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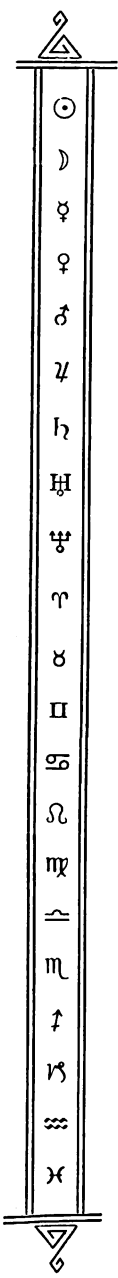
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### TROUBLES IN INDIA AND EUROPE.

SINCE we wrote the article on the Earthquake in India, for the July number of STAR-LORE, the murders at Poonah, the riots at Chitpur, and the plague of locusts, from the North-West, have been reported

The *Indian Mirror*, June 18th, in a very interesting leading article, commented on the predictions of the recent calamities in India, and expressed the "hope that ZADKIEL'S prophecy of better days in store for India will be fulfilled."

It appears that several years since, the *Indian Mirror* foretold that "cataclysm after cataclysm would overtake the world, and that there would be wars among the nations, and terrific upheavals on land and sea and in the skies; flourishing countries would be submerged under the waters, and unknown diseases and famine would decimate large populations. These things were to be during the closing years of the cycle that should complete the first five thousand years of the *Kali-Yuga*. Of course, very few placed reliance on these predictions. We were taken mostly for lunatics, or thought to be so simple as to have repeated what we had heard from theosophic humbugs. Well, the tables have been turned, and one by one the prophecies have been coming to pass. And we say, that the seismic disturbance which took place in India on the 12th of June, though it was considered unprecedentedly severe, ought to be thought as a mild precursor of catastrophes of far greater magnitude in other parts of the world; seismic and tidal waves will sweep over the earth, and engulf many a fair country. If, however, we hope for better days for this country, we must say we dread the approaching fate of a large portion of the European Continent. War will do much to afflict the Europeans, but the anger of Nature much more. Europe, in course of time, will be as much a missing name in recorded history as the lost continent swallowed up by the Atlantic Ocean. The fate of Atlantis will be the fate of Europe."

This alarming prophecy is headed: "The Coming Geological Disturbances for the World." If this prophecy were based solely on Western Geology it would not be worth a moment's

consideration. For the geology of Europe has undergone many radical changes ; whereas natural astrology is almost identically the same in principle as it was thousands of years ago. Western geologists could not and did not foretell the fearful earthquake at Kuchan, neither did they foretell the fatal and destructive one of Charleston ; but those terrible visitations were, as our readers know, clearly foretold, both as to time and place, in *Zadkiel's Almanac*—on an astrological basis solely. New theories and new cosmogonies have been advanced from decade to decade, by geologists who affect to despise astrology. But where now are the theories of the renowned "Strata Smith" in geology ? Where are the nebula theories of Herschel ? Where are the vain theories of the author of the "Vestiges of Creation ?" They are gone and forgotten, together with much of the speculation of Lyell, Murchison, and Whewell. In one geological work we find a "glacial period" set forth, and disposed of in another work on the "Nightmare of the Ice Age."

The claims of geologists are not in harmony with physical science. Rocks, such as granite, which were once said by geologists to have had origin when the earth was red hot, are now thought to be produced by the action of water. Fossils which were considered as of many thousands of years in formation are now found to be produced in about a century. Portlock writes that "fossils are not sufficient to determine a geological epoch"; and "recent petrefactions in our present seas are analogous to those supposed to be of ancient geological times"; also "the mere mineral condition of a stratum is insufficient to determine the epoch of its deposition."

