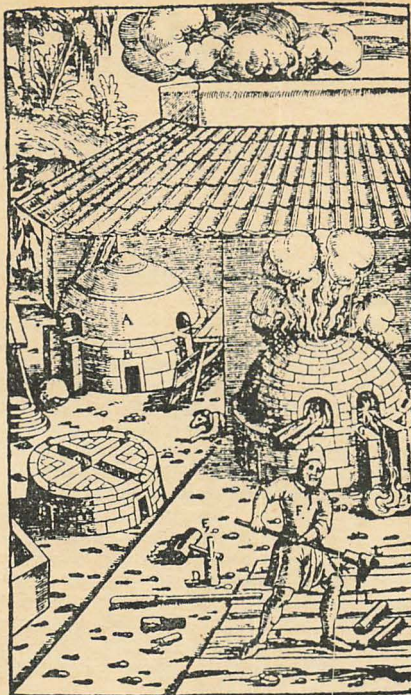
If a field had become poor through too intensive cultivation it was allowed to rest for a time. By the same token it was thought that if a worked-out mine were blocked up and left for a number of years, it would be able to recover its strength and create once more its precious metallic deposits.

Glauber, the chemist, took the agricultural analogy even further when he wrote: "If the metal reaches its final perfection and is not extracted from the earth, it may well, at this stage, be compared to an old and decrepit man. Nature maintains the same rhythm of birth and death in metals as in vegetables and animals."

In other words, if you didn't mine your metal at the proper time it would literally over-ripen and go rotten, just as would ungathered apples or unlifted potatoes.

MINING was, in a sense, a ritual act. Throughout Europe, up to and during the Middle Ages, the sinking of a new mine shaft was invariably followed by religious ceremonies of one kind or another, which were, of course, a pagan survival.

It was important, first of all, to ensure the good offices of the spirits (or demons)



A medieval smelter of metals at work

who were appointed guardians over the particular subterranean treasures involved.

This belief was universal; in almost every Grimoire one sees, space is devoted to dubious rituals which will—or are supposed to—persuade various demons to surrender the treasures over which they have guard.

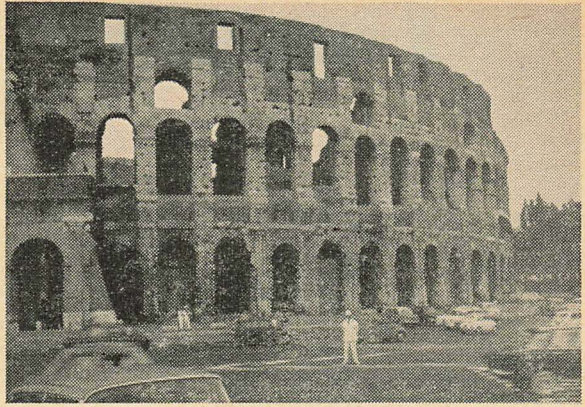
For example, there is a talisman "to discover Treasures and chase away the Spirits who preside over them".

For those interested, it should be written on virgin paper or parchment, with the pen of the swallow (quill) and the blood of the screech-owl. That's the trouble with Grimoires.

If the extraction of metals and ores from the earth was a magical act, then so, of course, was their smelting and working. This explains in part the "divine" rôle of the smith in early mythologies, for almost every pantheon has its worker in metals. As Ptah created the weapons with which the avenging Horus overthrew Set, so was created the hammer Mjølner (will on the mental plane) with which Thor slew the Midgard serpent.

THE hammer was, and is, a most potent magical symbol, which can be interpreted in a number of different ways. It has, obviously, a phallic significance, which

ECHOES of Earlier Lives



The Colosseum in Rome, where the author experienced a strange fear

(Photography by courtesy of the Italian State Tourist Dept.)

have never been sure about it, but have a fantastic uncertainty which for ever flows through me, warning me that if there is a future, then there is also a past. The key to the one is the key to the other.

by **Ursula Bloom**

If these are existent, are we part of a pattern into which we eventually merge? Or do we continue individually? "A personality does not die"—my father was sure of that. If I want to discover about the future, it would be wise to find something from the past. That might be the answer.

But am I aware?

I HAVE always recognized places which were friendly or antagonistic to me. Worcester, which is a city I adore, destroyed so much in my life; or shall we say that the circumstances started in Worcester broke up my life to such a degree that it could never be quite the same again. Walton-on-the-Naze is a kind place to me, it is friendly, and fond; but Frinton is *not* a kind place and has been neither friendly nor fond to me. London is good to me.

I always have the feeling that places are friendly or alien. Some are more dangerous than others to us. Some more friendly. Has anyone else ever had this feeling?

Only once have I ever touched some tiny key to the past. It happened in Rome. With time in hand while waiting for a train, I went to the Forum. I sat in the bright sunshine of the temple of the Vestal Virgins, enjoying every moment of it, but when I came to the actual Colosseum I was horrified. I thought that I should die. Most certainly, I dared not go inside.

THE past we know, the present we are making, the future is the unwritten book. It could read any way, it could even be nothing. Have we lived before? Do we survive after?

I am writing this without prejudice.

I am not a medium; I do not go to séances. Neither do I believe very much in spirits. Others seem to see this sort of thing constantly, but based entirely on my religious teaching as a child I am aware only of a psychic surround, which guides and helps me. I believe in God. You may give Him any name you wish, Nature, Jehovah, Buddha, but all these are the same person as MY God; perhaps "The Maker of all things" is the right understanding of Him.

But when one comes to analyse all that is about us, none of us really knows very much. The future is confused, the past blurred. Obviously we are allowed very little to go on, very little of the greater understanding which might give us the key to the whole situation.

I am here. That is the only truth that I really *know*, and can prove beyond doubt. *I am me*, and *you are you*, though of course I recognize that you could be a figment of my imagination. Who knows the real answer to that one?

I began life as a babe at birth, and I shall end life—this form of life, anyway—as an old lady in death. These are the facts behind and before me. These I cannot doubt, and neither can you. Yet it is what has gone before and what comes after which foils us.

My mother believed in reincarnation. I

Linga Sharira

Clairvoyance at a distance

By

J. F. Romer

I HAVE met many people who have been to Tibet and have learned a great deal about the lamas and their practices.

One of my friends in particular, an adventurous Irishman named O'Halloran, with whom I worked for nearly a year, was formerly supervisor on a tea estate up in the hills on the border of India and Tibet, and we had many interesting conversations on his experiences.

Knowing that he had been there I gave him Madame David-Neel's book, *With Mystics and Magicians in Tibet*, asked him to read it, and let me know what he thought about it.

"Well," he said, "she has not exaggerated anything, in fact, if anything she has understated it. But what puzzles me is how she ever got to know such a lot because, from my experience, the lamas as a general rule will not tell a woman anything."

There was, of course, a reason connected with reincarnation. Madame David-Neel was told on one occasion that she had formerly been a soldier with the army of Genghis Khan and was condemned for her sins to wander in the West.

My friend then told about an experience of his own. The lamas are great tea-drinkers

and, on one occasion, it was necessary for him to see the head of a monastery about a tea contract.

THIS monastery was about 150 miles distant, and was purposely placed in an inaccessible and isolated position so that the lamas should not be disturbed in their meditations.

They have no telegraphic or telephonic communication with the outside world, and the only way in which my friend could settle the matter was by going and seeing the lama personally.

The only way he could get there was by mule-back over the mountain passes. He loaded up the mules and set off.

When he arrived he was surprised to see the head of the monastery come out and say: "Welcome Mr O'Halloran! I have made all arrangements for your stay."

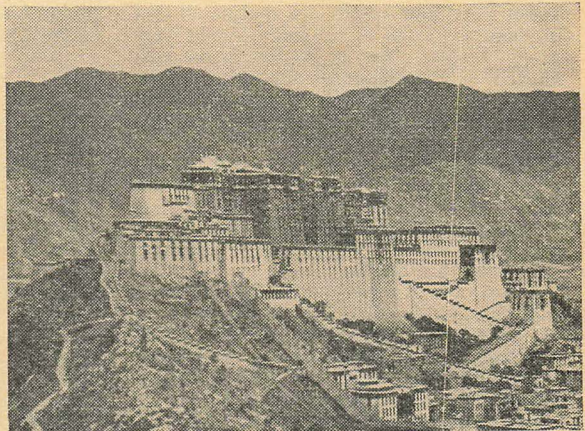
"But how did you know I was coming? I sent no word."

"No," agreed the lama, "you didn't. But I saw you set off, and heard you say that you were coming here. I knew that all being well you would be here in about four days' time."

The means by which he was enabled to see and hear at such a great distance is known as *linga sharira*. It is a kind of clairvoyance and clairaudience, and is not astral projection of the Sylvan Muldoon variety. Muldoon in his book states that the worse one's health is, and the nearer to death one is, the easier it is to have a projection, for death is a permanent projection. *Linga sharira* is entirely different.

Tibet : The Potala (former
Monastery Palace of the Dalai
Lamas)

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IT is necessary for success that the mind should be perfectly at rest, powerfully under control, and that the health is good.

I have experimented a good deal in this direction, and for those who would like to try it I will give a few practical hints.

The lama usually sits cross-legged on a comfortable cushion with his eyes closed, but this is not necessary, as one can lie in bed and do it just as well. The most important thing is not to go to sleep or lose consciousness.

The lama, although he sits up, is able to maintain his balance, and although he may be mentally hundreds of miles away, is able to return instantly without any of the unpleasant and somewhat terrifying sensations described by Muldoon as being due to the shock of return.

Supposing, then, that one decides to do it lying in bed. One lies on the left or right side or on the back. If one lies on the back it is comparatively easy to obtain the vision, which is usually of the present, but it is very difficult to keep awake. It is, to say the least, very annoying if just when one has obtained the vision it shuts off sharply.

I prefer to lie on the right side or the left. Sometimes when one lies on the left side one is translated into the future. On one occasion I was carried forty years into the future, but this very seldom happens. If one lies on the right side one is usually in the present.

USUALLY when the vision begins to get interesting one loses it by becoming unconscious. How then does one keep awake? With any kind of occult practices fasting is a great help; the digestion of large quantities of food produces sleepiness and loss of control of the mind.

On the only occasion in which I was translated forty years into the future I went into a public library, and saw on file a copy of the *Times* giving the date quite clearly. I became so excited at the possibility of reading it that when I attempted to do so it faded out and a blank white sheet remained.

I tried the *Telegraph* next to it but the same thing happened. The extra activity of the mind caused an almost total loss of the contrast upon which we usually depend for seeing.

Personally, I never have anything to eat or drink between 6.20 p.m. and 7.30 a.m. the next morning. This is a very mild sort of fasting, but it is sufficient to produce clair-audience over breakfast. It is very often possible to hear something which is going to be said four or five hours ahead, or in some cases as much as a week ahead.

THE lamas drink numerous cups of tea, but this must not be overdone, as it may defeat its ends and there will be no vision at all. They usually have a cup of tea on coming back from their travels, but not before they set out.

The stimulating effect of tea is due to the alkaloid caffeine, and in this respect *linga sharira* links up with the practice of the Balinese magician, who inhales a powerful alkaloid in the form of incense. There are about eighty known alkaloids, many of which have remarkable physiological effects, but tea is about the safest.

Assuming then that the conditions are right and that one is lying on the left side. There is silence, and the light is dim. One then concentrates on breathing in-out, in-out; this is done for about two minutes. Then—this is the most difficult point—one concentrates attention on some familiar object without thinking about it, not at all an easy thing to do.

But if one is successful this will fade out, and then as a rule one finds oneself out on the road, and can observe the traffic, houses, trees, and people walking about.

IT is a most wonderful experience, but one of the peculiarities of it is that, unless there are other indications such as street name-plates which can be seen, one does not know where one is. And, of course, it is not possible to ask, as no-one can see you.

I have gone down streets of old-fashioned shops and houses with all sorts of interesting things in their windows; these shops must have disappeared seventy or eighty years ago.