The geology mentioned by the editor of the *Indian Mirror* as dependent on the KALI-YUGA is a part of astrology. The KALI-YUGA, or CALI-YUGA, or *Scorching Age*, however, is a cycle of 432,000 "years" during which the Sun is said to have remained above the horizon in the latitude of Kashgar. Whether founded in truth or not, it is a proof that a long series of astronomical observations must have been made by the ancients. The *Cali Yuga* was the *first* 432,000 years of the DIVINE AGE of 4,320,000 years. So that we do not see why the title of CALI-YUGA is applied by the *Indian Mirror* to the five thousand years expiring in 1898. The Hindus formed their "ages" on the theory which supposes the spiral motion of the Pole of the Earth to be 1° in 6,000 years.

Why any vast upheaval should coincide with the closing year of the cycle now approaching, and why, if it happen, it should affect Europe more than India, the editor of the *Indian Mirror* does not explain. The *Total Eclipse of the SUN* of January 22nd, 1898, being visible in India seems to pre-signify that India will be more affected than Europe by any resulting upheaval.

The *Indian Mirror* has set a good example to the English Press, in its study of the phenomena and the planetary causes of earthquakes. Englishmen extol physical courage and dread to be thought deficient therein; but our philosophers and literati do not evince moral courage by their silence in regard to natural astrology.

The Periodic Variations of Rainfall in India are now considered by certain meteorologists to affect European weather. In *Nature*, July 8th (p. 228), we are informed that Mr. Elliott has referred to "the remarkable wave of rain and drought which has occurred during the past five years, and emphasises the remark that the yearly anomalies in the general meteorological conditions are the resultant of several components—local, general, terrestrial, solar, direct and reactionary. From the evidence adduced by Mr. Elliot regarding the Indian Ocean area, and a general survey of conditions which have obtained in other parts of the world, it appears that this large oscillation has been of world-wide incidence. That it represents something in addition to the ordinary variations in the oscillatory flow of the trade-monsoon currents across the Equator in the Indian Ocean. That it is therefore due to some abnormal, extra-terrestrial—probably solar—influence, which must be referred to the solar physicists for its solution."

We are informed that: "It is, indeed, impossible to live in the tropics without being sensible of the reality of the Sun-spot influences. In years about the minimum spot-epoch the mean annual temperature of the air is from one to two degrees higher, the range is increased, the wind force greater, and the rainfall less and more irregularly distributed than about the maximum epoch."

Now the mean period of Sun-spots is 11.9 years; that of the true magnetic declination period and that of the auroral displays are the same. Moreover, this period of 11.9 years is JUPITER's *anomalous year*, or the time which elapses between two perihelion passages. Prof. Wolf, and Messrs. De la Rue, Stewart and Loewy have all clearly stated their belief that JUPITER is the CHIEF CAUSE in the production of SUN-SPOTS.\* To refer the changes of weather to Sun-spots is, therefore, to admit planetary influence. There is no getting away from the fact that atmospheric changes and sun-spots are connected as the effects of a common cause, and that the cause is the action of the planets on the Sun and on the earth. Why do British and Anglo-Indian meteorologists shrink from publishing this fact? They seem to be deterred from doing so by the fear of "letting in astrology"!

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\* Vide *Nature*, Jan. 31, 1878, and *Urania* for January and July, 1880.

Then, where is their moral courage? Are they afraid to face the truth, which must be faced sooner or later?

There is another manifestation of planetary action and that is at eclipses of the Sun. It was from the Solar eclipse in *Aries* 16° 20' of April 6th, 1894, visible in Asia, that we foretold: "Drought, scarcity of food and of sheep, and locusts will afflict many parts of Asia."† As that eclipse, from the moment of beginning to that of ending, extended over five hours, it bears rule for five years. Experts in natural astrology do not need to wait for anomalous barometric pressure to forecast a great drought, just as it is happening, but they can predict it months and years in advance.

The sooner the Indian Meteorological Department studies astrology the better will it be for its "forecasts."

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### LUNAR INFLUENCE ON MEDICINAL ACTION AND ON DISEASES.

The Editor of *The Homœopathic World*, (July), says:—

"In our present issue will be found an important communication from Dr. Skinner, illustrating the value of observing the changes of the Moon in giving certain medicines in chronic cases. In connection with this should be read an interesting article on the influence of the Moon's changes on certain skin cases, which we have extracted from *Star Lore*.\* The further our knowledge goes the more evident it becomes that the Universe is a Universe, and that nothing is isolated, but that everything influences every other in greater or less degree."

Dr. Skinner recounts that in June, 1877, he was consulted by a patient, who was said to be suffering from incipient paralysis, and complained that his feet felt as if loaded with lead, and that he had a work to lift them when walking, giving him a very awkward gait. "I knew," writes Dr. Skinner, "that *Lycodium* had the symptom, but that *Sulphur* had it much better marked, (see Allen's valuable Encyclopædia), and as *Lippe* informed me that *Sulphur* acted best at the time of NEW MOON," I gave my patient one powder of Sulphur cm. (F.C.) with the instruction, go to Brighton and take this powder with you. On the night of the 11th of June, 1877, at bedtime put this powder dry on your tongue, and take no medicine of any kind in the interval. The 11th of June, 1877, was the time of New Moon.† I told

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† Vide *Zadkiel's Almanack* for 1894, p. 52.

\* *Urticaria* and Lunar Influence, p. 69 of STAR LORE, May, 1897.

† The new moon took place at 2<sup>h</sup> 23<sup>m</sup> p. m. of the 11th of June, 1877, in the 21st deg. of *Gemini*, the Moon next applying to Venus.—Z.

him nothing of my reason for selecting that date, but begged of him to inform me how he felt the following day as regards the *heaviness of his feet*. On the 13th of June, 1877, I received a letter informing me as follows: "On rising from bed I crossed my bedroom to my toilet table with as light a step as I ever did in my life. I cannot understand it; it surely could not have been the result of the *sugar* I put on my tongue at bedtime."

In the same No. of *The Homœopathic World* there is a very valuable article on Physics and Medicine by W. Buist Picken Esq., from which we make the following extracts:—

"It must be remembered that in constitutional disease a veritable world of forces are in disorder, and that the products of disease are all results of morbid motions. The human organism is constituted of twenty-one *different systems* of forces, arranged into three groups of seven each, inter-acting *ad infinitum*. . . . The compositions of molecular forces in the organism are incalculable. Instead of representing them by the simple combinations of molecular and atomic motion that may occur in a pool of water, there is reason to believe that *they are more justly represented by the molecular and atomic motions of all the stars in the heavens*. . . . The stability of health is in the ratio of the stability of equilibrium of the complex normal motions of the organism under *adverse influences*. Disease-inducing conditions are virtually nothing to the organism that remains positive to them—the organic resistance being too great. It is only when the adverse forces become too positive to the organism that disease ensues; and the disorder proceeds as the resistance diminishes."

In the *Homœopathic World* for July, 1896, Dr. Josef Drzewiecki, of Warsaw, an able physician and clever writer, called attention to the fact that his experiments proved that herbs used for medicinal purposes, were infinitely more efficacious in their curative properties if they were gathered at the proper (astrological) time, and dried in the Sun's rays. The doctor quoted from the second volume of the "Text-Book of Astrology," some of our remarks on the starry method of the ancient physicians, and on the fact that "by rejecting it the dominant school lost its guiding star, and descended to mere empiricism." The editor of the *H. W.* has acted in a most praiseworthy manner by giving insertion to articles on this interesting and important subject from Dr. Drzewiecki and the writer.

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The Americans have found their foreign relations strained (as foretold) by the seizure of Hawaii, and the brusque note of Mr. Sherman to Lord Salisbury re the Seal Fisheries.

## TWO REMARKABLE HOROSCOPES.

In the July number of "Modern Astrology"—so styled, although its system of teaching is 250 years behind the age—two horoscopes are given of boys who were tried for complicity with their father in the murder of their father's step-mother.