How far can one travel in this manner? There does not seem to be any limit. On one occasion I was in a city in Poland and went down an interesting street named Korzienowski, but what city it was I do not know. Perhaps some reader with a knowledge of Poland will be able to say.

Is it possible to project whenever you want to? By no means; anything that stimulates the mind to over-activity will inhibit it.

ANOTHER peculiarity is that you will see only those things which you would see if you went to that particular place in reality. If, for example, you were in the street and saw a man enter a house and shut the door, you would not be able to see what he was doing inside the house.

How long does the vision last? As long as you are able to maintain consciousness. At the start this will be only a few seconds, but can be increased with practice. As soon as consciousness is lost you will either awake without the vision—or go to sleep. Sometimes there does not seem to be any interval between loss of the vision and awakening.

High altitudes seem to have an effect. Hardly any part of Tibet is less than about 5,000 feet above sea-level, and the remarkable feeling of exhilaration produced in going up to high altitudes in an aeroplane is well known. It was probably due as much to this as to anything else that the lamas were able to develop *linga sharira*.

I told my father about this. He was more interested in the sense of happiness when I sat in the temple of the Vestal Virgins. He insisted that the happiness was another link, for it was possible that I had been one of these virgins, had misbehaved, and been condemned to death in the Colosseum.

He was not so much interested in my fear of the Colosseum as in the fact that I could find my way about in the Forum without being told. That, I admit, was true. I recognized the Seven Hills immediately, though I had not learned about them; Romulus and Remus also.

My father was convinced that Rome and I had met before. I do not know. But one thing is quite certain, I am not going back to find out because, let us be frank, I dare not.

NOW my mother was always recognizing parts of the Isle of Wight, although she had not visited it previously. She was sure she had lived there once. She would make absurd remarks like: "There used to be a lot of horses here" or "There's a lovely lake this way. Come along and I'll show you." The amazing thing was that she was right about the lake, and about a wood, and also a hill that was curiously shaped.

My mother was convinced that a previous incarnation was the only answer to the question. I am not so sure, though, as I said previously, if there is the one there undoubtedly *is* the other, and as I am convinced that we continue, I ought to be sure of the past.

YESTERDAY could be the mother of tomorrow. Living here today, there has also been a yesterday and, when the hour arrives, will come the morrow. But I want more proof. One thing is quite certain to me and that is that proof is the most difficult thing to acquire. Unless you are prepared to accept the sure proof which lies deep down in your own heart you will not be permitted any other. That could be the answer. Your personal contact with yesterday, if any, and your personal faith in tomorrow, are the two big factors in your being today. We shall never entirely unseal the great secret, because it is something we are not meant to know.

Underlying, however much I argue with myself, there comes the recurring defiant truth, that I dare not return to Rome. I dare not go back because somewhere and somehow something happened there. I don't know what it was, but I am afraid of it. I don't know who I was, but I WAS there. That establishes the certainty of a tomorrow without doubt.

probably accounts for a great part of its importance as a ritual object in primitive societies, worshipping as they did the power of generation. The title "Great Chief of the Hammer" is not unknown in Africa today.

It was also a Sun symbol, and in some early carvings is shown as a part of the Solar Wheel. The word "hammer" as we know it is said to have come from the Anglo-Saxon "hamor", which has been given as "fire or gold of the Sun," thus establishing a very positive solar connexion.

When the smith wielded his hammer, then, he was actually using a magical weapon, and the shaping of metal on his anvil was in itself an act of magical significance. In mythological terms, he was presiding over an act of creation, in itself a godly thing. The anvil became a sort of altar, the hammer the solar or "male" force, the metal the receptive or "female" aspect of the operation.

This has proved a remarkably persistent tradition. The Gretna Green wedding "over the anvil" shows how it has lasted, even if the exact knowledge of its significance has not. One still hears occasionally of couples who elope to Gretna fondly imagining that the local blacksmith will be able to marry them.

BELIEFS like this one owe their origin to race memories so deep, and so distant, that they will probably never be wholly eradicated. (Unless, of course, we are all eradicated.)

It is part of the "old religion" in the most literal possible sense, the religion which worshipped all things created, the joy of birth and rebirth, the cycle of the seasons, growth and fertility.

There was nothing whatever evil about it; it had nothing to do with the "devil", for in those days there *was* no devil; its god was the Sun, basically the giver of all life, as it still is.

If anyone should imagine that there is nothing of Sun worship in Christianity, then they should think again. When the Sun dies, we die, a fact to which no religion on this earth can remain indifferent.

Mystically, the forge, the hammer, the anvil, all the trappings of the smithy, are microcosmic symbols of the Creation.

Perhaps that is why anything one does that is creative, inept though it may be, gives satisfaction, and gives one the constant impulse to improve on it. Perhaps it is also why no artist, in any medium, is ever wholly content with his work, but seeks constantly to better it in some way.

The urge to create is the urge towards perfection, and to find perfection is to find the ultimate and final goal.

As to what that goal may be, few of us are agreed; but at least the majority of us are certain it is there.

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Stormy month

JULY's Full Moon on the 6th is a South Nodal Eclipse, which squares Jupiter, opposes Lilith, sextiles Neptune and trines Mars, making a strange and uneasy planetary mixture, capable of creating a stormy atmosphere all round.

Weatherwise, this country may be in for freak winds, even of hurricane strength, with possible damage to property, and danger by road and rail.

Strange and even severe electrical storms could occur all over the world. The tautness of climatic conditions could adversely affect the nerves and temper of the general populace.

As with people, so with Governments and nations, and too hasty conclusions on the part of our leaders could lead to public expenditure on a colossal scale. This is a lunar-Jupiter effect and is not helped by the opposition to Lilith, an orb often described as the "Mother of Monstrosities", both in thought, word and deed.

With Saturn also strong in the lunation map, look for limitation of land prices, together with an unpopular attempt to circumscribe our private spending or to enforce compulsory saving.

Neptune's configuration with the Full Moon in eclipse brings the question of drugs into prominence again. There may be a doping scandal, or criticism of the ever-increasing use of tranquillizers, and their possible effects.

WITH the New Moon on July 20th involved with an Eclipse of the Sun, and in sextile to Mars, expect further moves in capital gains tax, together with demands for larger pay packets, as the vicious spiral of increased prices and wages is again stimulated by national expenditure.

As Venus trines Neptune, women could profit. It looks as though clothes will be cheaper and mammoth sales will offer bargains of feminine appeal. Successes of women in public life will make the headlines, and at least one woman politician will secure support and acclaim for her outspoken criticism of a matter which appeals to the temper of the public in general.

Indications are that it will not be a good month for farmers. Harvesting may present more problems than usual, possibly due to bad weather conditions and to transport difficulties. It looks as if, in consequence, fruit, vegetables and grain products will be more expensive, but this could be counterbalanced by cheaper meat, due to a new trade agreement with the South Americas.

Taken all round, July will be a stormy period in more ways than one. Its atmosphere of nervous tension can best be counteracted by maintaining a calm demeanour, and avoiding all extremes.

HOW TO USE THE LADDERS

AT the side of each monthly forecast in the following pages is a four-runged ladder bearing different symbols, representing the various matters that may affect you. Here is the key. *Heart*: love affairs. *£ sign*: money and material matters. *Sword*: quarrels and disputes. *Sun's face*: health. *Letters*: correspondence and documents. *Linked rings*: partnerships. *House*: domestic matters. *Suitcases*: travel. *Black cat*: general good luck.

These symbols indicate the highlights of the four phases of the month, as interpreted by the above key. For example, if your ladder shows a sword and a heart on a certain "rung", this stands for disputes about love. The sword by itself would mean disputes in general. Letters on the same line as the Sun would refer to a document concerning health matters. The ladder symbols are, therefore, an additional guide to the trends prevailing in your affairs for the coming month.

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ARIES

THE next four weeks have certain slowing-down, hampering trends that you might find irksome if there are urgent matters to be attended to. It seems that things tend to happen rather more of their own accord than through plans you make. There is some likelihood of a lessening of recent good trends in the occupation.

ALTERNATIVELY, somebody with whom you have worked for some time may depart from their usual scene of activity. Though such a departure could be temporary, it could bring with it a cessation of usual activities on your part with, perhaps, a reshuffling of working arrangements.

To get the best out of the next four weeks,

you must be prepared to wait for the obstructive element to pass. Plan and live one day at a time, don't try to force any issues, and you will get less irritated.

Occupations or interests connected with land or property matters should go well. You may see more of your family (distant relatives included) than is usual during the

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TAURUS

THE next four weeks have a time-frittering tendency which you will need to watch closely if you have important material questions to deal with. Should you be on holiday, this will not apply, but if you must follow your usual routine and get to grips with life you will need to be firm with yourself and others.

DON'T be surprised if a plan or hope of long-distance travel has to be abandoned, or re-arranged, due to factors beyond your control. On the other hand, short journeys or holidays in your own country are not affected. Under this aspect many of you may be deciding to holiday in familiar places.

On balance, this ought to be a good month

for pleasure trips, correspondence and love affairs. It should suit young folk admirably, because there will be much going on, and plenty of "to-ing and fro-ing", even if it is not to much purpose.

Things that will flourish are your partner's cash prospects, your own standing with other people, and the ability to get rid of irksome duties or conditions. You may even have a

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GEMINI

ALL the signs are that this month will be marked by a sharp upswing in finances. Though this improvement will not be seen immediately, and there may be a slight squeeze where money is concerned during the early part of July, by the end of the second week the situation should have changed drastically for the better.

THOUGH some of you may be on holiday at this time, it is an excellent time for the others to concentrate on all matters that are calculated to produce financial reward, particularly where the trade or profession is concerned. Irregular motions are in the air, and could come your way if you play your cards right.

If by any chance you should not be in

employment at the moment, and are seeking it, then this worrying situation may soon be at an end. You may have to wait a while for concrete evidence of this, but it is more than likely that such evidence will be forthcoming before the end of the month.

As is to be expected in a holiday month, travel is well-starred, and for many of you the emphasis will be on pleasure and leisure

March 21 to April 20

next few weeks. But, taken on balance, domestic affairs should proceed on an even, pleasant keel, and home affairs be a consolation.

Those who have been bothered by health derangements lately (especially those caused by nervous stress or inflammatory conditions), can look forward to a change for the better round about the seventh of the month. It is then that either the basic cause will be successfully diagnosed, or the system will respond to treatment in a very hopeful way.

This bettering of health conditions should do much to improve your general outlook and optimism. The result is that you can cope better with contingencies that arise.

Not that there should be many during July for, despite what surface tensions or awkwardness there may be, your personal luck is

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special bit of speculative luck near the middle of the month, and here the trends are somewhat curious.

If you find anything at all, don't dismiss it as a worthless object. It might be a string of real pearls, or a flashy ring that turns out not to be paste after all. I mention this because there is a trend operating which suggests you profit by chance through another's loss or misfortune. So, whatever it is that you come by, don't cast it away until you have investigated its "luck potential".

As to material prospects, individual efforts are likely to play a great part in any acquisition of cash this month.

This means that, wherever possible, you should not leave your financial affairs to chance, but follow up every opportunity you get to improve income and prospects. This is

May 21 to June 20

pursuits. You should find it easy to relax, for the aspects are benevolent just now, and remain so for most of the month.

New friendships made while on holiday may (for those of you who are unattached) prove less fleeting than associations of this kind usually do, for there are genuine romantic influences at work here. Certainly this is an excellent time for cultivating new friendships for all Geminians, so neglect no opportunities to be socially as active as possible.

During the third week of the month the emphasis is firmly upon the occupation, and it could well be that the matter of promotion already mentioned comes under consideration. It may be that you are entrusted just now with an unusual degree of responsibility, or given temporary charge of an office or department. Be sure that if

basically good. Jupiter's helpful presence in your Sun-sign acts as a helping hand in all things.

In friendship affairs, the hampering effect of Saturn may have brought about more isolation of effort than usual and, to some extent, hampered the social side of your life. While it would be wrong to promise that this effect will be entirely dispersed, at least there is a bright side to it. The next four weeks ought to bring back into your life friends from long ago, or those of very long standing. At the same time, many of your private hopes and wishes could be benefited by the help of elderly people.

With the main interests of the month swinging round the home-occupation axis, it is those two fields that will benefit from your thought and effort, and changes that happen in either can, in the long run, be to your advantage.

one of the times when people or circumstances who might have formerly stood in your way now act with reverse and beneficial effect.

In occupational matters, you should find that the interest of those in a position to advance you will be readily forthcoming. Many Taurus-born folk attract favourable attention in some way before the coming month is out. This attention can lead not only to an improvement of your day-to-day conditions, but add a fillip to the hopes and plans you have for the future.

You will soon see the way opening to help you gain many things that you desire. The next four weeks' trends start off a run of little personal successes that should continue for some time.

In many ways, the luck of the month seems to carry you where it will. Where alterations of any plans have to take place, the future will show that there was a hidden purpose in the very things that occurred.

this happens you are being considered for a higher post, so don't be diffident about showing your capabilities.

Where the home is concerned there should be a generally harmonious atmosphere, with little to disturb the pattern of events. Improvements to the home are in the air now, and as a result of the improved financial situation, you may be able to make a long-desired addition to the household furniture.

The more active you are this month the better dividend it is likely to pay you. It is not a time to hang back in anything, whether social, professional, or indeed in any field of activity at all.

Diffidence just now can achieve nothing, as the trend is very much for people to take you at your own valuation. If you seem to lack confidence in yourself, then they will have none in you either. Optimism can make all the difference, and give you a substantial boost along the road to success.

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CANCER

ON the whole, this is not a very easy month, and it will be necessary for you to take a certain amount of care, particularly in associations with others. Any partnerships, whether domestic or professional, will tend to cause you anxiety, as this is not a time to rely much on the help of others.

AFFAIRS to do with marriage and with all kinds of partnerships are dubiously aspected for the time being, and influences from outside are likely to prove an unwelcome distraction in the settling of any difficulties which may arise. You must be prepared to make decisions for yourself, and to stick to them.

Beware also of any new associations formed at this time. These may not tend to your advantage by any means.

The first part of the month may bring some kind of minor crisis in matters of employment, and while this could cause temporary dissatisfaction and upset, there is no indication that any inconvenience will

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LEO

CAREER matters are likely to be well to the fore during the greater part of the coming month, and if you are seeking advancement in this field this can be an excellent opportunity to further ambitions of this kind. Your efforts to push ahead are not likely to be unnoticed in quarters that matter to you.

IT is important that you choose a course of action and stick to it. While there are many occasions (especially for Leo subjects) when second thoughts are best, this is most certainly not one of them. Don't take this to mean that you should go bald-headed at everything that confronts you; but do, on the other hand, be prepared to make up your mind swiftly and act accordingly.

Material matters generally go well, with promise of increased earning power and the possibility also of gain by speculation. As you have seen, however, it is far more probable that gains will be made through the occupation, and it is definitely here that your best efforts should be made.

For the first part of the month the home situation may not be quite so fortunate,

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VIRGO

THE coming month has an important phase round about 6-7th when matters of friendship, especially those that tie up with one of your secret hopes, might prove stormy. Emotionally, the month can produce surprises. Several matters that have recently caused disagreement can come to settlement—one of them, in fact, might settle itself.

THIS is not to say that all will be plain sailing. The friendship or romantic front could be rather uneasy throughout the whole month. It looks as if you will have to make an important decision about at least one of your close associates in order to please another. You may not be able to keep both.

domestic scene. This need not be caused by disagreement. It may simply be a reaction due to outside pressures or, perhaps, to your receiving unwanted advice about your personal affairs from the family circle.

You will get the best out of these somewhat disturbed emotional conditions by letting others do the worrying and fussing. For once, it will pay you best to let what must

There could also be undue pressure in the

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be permanent. In fact, matters to do with business are generally favoured, which serves to underline the insignificance of any incident such as this.

It seems possible that during the latter part of this period you will find a new interest—possibly a hobby of some kind claiming a large part of your attention. Be careful here ; for while there is certainly nothing wrong in itself in a new hobby, it would be a pity to allow it to monopolize so much of your time that you begin to neglect other and more important matters. There is a danger that just this could happen, so be on your guard.

Where romance is concerned there do not appear to be any serious difficulties in sight, though there may be a certain tendency to inconstancy on the part of a loved one. If you should suspect this to be the case it

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and care is required in the handling of certain domestic matters which you may be called upon to deal with. It is not likely that any problems that arise will require financial sacrifice, but on the other hand quite a lot of your time may be taken up in straightening things out.

As the domestic situation eases, and it should do after the second week of the month, you should find little else to trouble you. A certain emphasis now falls upon correspondence, and a letter—or an advertisement perhaps—could have a considerable effect on your affairs.

If you happen to see an advertisement offering some form of employment that attracts you, then answer it. You've nothing to lose by doing so, and you could gain surprisingly. If you should happen to be on the stage, or in any creative or artistic

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happen just happen, for there will be little gained by fighting it.

In more ways than one, the coming month is of importance, more from the point of view of firming the really worthwhile things and associations, and getting rid of the dead wood of both acquaintanceship and practical affairs.

Though many of your past interests now tend to tail off, it cannot be said that any really low level will be touched in matters of real, practical importance.

The tone here remains good, especially in things to do with benefits from your partner, or prospective partner. Their affairs are well set for some time to come, with any snags that may materialize proving of an entirely temporary nature, and easy to cope with.

Combination of plans, or efforts, with

would be in your best interests to treat the matter with moderation.

It is not in your interest just now to be impetuous in any matters where the affections are concerned, and this includes any new romantic attachments that may be formed as well. Bide your time ; you won't be sorry.

Uncertainty in partnership matters shows up once more as July progresses, and here again any sudden or impetuous act could have unforeseen and possibly unfortunate results. It is not really possible at any time this month to be careless where this sphere of your life is concerned, as the decidedly peculiar aspects which operate here make some degree of stress inevitable.

In short, rely on yourself wherever possible, and not on others. Trust your own judgement, and be careful not to be tempted into hasty actions or decisions. Concentrate on things that matter.

profession, then take particular note of this.

Travel is also indicated in this connexion, and could play some part in the later turn of July's events. Once more, gain could come from it.

The marked degree of movement that exists in all areas of your life during this month makes it vital that you do not allow yourself to be outstripped by events. It is not likely to be a restful month, so if you were counting on a quiet time I'm afraid you will be disappointed. Take consolation, on the other hand, that all this activity is certain to be of a generally beneficial nature.

Without question you should reach the end of July with all your affairs on an expanding and prosperous basis. Confidence in yourself is the keynote, and confidence also in your ability to make the right decisions. Neglect no opportunity that offers, especially where the occupation is concerned, and all should go extremely well.

other people during the last part of the month, either to do with the future, or with travel, will have an excellent run of success.

It is then that you should look for the rewards from purely material interests. Money, advancement and the forwarding of a personal ambition are well-starred then, with an element of lucky chance entering into things that does much to lift you over the hurdles.

One of the things to avoid, if at all possible, is the bringing of new friends or romantic interests within the home circle too soon.

The trends that favour the furtherance of your friendships do not, in the next four weeks, also favour harmonious family conditions.

This is a time when you would do well to keep your friends, loves, and family apart as far as possible ; and the same applies to any disputes that arise in either field. Deal with these separately. Keep them in separate compartments and you will not be sorry.

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LIBRA

THE next four weeks is one of those periods when you would be better on holiday rather than coping with the usual routine affairs of life. If you cannot take it easy, or get away for a while, you are advised that obstinacy or a self-centred attitude in dealing with others will not pay off this month.

THE main areas of disturbance could be the domestic scene, your occupation, and all those matters that you feel are very personal to yourself. If these do go wrong, it will be largely through your own stubbornness. You can escape certain disruptions by just letting things pass over your head.

But it does look as if some sort of decisive

conclusion will be reached in either a domestic or residential problem. Some of you, indeed, may hear news during July which could mean your removal from your present abode, your usual work, or from both.

Matters connected with your personal hopes, friendships and secret wishes come under some curious aspects during the next

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SCORPIO

INFLUENCES are somewhat mixed during July, with the main hampering trends occurring in the first three weeks, and then a better, go-ahead trend setting in during the last eleven days of the month. Better, then, to reserve your best efforts until after the New Moon on the 20th, when the tide is more in your favour.

PERHAPS one of the most irritating things you have to contend with is the impact of others on your time. You might want to follow a course of steady action designed to advance your practical interests, while the calls made on your time by social affairs, and those people to whom you feel you owe a duty, could frustrate you.

Early in the month you may hear news of

an important change in the affairs of near relatives. For one or more of them an existing set of circumstances may be ending (perhaps a change of job or place of residence). This move might well be a sequel to events that began as long ago as January. However, in some way or another, it seems to involve you either by an unexpected journey, a visit, or extra correspondence.

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SAGITTARIUS

THERE is some danger of the next four weeks having a deceptive tendency, and the likelihood of a person who has not your welfare at heart trying to put a spoke in your wheel, with the risk of consequential cash disappointment or even loss. This is not a time to trust anybody with loans, either.

ANOTHER danger is that people might be careless with your property. So, if you are going away, make sure that everything is firmly locked up before you go, and guard against all contingencies of loss. In that way, you will safely steer clear of what could be the snag of the month.

Otherwise the luck of the month can be said to be a little more than average.

Developments are now likely in love affairs, social life and travel, which could have important issues.

Travel itself may be accompanied by more difficulties than expected. Some of you may have your departure held up through an elderly person or perhaps a slight personal ailment. And there could be some curious adventures while travelling, even to your

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few weeks. First of all, you are on the threshold of a new period when you should be making new associations of all kinds, and seeing the end of others.

If you will go with this trend, rather than resist it, unforeseen good fortune could result.

This is one of those subtle trends that is not easy to define, but the general indications are that other people will be able to see through any problem of yours more clearly than you can yourself, and be better able to advise you.

On the other hand, partnership affairs are very well aspected, and romantic affairs should go well, providing that they have been on a satisfactory basis in the past. It would not be fair to promise that those "on and off" love affairs will come to a

happy conclusion during the coming month.

Romantic associations that have been causing trouble could come to a final break-up about the 20th of the month, when one or other of the parties decides not to go on.

As previously stated, the next month sees a new trend starting in many of your affairs, and to resist it would be of no avail. We do not progress by things remaining as they were. But you may be getting rid of some of the more irksome factors in your life sooner than you think, and immediately afterwards, there is a blossoming of new interests.

Often we find that our problems are solved for us, or we are helped along the path of life by that element called the hand of Fate, which directs things into the way they are intended to go. This may well be the case in any changes that happen to you during the next four weeks.

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Shortly after the above (or even coincidental with it) there comes a chance of improving your own status or finances. Either you get a rise, secure a new and better job, or it is possible that you could benefit in some way from gifts or insurances.

I have seen this aspect work out in repayment of tax overpaid at some time, as well as in the maturing of an insurance policy in the favour of a person who knew nothing about it. Just how you benefit is a moot point.

Correspondence could be a medium for dispute, especially if you are in too much of a hurry to "read between the lines" instead of reading what is written on them. Be on your guard against this. Deal with all written matter in the simplest terms, and don't hesitate to ask for clarification should it be necessary.

Home affairs need handling with some care,

though. There is a liability to misunderstanding with those in your immediate surroundings, and this may be due to your being expected to carry a heavier burden than is fair. You will need to be firm with those who want to put upon you.

Romantically speaking, the trends of the month are in your own hands. There is little likelihood of any serious falling off in current love affairs, but it does look as if you will be too absorbed in other matters to push them forward!

There is one particularly bright note concerning a friendship (as apart from a love affair) which might have gone through a stormy patch recently. It looks now as if a hitherto unknown factor is revealed in a most unexpected way. This will shed new light on the problem, and can restore goodwill and harmony. It may, at the same time, point to somebody's deliberately having concealed some important news.

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playing a part in a dramatic situation in which you get involved almost by accident.

Another distinguishing feature of the month ahead is the way that your friendships and associations (both old and new) shape up. New contacts made now could help you to come to a decision about property or occupational matters which could have an interesting repercussion on these affairs.