In March last the data were sent to the editor of *M. A.*, and were given in the issue for April in the hope that some one would study them, "and unravel the skein of astral configurations." Subsequently, the gentleman who sent the data supplied the details of the murder and trial, saying to the editor of *A. M.* "you can make such judicious use of it as you please, suppressing my name."

Yet the letter is printed in full in the July edition, in which a statement is made that readily leads to the identification of the gentleman. Such is the sense of "honour" evinced by "Alan Leo."! Although the necessary data were published in *M. A.* for April and again in May, Alan Leo has not been able to find a single competent person among his Astrological Society to judge the horoscopes correctly, without knowing the full circumstances beforehand, which have now been printed for no earthly purpose beyond publishing a sensational and somewhat bothersome story.

The elder boy was born at 8<sup>h</sup> a.m., of October 7th, 1883, at Trieste. We have cast the horoscope, and find *Leo* 13° 7' culminating, and *Scorpio* 4° 19' ascending. Sun in *Libra* 13° 40', attended by Mercury in 13° 8' retrograde, and Venus in 18° 0' of the same sign. The Moon is in *Sagittarius* 19° 24'; Mars in *Cancer* 26° 10'; Jupiter in *Leo* 1° 27'; Saturn in *Gemini* 9° 56', retrograde; Uranus in *Virgo* 25° 1' retrograde; and Neptune in *Taurus* 20° 36' retrograde. Declinations: ☉ 5° 24' S., ☌ 19° 10' S., ♀ 6° 57' S., ♁ 6° 1' S., ♂ 21° 52' N., ♃ 20° 6' N., ♄ 20° 0' N., ♅ 2° 39' N., ♆ 16° 10' N.

The younger boy was born at noon of the 31st of October, 1884, at Trieste, *Scorpio* 12° 36' culminating, and *Capricornus* 13° 45' ascending. Sun in *Scorpio* 8° 28' Moon in *Pisces* 29° 30', Mercury in *Scorpio* 5° 44', Venus in *Virgo* 26° 12' Mars in *Sagittarius* 3° 58', Jupiter in *Virgo* 2° 2' Saturn in *Gemini* 23° 39', retrograde, Uranus in *Libra* 0° 48', and Neptune in *Taurus* 22° 18', retrograde. Declinations:—☉ 14° 10' S., ☌ 1° 0' N., ♀ 12° 50' S., ♁ 2° 43' N., ♂ 21° 34' S., ♃ 11° 33' N., ♄ 21° 48' N., ♅ 0° 16' N., ♆ 16° 37' N.

On casting these figures the student will see that the younger boy's horoscope is much more evil than that of the elder, for the Moon is less than 6° separated from quartile with Saturn, and is in close opposition with Uranus, and applies to trine aspect with Mars, which violent planet is elevated above



and in parallel declination with Saturn. Moreover, Mercury has the parallel declination with the martial star Regulus—a star which causes “violent death, or ultimate ruin, in consequence of the native’s own conduct,” said the ancients.

The gentleman who furnished the particulars of the murder wrote to Alan Leo thus:—“As you were unable to attend to the case, I asked a very clever friend of mine to consider it; he is an amateur astrologer of great ability. Unfortunately, however, I had already told him the whole story as far as I knew it. His conclusions, however, were wonderfully correct and interesting. I told him that it was the elder boy that had killed the old woman, and that was generally believed at the time. My friend, however, said that from his nativity it was the younger boy, but that both had concocted the crime; and the trial proved he was correct. Although the boys were found guilty, they practically could not be punished as, by Austrian law, children under fourteen are held irresponsible of crime. The younger boy was sentenced to five months’ imprisonment, and the elder only three. The father was sentenced to fifteen years’ penal servitude. My friend’s judgment says that the father was in great peril of his life in some unusual manner which might mean death at the hands of the public executioner. There is no doubt as to the correctness of this judgment. No man ever had a nearer squeak for his life, for he was about to be condemned to death, when the judge directed the jury to find him guilty only on another point.”