Note that change is not suggested by this. Rather it could work out as a means of improving what you already have, and securing greater stability in your affairs generally, rather than by changing the old order for the new.

This could be a more than usually risky month for young folks, and even the older ones who like taking chances, for there is a daring trend to the next four weeks. In

connexion with this, there is a note of warning that I beg all to heed.

If your favourite pastime is exploring caves and holes in the ground, please take note that the trends are adverse for this kind of adventure. They also do not favour any expedition where life and limb can be risked, such as rock or mountain climbing, and venturing too far at sea, either in swimming or by a craft over which you have not full control.

Danger can arise from these things, for when the trends stimulate to adventure, they also incline to foolhardiness. Better be safe than sorry, and if you must follow the trail of adventure, be sure it is in plenty of company, or with good guides and experts who can advise you.

"The more the merrier" is sound advice this month. The bigger the company you are in the safer you will be on any hazardous adventure.

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CAPRICORN

CARE will be needed during the whole of the coming month in all matters that concern partnership or matrimonial questions. There is danger of divergence between yourself and your partner on an important question. This should be avoided at all costs, for it could lead to a serious rupture, or a prolonged misunderstanding.

RESOLVE, then, early in the month, to keep anything to do with matrimony, business partnerships, or those affairs you do in close connexion with another, on an even keel.

It may seem contradictory to say that while the above trend is operating, your partner's personal affairs will go well, but

this is so. There is a busy, uplifting trend in their affairs which augurs well for both business and leisure-time pursuits, and you too could benefit from this trend if you would let yourself.

Home and family affairs generally, however, are under helpful aspects, and you can safely push ahead with any plans that

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AQUARIUS

ALTHOUGH there are no serious upsets in view, this is not going to be a time when you will be able to settle down to a placid routine. While material matters are generally satisfactory, the more personal aspects of your life are likely to be somewhat uneven, with inconsistency in a partner causing anxiety.

THIS is more likely to be a home than an occupational matter, with problems tending to be emotional rather than material. You must be prepared to adapt, and above all to see and sympathize with another's point of view, even though you may not necessarily be in agreement with it.

Unfortunately, it seems likely that your

patience will be far from inexhaustible just now, and it is therefore specially important that you keep your temper under the firmest possible control. A hasty word or action just at this time could have consequences that would cause you the greatest possible trouble for a long time to come.

Should the opportunity for travel offer itself, so much the better, for a change of

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PISCES

INTERESTS tend to expand this month, with a strong likelihood that both your circle of friends and your interests will be substantially increased. It seems that friends, and perhaps one friend in particular, will play a prominent part in the activities of the coming four weeks, with considerable benefit to be anticipated as a result.

THIS, in fact, is likely to be a happy and successful month, with home affairs and occupational matters all well aspected. Help will come through partnerships and the profession, with the expansive influence at work here too.

While these aspects of your life remain pretty well constant throughout July, there are indications that emotional matters (if

you are unattached or contemplating marriage) are not going to run quite so smoothly. Care will be needed here, and much tact also in handling members of the opposite sex.

The only strong danger for the whole of the month is that emotional affairs might obtrude into other spheres of your life, causing irritability and loss of efficiency where your

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concern residence or improvement of home conditions. You could even risk a little more expenditure than usual on home comforts.

There may be cause for celebration about a major issue, or advantage gained connected with the home, before the month is out. It could be that something long wanted or hoped for comes your way in an unexpected and somewhat unusual way.

If you are planning a journey during July, the outcome could be both interesting and even uplifting in the furtherance of a private hope or wish. Yet, this same travel aspect has some curious interconnexions.

It may be that while you are on a journey, or away from home, you come across some information that reveals something of importance to you about a past situation which might have puzzled you.

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scene and environment cannot fail to be beneficial. This will enable you to achieve a calmer and more balanced outlook on life, thus allowing problems to be seen in proportion. It could be that you are now suffering from a certain amount of overstrain, which is clouding your judgement and making you impatient with others.

As the month progresses some interesting aspects come into play. If you have long been puzzled by something, or have felt that some matter has been made secret or kept from you in some way, then a solution may now be offered. This could be in connexion with a missing document or letter, the discovering of which may prove advantageous to you in some way. If for any reason you have been blamed for such a loss, then you will now be due for an apology.

Letters and correspondence in general are

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occupation is concerned. This must be guarded against if the otherwise even and successful tenor of this month is not to be upset.

If you should have a pressing romantic problem at this time it is not an opportune moment to try to force the issue. There is every possibility that any such problem will sort itself out if given a little time, whereas any attempt to force a solution will only result in a mutually unsatisfactory compromise which cannot at best be more than temporary.

Should any difficulties of this kind arise it is very improbable that they will persist beyond the third week of the month, by which time all ought to be well. This will enable you to give your full attention to material matters, which should have continued to prosper so long as you have not allowed

Correspondence of a stimulating or unusual nature might produce the same effects for those of you who are not travelling, but the whole adds up to something discovered which leads to new outlooks and, on the whole, the indications are excellent.

On the romantic side, this could be a very pleasant month, with any restrictions to the progress of your romance now being removed, and the way ahead clearly emerging. This should bring a happier trend in all emotional affairs.

To sum up, this is a month of somewhat conflicting trends. On the one hand, you will have the goodwill of others (partners especially), with any awkwardness stemming from your own attitude rather than theirs. Your home circle can produce both happiness and benefits, and emotional matters are really in your favour, even if they don't seem to be at first.

again strongly emphasized in the closing phase of the month, with the chance of some welcome news coming to you through this medium. If you indulge in any form of speculation, it could be in this connexion, for there is a chance of financial gain just now, with the element of luck playing a considerable part.

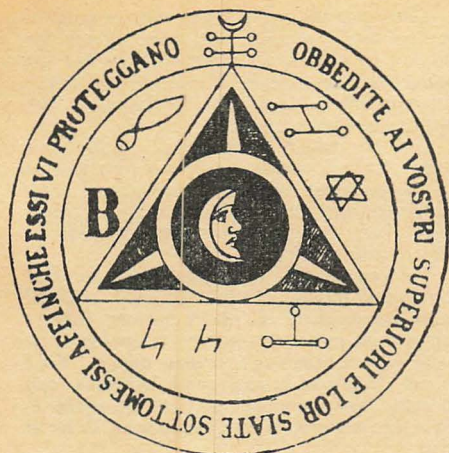
With the emphasis, as it is, on travel and a certain amount of emotional disturbance, it is important that you remain as equable and adaptable as is possible. While you can expect some financial gain from July, you cannot expect a great deal of stability, and you should therefore plan accordingly.

A dogmatic attitude can achieve nothing, and could even produce a quite unnecessary legacy of trouble. Certainly you may be quite right, but try not to tell people so too often, until this rather difficult time is at an end. Tact now will benefit you substantially later on.

yourself to be too much distracted.

For younger Pisces folk this could be a period of change, but the signs are that any changes made at this time will be for the better. If you are dissatisfied with your present employment, or feel that it is not getting you anywhere, then now is the moment to think in terms of changes. Look ahead, and if you think you are wasting your time in a dead-end occupation, then do something about it. It is no good imagining that opportunities will come seeking you out.

Pisceans can expect much dead wood to be removed in the course of these four weeks, with a much clearer outlook on life made possible as a result. Benefits must come from this, and in all probability in the not too distant future. Certainly this is a month which should improve your fortunes, and effect the removal of much that has been tiresome in the past.



Did you know that according to the position of the Moon there is a good and a bad time for cutting the hair and the nails, for curing a wart and for buying and selling? Ancient Astrology tells you how the Moon can help to improve your luck

Moon-lore

A GOOD Moon pulls you up" is an old astrological maxim. It means that if the Moon is well placed and fortified in any astrological map she can overcome many of the evils and dangers threatened by malefic planets and aspects.

"Fortify the Moon" is another phrase that constantly recurs in ancient Astrology, but today people want to know how *can* we, if the Moon was badly aspected at birth.

To clear up this point, we have to go back to the old truism that "the stars incline but do not compel", which many readers dislike, preferring to believe that things are inevitable. This means that, though they may have a good grasp of natal Astrology, they know little or nothing about its other aspects.

To accept one's birth-map and its probabilities as inevitable is depressing, limiting, and can be heart-breaking. To realize that there are ways of improving one's lot by knowing just a little more about other branches of Astrology, and then to apply such knowledge, means you can overcome much.

Most important of all, is to know how the Moon can help you. Even if she was badly placed and aspected in your birth-map, you need not suffer unduly thereby, once you know that, daily, as she traverses the different signs of the Zodiac, she can improve your luck if you work with her.

MANY of my correspondents now use the system of Charting the Moon to do this, and they have found that by working with the Moon they improve their lot in life.

By

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It is merely a matter of learning and applying a simple system.

But whether or not you want to learn about the old astrological Moon-lore, there are a few things you can try out for yourself.

Take, for example, the simple problem of receding, or poor, hair. Did you know that, according to Moon-lore, there is a time to cut it, and a time to leave it alone?

"If you desire your hair to grow speedily, then cut it on a waxing Moon (which means at New Moon or as near to it as possible) and at a time when either Cancer, Scorpio or Pisces is in the ascendant, or, alternatively, when the waxing Moon occupies one of those signs."

This results in speedy growth and strong hair. But, if you cut your hair when the Moon is in Virgo, Gemini or Leo, and she is on the wane at the same time, you are "afflicting the growth".

THE Moon's phases and signs affect all growing things—including those physical blemishes which we all suffer at times.

Take warts, for instance. Nearly everybody knows that they can be charmed away, but few people know that the Moon must

be in certain signs and aspects when it is done.

Why is this?

Because warts, according to old Astrology, are ruled by the Moon. They "come with her, and go with her", appearing on different parts of the body according to the sign the Moon was passing through at the time of their inception.

The odd thing is that doctors cheerfully admit both that warts can be charmed away, and that they don't know how to do it. I explained it once to my own doctor, who snorted in indignation at the idea of its having anything to do with the Moon, and decided I was a bit odd as the result of having spirited his own warts away.

People who have thin, brittle nails, or who suffer from ingrowing toe nails, might profitably observe whether or not the following formula works:

"Finger nails should only be cut when the Moon is in a succedent or angular house, and she is increasing in light and motion. Have a special care that the Moon is not in Gemini or Sagittarius and beholding Saturn or Mars by opposition. If so, the nails will be poor and thin.

"In cutting the nails of the feet the Moon must not be in Gemini or Pisces, or in *Via Combustia*, neither must she be in square, opposition or conjunction of Mars, otherwise the nails will grow into the flesh."

ALL these things have little to do with modern Astrology, of course, but I feel that there is enough interest in them for an occasional article. After all, the beauty of these old formulas is that you can try them out for yourself and see if they work or not!

Lady Moon does not despise material welfare, either.

You want to sell something at a profit? Try it when the Moon is in Taurus, Cancer, Virgo or Pisces, free from misfortune, and separating from a conjunction or aspect of the fortunate planets, and also applying to the aspect, *not conjunction*, of the infortunes, for such a time, say the cynical old-time astrologers, is "good for the Seller, but the clean contrary for the Buyer".

(And if you were ever landed with a bad bargain, you now know why.)

If you, as a buyer, want the advantage on your side, let the Moon be in Sagittarius or Pisces, at the same time well aspected by Jupiter. Then it will be of advantage to the buyer and not the seller; also, if the Moon is in signs of short or oblique ascensions and decreasing in light, the same.

It is not so difficult as it sounds, for the Moon is ever on the move, like the minute hand of the clock. It is just a case of learning to know the right time to do things. And there always is a right time.

Work it out Yourself

QUITE a few readers of PREDICTION seem to read and enjoy the feature articles, the Sun-Sign articles and other features, but ignore the "Aspectarian" and "The Planets This Month". Probably this is because they are put off by the technicalities involved.

But if you delve a bit you will find that they can be the most interesting feature of the whole astrological section of PREDICTION—for they enable you to potter with Astrology yourself.

Study the Aspectarian and make a note of the date on which the Moon will pass through your Sun-Sign. If you keep track you will be surprised how many times such a transit coincides with minor changes (affecting either yourself or your associates), altering your daily routine.

You already know what your Sun-sign is. Have you ever tried to estimate what degree of that sign the Sun would be in? Roughly speaking it would be in the 1st degree on the 20th of the month, the 2nd on the 21st, and so on until it reached the 30th degree on the 19th of the succeeding month.

Having made this calculation turn your attention to "The Planets This Month" and see if any planet is in your Sun-sign, and if so, anywhere near the degree the Sun was in at your birth. Should it happen to be, you can do another bit of Astrology on your own.

When Jupiter or Venus are involved you can be sure that you are in for a run of good luck—for these planets are the "greater benefics" of the ancient astrologer.

A transit of Jupiter over the zodiacal position the Sun held at your birth should improve your financial prospects. A transit of Venus should bring a period of happiness and contentment; your affairs then will run smoothly!

Saturn is not so good in his effects. If he is anywhere near your Sun, things will probably move rather slowly for you and responsibilities will weigh heavily.

Mars, if involved, is usually significant of a strenuous period in life when quick decisions and hard effort are the order of the day.

Mercury is the planet of movement and change. Should he happen to be near the position of your Sun then you will have a very busy time of it; prospects of travel and change are increased.

If you are ambitious—or interested—you can learn the signs of the Zodiac off by heart—Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Capricorn, Aquarius, Pisces. It won't need much effort. You will then be able to estimate which planets are opposite to each other (*in opposition* or 180° apart). This is important because a planetary opposition can have a quite noticeable effect—just as much as the conjunction with which we have already dealt.

Thus, if you are a Sun-Cancer person and, referring to "The Planets This Month" you note that Jupiter is in Capricorn, you will know that it is approximately in opposition to the position the Sun held at your birth. As Jupiter is concerned with financial matters this opposition is of significance in regard to your financial affairs—but the effects won't be so fortunate as with the conjunction.

The Oppositions are: Aries—Libra; Taurus—Scorpio; Gemini—Sagittarius; Cancer—Capricorn; Leo—Aquarius; and Virgo—Pisces.

YOUR

DAY BY DAY GUIDE

JULY ASPECTARIAN

Daily Hints for ALL Readers

- 1 M. \gg in III . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}\delta\psi$. $\text{♀}\Delta\text{h}$. Solid gains to be made by taking speculative chances. Make the most of important contacts; show them something novel.
- 2 T. \gg in III . \gg * O^*h . O^*P . A fire-away start gets bogged down in afternoon. Take more thought about property matters. Otherwise, make positive decisions.
- 3 W. \gg in III & f . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. O^*P . Sudden changes upsetting, but don't try unconventional short cuts. Good for co-operative plans on large scale. Goodwill important factor.
- 4 Th. \gg in f . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. Favours big business and smaller cash deals. Good luck atmosphere. But don't overdo physical effort, and avoid nervous tension.
- 5 F. \gg in I & V . \gg * $\text{h}\text{P}\Delta\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. $\text{O}^*\Delta\psi$. Only one thing wrong with today's fine prospects. You must resist feminine "back-seat drivers". Routine and experimental ventures both successful.
- 6 S. \gg in V . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{O}$. Not good for travel; important plans cancelled. Compensations come mysteriously; you find more friends than you knew of.
- 7 S. \gg in V . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. Give your energies full rein; you will thrive on physical and outdoor exercise. Work off early morning disappointment.
- 8 M. \gg in V & z . $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Best you can do today is talk, write, be persuasive. Act on encouraging rumours; give youth a chance.
- 9 T. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Money to be made, but some limitation on best prospects. Some illusory promises to watch. Exciting social contacts.
- 10 W. \gg in z & X . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}\Delta\psi$. Some erratic tendencies, but good chance of business through social contacts. Organizations, groups, can be talked round, to your gain.
- 11 Th. \gg in X . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}\Delta\psi$. O^*P . Back up ideas with cogent argument and important results can be achieved. But beware mechanical snags and don't sign anything legal.
- 12 F. \gg in X & Y . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}\Delta\psi$. Conflicting trends make "luck" an important factor. Best to play safe. Speculate only if loss would be unimportant.
- 13 S. \gg in Y . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. O^*P . Sense of fair play must overcome some lack of goodwill. Could be some money-luck, but not through speculation. Visit influential friends.
- 14 S. \gg in Y & z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Good for those who love the land, open-air sports. Motoring and air travel also favoured. Worth trying something new.
- 15 M. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. A day for speculation and sociability. Let dull tasks look after themselves if you can, or combine business with pleasure.
- 16 T. \gg in z & II . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Early delays and obstacles give way to big opportunities. Decisive, forceful, action favoured. Interviews, conferences, go well.
- 17 W. \gg in II . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. O^*P . Make decisions about new projects, sign contracts/agreements. Good for sound business by tried methods. Avoid wild-cat experiments.
- 18 Th. \gg in II & z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}\Delta\psi$. A day when money makes money; so do solid, slow-turnover goods. But beware frayed tempers. Happy social inspiration starts day.
- 19 F. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Fine for inspirational and original projects. Worth following a feminine speculative suggestion. Favours dealing with group trading concerns.
- 20 S. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Good for mechanical hobbies/jobs, but could be expensive. Not the day for gambling luck, either. Meet important people in evening.
- 21 S. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. A day for movement and minor travel. Favours youthful activities; elders will enjoy keeping up with them. Evening meetings and discussions.
- 22 M. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Prospers those in retail trade, legal/official occupations. Depressed atmosphere in property/agricultural spheres. Avoid all speculative matters.
- 23 T. \gg in z & III . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Despite erratic trends, new deals, contracts, can be pulled off. Make full use of mechanical/electronic aids or ideas. Travel helps business.
- 24 W. \gg in III . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Domestic affairs benefit through happy inspiration. Elsewhere, distorted messages could cause temporary disorganization. Artistic and "glamour" products do well.
- 25 Th. \gg in III & z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. If you don't rush things, important matters could be settled in your favour. A day for big occasions; by-pass trivialities.
- 26 F. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Unimportant day, mostly. Moderately good for artistic interests. For the rest, concentrate on ideas rather than action.
- 27 S. \gg in z . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Excellent for getting around; short trips, picnics, visiting old friends. Chance of some "lucky money", too. Romantic snags for male Leos.
- 28 S. \gg in z & III . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Another good travel day, with longer journeys also favoured. Novel developments add to enjoyment. Some domestic delays to clear up first.
- 29 M. \gg in III . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Contradictory day of hold-ups and over-hasty decisions. Only those with effective imagination will break through today's sluggishness.
- 30 T. \gg in III & f . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. A mix-up in communications gives a bad start. But general trend is affable and profitable for most things, except unorthodox experiments.
- 31 W. \gg in f . \gg * $\text{P}\Delta\text{O}^*\text{P}$. $\text{♀}^*\text{P}$. Good time to initiate new plans, enlarge scope of present activities. Turn important contacts to advantage. But watch for hidden snags.

BIRTHDAY FORECAST

If Your Birthday is in July

★ Indicates an exceptionally lucky twelvemonth ahead.

- 1st. A wonderful year in store. You gain in stature and prestige, finance. Romance crystallizes into permanent plans. A social mystery cleared up happily.
- ★ 2nd. Your desire for independence will be opposed, but you can just about win your point. Your decision will be right, but someone is bound to be hurt.
- 3rd. Security in home and friendship ties will see you through a difficult patch. For some, could be a big year romantically.
- 4th. Make the most of the year's lucky trends. Money prospects high. Private affairs stormy, though. Especially for Miss Cancer, love-wise.
- 5th. Excitement and change in plenty, but the "old and tried" lend faithful backing. New outlook romantically, after a disappointment.
- 6th. Interesting if difficult year. Disappointed in a major hope, you find a different set of values, leading to unexpected happiness.
- 7th. After a financial loss you fight vigorously to make good—and succeed. This could lead to the greater independence you seek.
- 8th. Fairly lively but uneventful twelvemonth. Any activity to sharpen your mind will bring pleasure and profit. Children's prospects good.
- 9th. Friends deceitful, but wise counsel gives you right outlook. Finances easy, but security rather uncertain. Mr Cancer experiments romantically.
- 10th. After some disturbing upsets, a more tranquil period follows. If literary or artistic, a year of successful inspiration. Romance favours Mr Cancer.
- 11th. Important progress career-wise may be disappointing financially at first. Highly satisfactory rewards later. Don't hurry things romantically, especially Miss Cancer.
- 12th. The daily round offers security, but there are interesting possibilities for the more adventurous. Don't be talked into large financial commitments, though.
- 13th. In career and material interests, a year of advancement. But personal/domestic matters lack harmony and co-operation. Firm but kindly argument will help much.
- 14th. A hitch in early plans, but old friends help to get things settled. Then exciting developments and increased pace. Romance for young Miss Cancer.
- 15th. Apart from a disturbing rumour, a year when you enjoy life to the full. Warm undercurrents in emotional matters.
- 16th. Disregard over-cautious advice and take a plunge that brings new openings. Could be a major step towards independence and more variety.
- ★ 17th. Make your own decisions, act on them, and success will be yours. But you may have to fight erratic domestic influence. Serious romance for Cancer women.
- 18th. Progress in romantic matters despite some personal tensions. Materially very successful; you can make long-term plans financially. Artistic interests thrive.
- 19th. Most things run smoothly. A pleasant surprise, soon, brings a touch of glamour. Altogether a happy and prosperous twelvemonth.
- ★ 20th. Early financial loss can be more than re-couped later. Possibly a big career change. Energy and decision will be important factor.
- 21st. Your main interests progress steadily, with some lively developments to be handled. Literary or public-speaking ambitions do well. So do plans for children.
- 22nd. Not an easy year, though financially progressive. An old burden becomes oppressive. Could delay engagement or marriage—but you needn't let it.
- 23rd. Though a minor key predominates, should be a stimulating year. Effect of surprise development depends on how you handle it. First thoughts best.

THE PLANETS THIS MONTH

Positions and Movements

☉ The SUN is in the 9th degree of CANCER at the beginning of July. It enters LEO at 1.59 p.m. on the 23rd, and at the close of the 31st has reached the 9th degree of the Lion. The Sun is trine Neptune on the 5th July, square Jupiter on the 11th, in superior conjunction with Mercury on the 13th, and sextile Mars on the 17th.

☾ The MOON is waxing on July 1st, and comes to its Full at 9.56 p.m. on the 6th (a lunar eclipse.) Then, waning, it reaches its Last Quarter at 1.58 a.m. on the 14th. New Moon is at 8.44 p.m. on the 20th (a solar eclipse) after which it waxes to First Quarter at 1.13 p.m. on July 28th.

☿ MERCURY starts July in the 24th degree of GEMINI, and enters CANCER on the 4th. Moving rapidly through the Crab, it enters LEO on the 18th, and by the 31st has reached the 26th degree of the Lion. Mercury's aspects are shown under the planets it applies to.

♀ VENUS is also in GEMINI, 23rd degree, as the month opens, but leaves it for CANCER on the 7th, and enters LEO late on the 31st July. Venus trines Saturn on the 1st July, is sextile Uranus on the 9th, sextile Pluto on the 15th, trine Neptune on the 18th and square Jupiter on the 22nd.

♂ MARS begins July in the 16th degree of VIRGO, but leaves that sign for LIBRA on the 27th. At the month-end Mars is in the 3rd degree of the Balance. It has a sextile from Mercury on the 14th.

♃ JUPITER spends July moving from the 18th to the 20th degree of ARIES, and is in trine to Mercury on the 28th.

♄ SATURN is still retrograde in AQUARIUS, one of its own signs, and retreats from the 23rd degree to the 21st. It is in opposition to Mercury on the 29th.

♅ URANUS is in VIRGO, and moves from the 3rd to the 4th degree. It has a sextile from Mercury on the 5th July.

♆ NEPTUNE begins July retrograde in the 14th degree of SCORPIO, recedes to the 13th degree, where it turns direct on July 26th, but remains stationary until the month-end. Neptune has two aspects from Mercury this month; a trine on the 10th and a square on the 24th.

♇ PLUTO is still moving directly in the 11th degree of VIRGO.

- 24th. You develop psychologically, making social contacts smoother, more enjoyable. But watch neurotic tendencies in a young associate. Could involve you awkwardly.
- 25th. Difficult to handle an emotional matter tactfully. Don't let this distract from a vital career opportunity. A signpost shows you the right course.
- 26th. Quiet, but not tedious twelvemonth. You can "unload" some cherished ideas and follow others harmoniously. Co-operative activities bring pleasure.
- 27th. First-class year for career and all material matters. You succeed in a competitive project. Emotional interests less happy as year advances.
- 28th. Obstruction to a main ambition can be overcome by surprise tactics. Press your advantage by quick thinking and lively argument to ensure a notable year.
- 29th. Your worst enemy will be time. Things drag on depressingly. But some "under-cover" influence will provide a short-cut to one success.
- 30th. Accent will be on personal relationships. All emotional ties strengthened and enriched. Some shocks, perhaps by children, are therefore cushioned.
- 31st. Your tip is, make hay while sun shines. Could be a decisive year in your life. You could mess things up, but signs are otherwise.

Cancer the Crab

The family man



By
Joan Rodgers

*Position in the Zodiac : 4th Sign.
Corresponding to : 4th House.
Principle of the Sign : Maternal, Protective.
Elemental Grouping : Water.
Qualitative Grouping : Cardinal.
Planetary Ruler : The Moon.
Symbol : The Crab.*

CANCER the Crab is the fourth sign of the Zodiac, corresponding to the beginning of summer and the fourth house of the horoscope. This house represents the foundation of life : it is the home, the base from which we start our lives.

Thus the sign Cancer represents the fundamentals of life. Parents, the home, the womb, the stomach and finally the grave—all come under Cancer.

She is ruled by the Moon, the Lady of the Night, and her metal is silver. Like the Moon, she is fickle and changeable—superficially, at any rate, but below the surface she clings to the old and familiar and changes very little.

Cancer is Cardinal Water. This means it is a sign of action (Cardinal) which is motivated by the emotions (water is the symbol of emotion).

People born under this sign are extremely sensitive. Their feelings are easily hurt, though they usually conceal them. They are like their symbol the Crab : they appear to be rather "hard", but they have a soft, sensitive side which suffers from every little upset in life. When things go wrong, Cancer takes it very much to heart and broods over it. She finds it hard to forgive and forget.

Maternal and sympathetic

The Cancer woman is a mother first and foremost. She is kind and protective and she loves small children, particularly tiny babies. There is always something of this watchful, protective attitude in the manner of a Cancer person of either sex.

If they like you (and they do not take to new friends easily), they will always be on the alert for pitfalls in your path, ready to warn you about them and to defend you against criticism.

Cancer people are extraordinarily sensitive to atmosphere and react quickly to the mood of those they meet. Thus, if you are gay so are they, and if you are sad they will weep with you.

They are intensely sympathetic ; even

total strangers will pour their hearts out to them and receive some kind of comfort in return.

Tears of sympathy well up in their eyes when you tell them your troubles. But do not be deceived by this : they may weep with you, but, unless you are a member of the family, they will do little more.

There is a story of a millionaire (he must have been Cancer) who, listening to a tale of woe, rang for his secretary and said: "Take this man away. He is breaking my heart !"

Cautious and shrewd

Cancer people are very sentimental and love to dream of the past, which is almost more real to them than the present, but in everyday life they are intensely practical.

They are cautious in all their dealings, slow in arriving at major decisions and very tenacious of those they love.

They have a good imagination which enables them to succeed in any kind of work bringing them into contact with the public. They can imagine themselves in the place of the customer, see what he wants and understand how he feels. This quality, combined with a shrewd business sense, makes them successful in commerce.

They are careful with their money (some of us think them mean !) and it is rare to meet a Cancer person who has not a nest-egg put away for a rainy day. They seek security in everything they do.

Security is, after all, a necessity for a happy family life, and Cancer will give everything she has to her children or her parents in order to be sure that they are protected from the storms of life. People born under this sign suffer much through their families.

A tight hold on life

The Cancer child is always "Mummy's girl", or "Mummy's boy", and is the member of the family who will look after the parents and elders in old age.

There is always a deep link with parents and family in the lives of Cancer people. However far they roam the tie is never broken, and if there are family quarrels and difficulties Cancer subjects will suffer deeply and do their best to patch them up.

Family unity is always important to them.

Cancer people are hard-working and conscientious. Anything they undertake, they will do their utmost to carry out. They are inclined to overwork, partly because they feel so responsible and partly because they are very possessive of anything they do. Indeed, Cancer's failing is possessiveness.

If we go back to the symbol of the Crab, we shall remember the large claws that have such a fierce grasp. Whatever comes within that hold is very hard to release.

Thus the Cancer parent is inclined to hold on to his children when they should be allowed to grow up and go their own way.

Equally it is difficult for them to give up any responsibility that they have undertaken. They would rather die in harness, they say. They feel that no one can take their place and that everything would be lost if they were to let go. Although they love young people, they would not wish to hand their work on to them. They would say they are not old enough.

A nippy antagonist

There is another aspect to those large claws: they can nip extremely hard, and if you once engage in a battle with Cancer, you will find that he will fight to the death and deal out some very unpleasant nips.

In the ordinary way, Cancer is mild and gentle in manner, even rather shy. Because he knows that he will fight to the end, he is reluctant to start a fight.

Thus, he will pass over a certain number of slights and insults without any reaction, but do not be deceived by this into thinking that you have got away with it. You have not. Cancer remembers the insult, and brings it out later when the opportunity for hitting back arises.

He seldom forgets an affront or a dirty trick, however much he may appear to overlook either at the time. Like the stomach, over which Cancer has rulership, the incident will be chewed over for a very long time before it can be forgotten.

So watch your step with these seemingly mild people. If you do not, you may get a surprise.

Home and family

Cancer is the sign of the home, and this is of major importance in their lives. Give a Cancer man or woman a comfortable home and they will be happy and will put up with much.

For this reason they are always interested in property and land and many of them are successful in this field.

Neither sex is really happy without children, unless they have managed to sublimate this essential part of their nature in some sort of creative work. Painters, poets and artists of all kinds are to be found

in this sign. Their sensitivity makes them very good interpreters of their time.

Many Cancerians get caught up in the lives of their parents, to whom they sacrifice everything. Their world is bounded by the family clan and they have little interest in the rest of us. Usually you will find that the Cancer person knows his family tree (if he has one) and can recall scenes of his early childhood with great clarity.

There is nothing he likes better than a large family gathering, such as many of us have at Christmas, and, though he may not give expensive presents, he will try to give you something that you like or need. (He would hate to waste his money on something that was not appreciated!)

Health and career

In health matters, the sensibility of Cancer affects the body. If he is worried or upset, it is likely to reflect in his digestive system and keep him awake at night. He is also subject to chills and colds and rheumatism. The summer signs do not care for cold weather.

For occupations, Cancer subjects like dealing with homes and property, and they are usually successful in commerce. The care of young children attracts them, as does social work where their practical sympathy is called into play. They are good at jobs that entail serving the public, and do well as hoteliers, publicans, or salesmen, etc.

In work, as in the home, Cancer brings with him a "family atmosphere". If you work for Cancer you are likely to be treated as a member of the family, and you may sometimes find it rather annoying to be told what is good for you, or what you should do outside working hours as well as in them. It is all for your own good, of course, but some of us prefer to make our own decisions.

A glance ahead

In the coming year, Cancerians are likely to have to take on added financial responsibility in business, or for their marriage partners. There is a possibility of inheritance for some. The younger people in the family may do some rather perplexing things and get into love tangles that will be hard to understand, and brothers and sisters are likely to rub Cancer up the wrong way. But all difficulties are likely to resolve themselves happily and it is a good time to start something new. Promotion is likely to come to many Cancerians.

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Prominent people born under Cancer include: Sir Julian Huxley, June 22; H.R.H. The Duke of Windsor, Sir Leonard Hutton, June 23; Earl Mountbatten, Lord Vansittart, June 25; Helen Keller, June 27; H.R.H. Prince Bernhard, June 29; Leslie Caron, Charles Laughton, July 1; Dr Barnardo, July 4; Evelyn Laye, July 10; Sir Edmund Hillary, July 20.

ASTROLOGY in DAILY LIFE

by Peter J. Clark



Astrology and the Church

THE Bishop of Woolwich, Dr John Robinson, has aroused controversy recently as a result of the publication of his views on Christian religion, and his suggestion that our image of God must go.

The Bishop was protesting at conceptions which he attributes to a literal translation of the Bible. His opinions are to be welcomed because any change in the thinking of orthodox ministers would lessen resistance to unconventional beliefs, particularly those inseparable from Astrology.

But the impact of Dr Robinson's thought would cause no surprise to an astrologer, because the image of God as represented by the Church would have been displaced in his mind long ago.

How can God be pictured adequately, anyway? Our thought of God is usually linked with the source of all life and power in the universe. Short of the absolute mind of God, what image could encompass such dimensions?

Other translations of Church dogma are just as repugnant to one who seeks the truth.

Take the familiar statement: "God sent His only begotten Son into the world", which as presented to us means that there was a personal intervention by God which resulted in the birth of Jesus Christ.

CHRISTIANITY is centred on the personality and teaching of Jesus who, according to the Church, is exalted above all other men. Jesus is said to have had an exclusive relationship to God which no other man has had, or will approximate.

If it is necessary to believe these views in order to be a member of the Church, then any reasoning man would at length become dissociated from it. But his detraction would take place all the sooner if he was acquainted with the evidence of Astrology.

How is it possible for any man to live on earth unless he complies with the principles of life which bind us all? How can laws, which Astrology shows to be immutable, be set aside by a personal act of God? Jesus must have had a horoscope, and rejoiced and suffered like any other man, enjoying no special privileges.

It is always a difficult matter to ascertain

what Churchmen believe themselves. In the Middle Ages, Catholic priests were keen astrologers. Cardinal D'Ailly computed the horoscope of Jesus. How did he reconcile Astrology with Christian doctrine and remain a dignitary of the Church?

SEVERAL Popes have studied Astrology, while others have forbidden Catholics to have any part of it.

The current controversy raises again the want of clarity in Church teaching. The conflict between Church dogma and the truths arising from science has become a ridiculously lost battle for the Church, and Bishop Robinson's views merely express a dilemma which many of us have long since recognized.

Carl Jung, the psychologist, pointed out that the removal of religious belief from the mind had harmful consequences unless it was replaced by something else. Supposing that large slices of Church doctrine are written off by ecclesiastics, what will take their place?

Fortunately, there are other interpretations, not only of the teachings of Christ, but also of the meaning of the Church. If Astrology confutes much of traditional belief, it also corroborates other all-important principles that have been enunciated by great theologians.

EVERY part of our experience has not only an outer physical value, but an inner significance as well. Astrology shows the interesting co-ordination between outer and inner life.

Our knowledge of God is derived from His works, and that taking place in outer life is a sign of something happening internally.

If we consider that there must be a third principle which unites outer and inner life we have an interesting comparison with the Trinity, though we should remember that there have been great historic clashes within the Church on its actual meaning.

Whether God's "only begotten Son" really means the physical birth of Jesus is another great mystery. But it is just as probable that there is another interpretation, once known to the founders of Christianity, which has become misconstrued in the modern Church.

Props to the Ego

MOST people have definite ideas as to how they like their handwriting to look, and some adopt tricks of style or use special nibs, ink and paper with the intention of increasing or minimizing the impact of their individuality. The graphologist is aware of this and when, in addition, a writer is so conscious of a particular writing habit as to draw attention to it, is at once on the alert to find out what is being hidden or implied.

The 32-year-old man who wrote the sample illustrated mentions the angle at which he likes the head of his paper to lie. It is not to be supposed that he measures such angle exactly before he begins to write, but, in effect, by turning the sheet as he describes, he will be writing "uphill". It is interesting to note that, whether the right or the left hand is used, such a position allows greater freedom of movement.

In this case, if the final strokes and t-bar movements are examined under a lens, it becomes apparent that the writer is left-handed. So it might have been that at one time he experimented, having the head of the paper at different angles from the horizontal, in order to avoid smudging.

However, later in his letter he mentions that he finds it awkward to have the paper vertical on the table. So it seems likely that expediency is not the root cause of his habit.

GRAPHOLOGICAL principles hold that any writer's approach to a plain page is psychologically linked to his general attitude to the world in which he lives and his personal perception of space.

Thus, if this man was really freedom-loving (as the freer arm movement might suggest) and keen to make good use of all

the space that was available to him, it would be expected that the right margin of the page would be somewhat narrow, but this was not so in his letter.

The conclusion that his aspirations are greater than his achievements is supported by many other graphic features; particularly by the large size of the letters, which have disproportionate zonal measurements, with the middle zone considerably smaller than the upper and lower.

It is also significant that, despite the twisted paper, which can have the effect of giving a rightward slant to even ordinarily upright writing, the angle of writing is still leftward.

The writer is not concerned, as are some left-handed people, to make his slant appear to be rightward and "normal". His expressed behaviour pattern is one in which self-protective concern with his inner feelings and private dreams is more apparent than his interest in spontaneous activity. (Slowness, heavy pressure, disconnexion, horizontal spacing.)

OTHER graphic indices show him to be imaginative and constructively inventive (form and fullness), but restricted in his ability to develop usefully his actual capability, since emotional pressures and haunting fears have induced a defensive attitude. This causes him to refuse to adapt himself to even conventional customs in case he finds himself too deeply involved and likely to lose what he regards as his independence.

So he lives in a world of his own ambitions, constantly speculating on new fields to conquer, but finding himself held back by barriers which he does not appreciate are of his own making. Although he does his best to emphasize his independence, it is clear that he doubts himself. He is afraid to get into too close contact with influences or circumstances which in his heart he considers himself too weak to withstand.

As he places each word upon the page, leftward, isolated and disproportionate in size, so he lays claim to the determined individuality he ardently desires.

Equally silently, his ambitious purpose is expressed as he drives his pen upwards, giving himself thereby a certain, if unconscious, satisfaction, such as he experiences when his ideals of personal attainment find an outlet in imaginative day-dreaming.

It is perhaps of interest, and may be regarded as confirmation of the foregoing, that the reason this man sought graphological advice was because he thought of going to work in Northern Canada, and wondered if it would be a good idea.

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GETTING THE MESSAGE

About a month ago I got a ouija-board, and to my astonishment found that I could make it work. The communicator who answered said he was the spirit of a friend of mine who is still alive. He is constantly in my thoughts. Can you explain this uncanny experience? I.B., Leeds.

One should not too readily assume that spirits, either of the living or the dead, enter into the matter at all. I suggest that the message you produced was from your own subconscious mind. Ouija-boards are very prone to work in this manner. I do not say that you could not receive a message from a discarnate spirit, but I think that you should regard all the results you get

As to the earth affecting other planets, that, I judge, would be likely in the sense that the earth has its own gravitational, electrical and magnetic fields. If it were suddenly removed from the solar system, the orbit of the remaining planets might well be affected.

MOVING RING

My daughter and I were sitting quietly one evening when I noticed an open circle, ringed by a thin black line, moving slowly round the walls of the room . . . I looked at my daughter, who was then only about 13, and her ashen face and trembling limbs told me that she, too, had seen it. The ring moved across the walls three times

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with a more inquiring mind. It is, of course, just possible that you may have linked up with your friend's mind, but without mutual investigation with him, it would be safer to assume that you generated the results yourself!

PLANETARY PROBLEM

When people on other planets calculate horoscopes would they account for the earth just as astrologers here do in regard to planets? Do you think that the earth would affect other planets? H.C., West Africa.

Nobody knows whether there are people on other planets. That there may be a form of life on them is possible, but that form may be at a vastly different stage of evolution as compared with human beings on earth. The "people" might be pieces of jelly.

I suggest that you have been reading too much science-fiction, or Mr Adamski. The latter alleges, in one of his books, that the side of the moon that is turned away from the earth is very different from the side that is visible to us, being, so he states, verdant and inhabited. But the recent photographs taken by the Russians with the aid of their projectile show that the "opposite" side of the moon is much the same as the side we see.

at eye-level. I half expected some terrible calamity was about to fall on us. This happened a few years ago, but it will not leave my mind, and I have searched every page of every issue of PREDICTION in an effort to find the meaning. Is someone trying to get a message through to us? I shall have no peace of mind until I get an explanation. My daughter is terrified that it might happen again. Mrs J.S., London, W.C.1.

Frankly, I'm strongly inclined to doubt that this phenomenon has anything to do with the paranormal at all. The odds are that it was caused by physical means which cannot now be accounted for.

It has to be remembered that a host of sights, sounds, etc., which superficially seem "uncanny", reveal, upon investigation, that the cause is quite natural, due to reflection, vibration, and so on. Psychic investigators know that their chances of discovering paranormal phenomena are comparatively remote. For example, in an old house, perhaps reputed to be haunted, one can hear creaks, cracks, rustling, wailing, tapping, gurgling and all manner of undefined noises, due to changes in temperature, underground streams, variations of all kinds. Vague lights may appear, due to reflections, etc.

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I SOMETIMES think that PREDICTION should really be written in musical notation, for there is no language which can so trenchantly convey esoteric truths, indeed any truth, as can music.

An article in *Die andere Welt* (Freiburg im Breisgau) discusses the moral and religious significance of "the initiate and mystic Richard Wagner". Nietzsche and Steiner were great admirers of Wagner, and more than one attempt has been made to convey the deeper symbolical meaning of his four musical dramas in "The Ring".

While I find much to admire in Wagner there is a good deal I cannot help deploring, and I find it difficult to agree with the author that Wagner is "in the very depths of his being . . . Christian". Certainly there is much interesting symbolism in his works, but it is perhaps worth remembering that Shaw found "The Ring" to be a treatise on socialism! Hitler, of course, considered Wagner to be the great prophet of National-Socialism, and I must confess to a sneaking feeling that he was not altogether wrong.

Since to me music is indeed the voice of God, may I be forgiven if I spend a few lines on giving my very amateurish opinion in this connexion!

FOR religion pure and undefiled commend me to Johann Sebastian Bach. Not only his chorales, Masses and Passions breathe the very essence of divine truth; the architectonic splendour of his contrapuntal works also sings the wondrous works of God.

Poet laureate of humanity at its noblest—by no means least when his sense of humour is given free rein, as in his piano sonatas Op. 2 No. 2, and Op. 31 No. 3—is, of course, Beethoven. Incidentally, it is said that when his Choral Symphony was first performed the audience roared with laughter at his little joke in the scherzo.

The voice of the true mystic sounds clearest to me in the tones of César Franck, Scriabin, and Gustav Holst. In the second movement of the Franck Symphony one can actually hear the fluttering of the wings of God's angels as they bring comfort and at-one-ment to our souls and minds.

AND talking of angels—in whose existence I firmly believe—may I recommend to those who are interested a book by the

French psychologist, Ania Teillard, which has just been translated into English under the title *Spiritual Dimensions*. To this highly-educated professional woman the planetary gods and the angels have an objective existence of their own. She knows this because she has seen them.

Mme Teillard is not, of course, the only person to realize that so-called polytheistic religions do not proclaim more than one Supreme Being, but that there are many non-human Beings who appear in history under different names and who are so vastly superior to ourselves in power, knowledge, and love that they must seem to us like Gods. Perhaps they are but different aspects of the one God. Perhaps we are, too.

I have never seen an angel, though I have for a whole year lived in fairly constant communion with one. But that, I fear, is a story which does not belong in these pages.

AN interesting little note comes from *Républicain lorrain* (Lorraine). A gamekeeper by the name of Drach had disappeared. Search had been made for him in vain, when it was decided to enlist the help of a well-known radiesthist, M. Thomas. Almost immediately he was able to indicate where further search should be made. It was not long before the body of the missing gamekeeper was found.

M. Servranx gives some advice to tyros in the art of radiesthesia in *La radiesthésie pour tous* (Brussels).

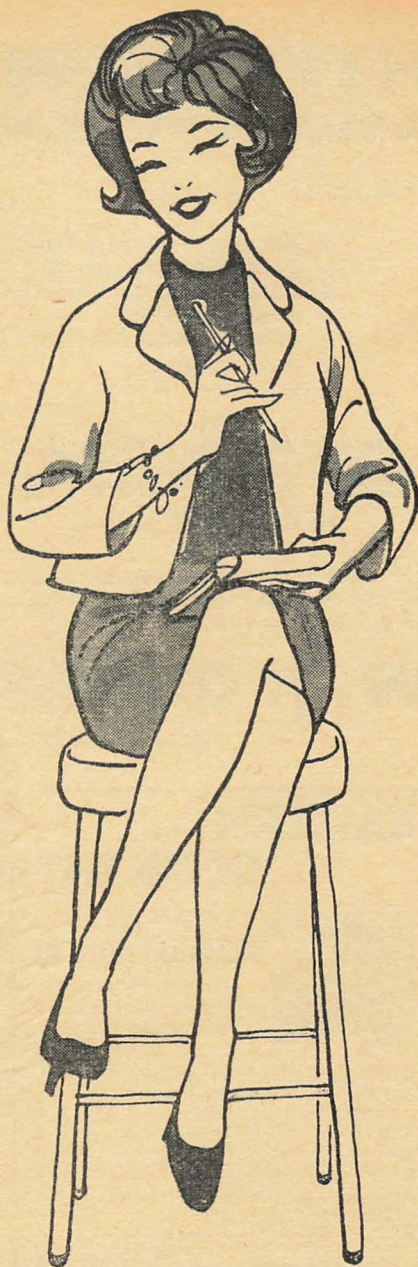
The first point is that many beginners cannot get the pendulum to move at all. This is because they are afraid of moving it with their hand, and therefore hold the arm as rigidly as possible. The fact is that it is, and must be, the hand that moves. The pendulum will *never* move of itself if attached to something inanimate. The waves which you are seeking to detect affect *you*, not the pendulum. To begin with it is therefore a good idea to move the hand quite deliberately.

The second tip is that the student should not be discouraged by initial failure. He should persist in using *one* method, and not keep changing every time he has a failure. Even the best radiesthists sometimes draw blank.

Having achieved some facility he should then widen his studies of the literature of the subject. There are very many different

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BOOK REVIEWS

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By Donald Curtis. Fowler & Co., 21/-.

This book will appeal to readers who feel that material success can be legitimately included as one of the main objects of spiritual study, and who want simple rules for obtaining it. Some readers will undoubtedly find the rules over-simplified, but to others they will be helpful. The following are some of the rules prescribed:

"Take care of the big things and the little things will take care of themselves."

"Plan intelligently and follow through," and

"Use life and don't abuse it."

There is a great deal of advice in this vein, and I am sure that it will be appreciated by large numbers of the American public for whom it was written, but I am doubtful if there are many people who will be completely satisfied by being advised that problems can be overcome by getting into one's spiritual helicopter and rising above them.

There is no doubt about the wholeheartedness of the author's acceptance of the Laws of Universal Mind, for he is convinced that even Deity himself is subject to these laws. And yet I have a feeling that the chapter entitled "God Cannot Say No", followed by instructions of how to obtain material benefits, seems to be cheating, by forcing God's hand. The frequent references to television and motion-picture contracts, sums of money and financial gain, give the book a most practical down-to-earth atmosphere which tends to dispel rather than create an atmosphere of spiritual enlightenment.

Its main merit is in its simplicity, but this, as a recommendation, depends on the level of the reader's understanding, and it certainly does not err in being aimed above the reader's head.

It is a contemporary restatement of some of the basic teachings of relaxation, of positive thinking, of affirmations, and belief in Universal Mind. The presentation of these perennial spiritual truths in this modern idiom tends to obscure rather than clarify their inner meaning.

The book is, however, well suited to the spirit of the age.

Where Witchcraft Lives. By Doreen Valiente. Aquarian Press, 15/-.

In spite of the title, the author does not come to the subject of present-day witchcraft until the tenth chapter of eleven. She acknowledges her thanks to, among others, the staff of the Brighton Reference Library, and much of her book is a "write-up" from acknowledged sources. It is doubtful whether any deep scholarship could or would be claimed, but Mrs Valiente writes with an easy, readable style.

She says that witchcraft is closely connected with the old fertility rites, and these seem to hold quite a bit of her interest.

She mentions mandrake as a famous talisman of fertility, and cites, as an instance, Chapter xxx of Genesis. That is fair enough as regards *belief* in mandrake, but I think she distorts the story by suggesting that, for Rachel, it worked, because "afterwards Rachel gave birth to a son, Joseph".

So she did, but the story in Genesis is very briefly this. The long-barren Rachel begged some mandrake of the more fruitful Leah, the bargain being that Leah should be restored to Jacob's bed. Surely a strange way of trying to cure *Rachel's* barrenness!

The result was, in fact, that Leah bore Jacob a fifth son, then a sixth and finally a daughter. Not until after all this were Rachel's hopes fulfilled. Certainly it was "afterwards", but rather too long afterwards to give credit to the mandrake, I should think.

When dealing with present-day witchcraft, Mrs Valiente relies partly on Press reports, and rather too much on "I have heard;" "I was told;" "I was given an account;" etc.—H.M.

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MOST of the psychosomatic ailments today affect the sensitive and the highly strung . . . in other words, those who are psychically developed, for they are passing through a phase where they are forced to act a dual rôle in which, while in the world, they no longer find complete fulfilment in it . . . and yet have not achieved sufficient spiritual stature to be independent of it.

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fields. Some will not interest him. Nevertheless he should read about them until he has found one or two spheres which interest him particularly, and then concentrate on these.

A GOOD deal of interest is being shown today in the phenomenon of astral projection. It is, of course, nothing new. In *Der Blick* (Lorch/Württemberg) there is more than one article on the subject.

One of these is taken from G. W. Surya's reminiscences of the first World War. He relates how a German soldier who had the gift of voluntary astral projection was able to send his astral body to the divisional H.Q. of the nearest French unit. On return, he informed his officer that an attack was planned on their sector for 11 o'clock on the following night. The officer was not unnaturally sceptical, and suggested that the soldier should prove his ability by visiting their own H.Q.

This the soldier did, and reported that an Austrian general had arrived there and had written down a certain order, which the soldier recited word for word. The officer checked by telephone, and found that this was correct. He then informed the divisional H.Q. of the impending attack by the French. Presumably he was met with a similar scepticism to his own: no reinforcement arrived, and the trench was taken that night by the French at 11 o'clock.

ONE wonders whether the Russians, who have been taking such interest recently in telepathy, have also started investigating astral projection. One can predict with almost one hundred per cent certainty that our War Office will not.

A. Benker gives a number of other examples, one of the most interesting of which is that of the Archbishop of Upsala, who was visiting a clan of "superstitious" Lapps in Sweden.

Sceptically, he asked one of these if he could tell him what his, the Archbishop's, wife was doing at the moment. The Lapp burned certain herbs, inhaled the smoke, and became unconscious. When he came to about an hour later he described exactly what the good lady had been doing, and said that he had hidden her ring, which she had removed, in the coal-scuttle.

The Archbishop wrote immediately to his wife, who confirmed what the Lapp had said, told how she had taken off her ring to make a pudding, and how she had lost it. She suspected an unknown Lapp, who had appeared in the kitchen for a few moments, of having stolen it. Later the ring was found in the coal-scuttle.

The interesting factor here is that the Lapp's astral body was visible to the lady.

I don't think that you have the least cause for anxiety, and I suggest that you should dismiss the experience from your mind after coming to the conclusion that there was, in fact, a perfectly normal explanation for what you and your daughter saw.

BLACK MAGIC

During the past decade there have been cases reported in the Press that suggest that black magic rites are being organized in Britain. Bones have been disinterred from graves in disused churchyards, strange symbols have been found on the walls of churches, and in one case a diabolical murder happened in Warwickshire which the police have never yet solved, but which they attribute to the practice of Satanism. Or is it all a mistake, and that these reports merely deal with the foolish acts and vandalism of hooligans—except, of course, the murder? H.C., Bristol.

I have good reason to believe that black magic is being practised in Britain. Not infrequently I receive queries about certain rituals and invocations relating to Satanism. (I rarely provide this information). That in the end those who practise, or attempt to practise, black magic will bring upon themselves a train of trouble, I do not doubt. As to the murder to which you refer, it had every indication of being a ritual murder, and I am glad to see that Scotland Yard does not reject this viewpoint.

Some booksellers refuse to handle works on black magic, and in my opinion it is regrettable that a well-known firm of publishers is re-issuing a famous work on the subject. Such works would be better limited to a very restricted number, and then only for the serious student of Occultism. I have several cases brought to my notice in which "beatniks" are experimenting with black magic.

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READERS LETTERS

The Crucifixion

JUDITH GEE (April issue) was wrong in refuting the statement made by Katina Theodosiou in the December 1962 issue that the Sanhedrin crucified Jesus. They did just that, in effect, by putting the onus on Pontius Pilate, knowing full well that their own laws forbade the shedding of human blood. Indeed, Pontius Pilate told the Sanhedrin that they should deal with the matter themselves and, as is well known, he publicly washed his hands of the whole business, saying that he could find no fault in the prisoner, thereby giving the decision to the rabble, who chose to free Barabbas because he was "one of them".

As a result of this, Pontius Pilate has been berated all through history for passing the buck, when the Sanhedrin was far more blameworthy, since they wanted to rid themselves of one of their own people without soiling their hands. In fact, they were doing what Jesus had often accused them of doing—regarding the letter of the law rather than the spirit of the law.

Paignton. (Miss) M. BROOKS.

I FAIL to see what Mrs Judith Gee is trying to prove when she states that crucifixion was never a Jewish action.

Does she absolve Hitler because he himself did not slaughter the Jews in Germany?

Are the 63 bishops guiltless because they handed Joan of Arc over to the local authorities who did the dirty work?

The Jews raised the hue and cry, then handed Jesus over to the authorities knowing full well what the outcome would be, exactly the same as in the case of Saint Joan.

Angmering Village,
Sussex. CONAN SHAW.

Good and Bad Kings

IT would be very interesting to be given instances of the good and bad types of past monarchs under the 12 Zodiacal signs. It is, of course, a fact that people are rarely completely typical of their signs, there being many permutations owing to the exact moment of birth. But there is usually a basic quality that reveals itself. A potato is a type which has many varieties; a rose also has many varieties, and so on. But a rose is a rose and a potato is still a potato,

for all that, and the one cannot be mistaken for the other.

In addition, might not a monarch's rule in a country governed by his own sign, or a sign compatible with him, be strengthened thereby?

Even a country ruled by the reigning monarch's earth, air, fire or water sign may prove an ally to the monarch or ruler. Some outstanding cases have been the two President Roosevelts and Abraham Lincoln (Aquarius—air), and President Kennedy (Gemini—air) in a country largely ruled by Gemini, I believe: Winston Churchill (Sagittarius—fire) and England (Aries—fire).

Does anyone know of any such study having been recorded?

(Miss) M. C. BROOKS.

Back Numbers

I HAVE every number of PREDICTION since 1949 (as well as a large number of other astrological magazines), and now wish to dispose of them. I wonder if any reader would be interested.

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London, W.2. (Miss) E. BALOGH.

Aries or Pisces?

WARMEST congratulations! I never expected it to happen in England during my lifetime. I am referring, of course, to your editorial in the March issue, in which you say you were struck by the number of people in the entertainment business who were born under the tropical sign Aries. You add: "Perhaps they should have been born under Pisces, a more appropriate sign, but . . . were late on their cue."

They were born under the constellation Pisces. You have noticed an inconsistency in regard to the tropical Zodiac, that several other leading astrologers have also noticed but, lacking your moral courage, because of vested interests and the like, have refrained from making their observations public. To do so would be to acknowledge the verity of the sidereal Zodiac, "which would never do".

London, W.C.1. CYRIL FAGAN.

[While it is pleasant to be credited with moral courage, I must disclaim any such virtue in saying what I did. To be quite frank, its application to the claims of the sidereal Zodiac was not in my mind at all. Another correspondent therefore speaks truly (as regards the adverb at any rate) when he says that I have "unwittingly provided good ammunition for the sidereal Zodiac".—Editor.]

SURELY Aries is a very appropriate sign for entertainers. Their one requirement is personality, which is what Aries represents.

On the other hand the actor, who assumes

the personalities of others, might be expected to have a strong Neptune-Pisces element in his nativity.

London, S.W.19.

CHAS. E. O. CARTER.

The Cosmos is Qualitative

I AM most appreciative of the review of the above appearing in your April issue of PREDICTION, but I would like to clarify one or two points in it.

This book is not an attempt to spiritualize science—that would be putting the cart before the horse. Its purpose is rather to declare the spiritual origin of all things, and that all life is conscious-physical. It is, in fact, only a book of essays based on the primary physics. It does not attempt to explain the spiritual origin of all things, and thus of science. For this it is necessary to study my earlier book; this does explain at length the conscious-physical origin of all things, and in fact finally links up the primary physics with present physics. This first book is thus termed *The Physics of the Primary State of Matter*. CYRIL W. DAVSON.

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IN your March issue Mr P. J. Clark writes on Astrology about the tantalizing problem—how *do* the planets affect us? He then discounts, one after the other, various "answers"—but has none to offer himself. "Reason makes us rule out magnetic forces or rays," he says. I have often noticed, with exasperation, that astrologers, when tackled by scientific opponents, seem invariably to throw their case away—freely and with both hands! As P. J. Clark does. There is a quite sound and scientific answer to the question of how Astrology works, but why don't the professional astrologers know it? I can give, and have given, a fair and reasonable case for Astrology—and I am not an astrologer at all!

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The Black Dog

THE oft-recurring figure of the black dog in English folk-lore was brought to my mind last week, when my next-door neighbour related an alarming incident that had happened to her grandfather, who lived in Jarrow. One evening as he passed through a lonely country district on his way home, he was set upon by hooligans (the "toughs" of that generation), and but for the sudden appearance of a huge black dog, which frightened away his assailants, he would undoubtedly have been beaten up. After going with the old gentleman to the outskirts of the town, the massive four-footed protector vanished as quickly as he had appeared.

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Then, my gas meter was broken open and robbed. Getting suspicious, I buried the head out in the garden. The next thing I heard was that there was a proposition to build a garage at the back of my garden, which would effectively prevent the enjoyment of the garden. I hastily drew up a petition of protest. And put the head on the bonfire, fiercely burning rubbish over it.

My sister was most amused at all this and asked for the head, although I warned her. I thought it had been burnt, but when I rummaged among the ashes, there was the head, completely intact and not even scorched. Life became simple again for me, with its usual trivial runs of good and not so good fortune.

BUT . . . my sister has experienced some really remarkable events. Rather uneventful for a period, she had a sick spell and had to go away from home. Soon after came the cold spell, and no coals . . . so again she was forced away from home. The next event was a change of number, from what she had regarded as a lucky number for her for 20 years, to a number she did not like. But the final blow is still pending. There is a town council project to *demolish* her house and others in the street to make a car park.

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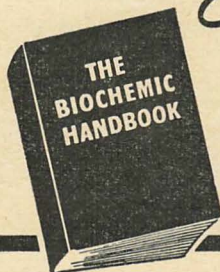
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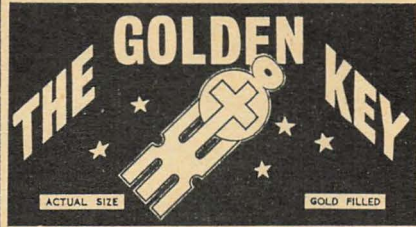
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