The times of birth of the two boys are approximate only, but cannot be far out. At the time of their trial, March, 1897, the elder was 13 years and 5 months old; and we find the direction of Sun  $135^{\circ}$  Saturn, in the zodiac, direct,  $13^{\circ} 33'$  then operating; preceded by Ascendant quartile Mars, in the zodiac; converse,  $10^{\circ} 52'$  which would be brought up close to the period of the murder by a rectification of but 9 min. later.

The younger boy had the direction of Moon parallel Saturn mundo, direct,  $12^{\circ} 30'$  operating; preceded by ascendant semi-quartile Mars, mundo, converse,  $11^{\circ} 29'$ , which would be brought up exactly to the time of the murder, (October 18th, 1896) by a rectification of the time of birth of but two minutes later.

Both horoscopes have Mars elevated, the elder boy’s having Scorpio, the most martial sign, rising and Mars in semi-quartile with Saturn in the eighth house; while the younger boy’s horoscope has the Saturnine sign *Capricornus* rising and Saturn in parallel declination with Mars—still, the father was the wickedest of all, and it is a pity that his hour of birth is not known.

The fact is, as we first stated at pp. 52-55 of *Zadkiel's Almanac*, for 1877, and at pp. 35-37 of the first volume of the "Text-Book of Astrology," published in January, 1879, that natal astrology alone without a free use of the doctrine of *heredity*, is insufficient to explain extraordinary divergences of constitution and character; and this view was confirmed and supported by the talented gentleman who wrote the able treatise on "The Soul and the Stars," under the *nom-de-plume* of A. G. Trent, for the *University Magazine*, March, 1880, which treatise we reproduced, by consent, in *Urania*, and, partly, in "The Science of the Stars." As Mr. Trent wisely observed "Our contention is that the two theories complete each other, heredity accounting for the element of stability, and astrology for the element of variability."

In the *Tetrabiblos*, Ashmand's translation, pp. 9, 10, 107; consideration is given to "concomitant causes." The heavens (or ambient) impress their influence on various races, families, and substances.\*

Some astrologers still refer the colour of the hair of a person whose horoscope they cast to the zodiacal sign ascending. Twenty years ago we declared, from observation, that the colour of the hair does not depend on the sign rising at birth. We mentioned a family of sixteen children who all had very dark, almost perfectly black hair, and dark complexions, although every sign of the zodiac had ascended in turn at their various times of birth; both father and mother being very dark for English people.

Zadkiel I. taught that genethliacal should be disentangled from horary astrology. Nevertheless, certain self-styled "modern" astrologers still present a hotch-potch of natal and horary astrology mixed up together, and reject heredity as of no consideration, thereby misleading students who are induced to begin under their tuition, and bringing astrology into disrepute. The superstitious nonsense taught in "Modern Astrology" and certain "Guides" is nauseating; and it is lamentable that it should lead some students away from the true science taught by Placidus and Zadkiel I. Certainly no one of good education, breadth of mind, and clear intellect, could be attracted away from the great masters.

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The great strike of engineers which began on the 5th of July, in London, and was quickly followed by a lock-out in various manufacturing centres in the kingdom, was foretold for July in *Zadkiel's Almanac*, p. 17.

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\* Vide FUTURE, September, 1893, pp. 130-131.

## THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY.

PROFESSOR ELMER GATES, of Washington, is one of the most active and brilliant of the new school of psychologists. The occasional insight he gives us into his work, the new world it opens to us, makes us impatient for the time when he shall be ready to give the results of his investigation in a more complete form to the public. In his recent experiments he shows that the ether which fills all the interstellar universe really consists of different particles, but these particles are as much smaller than a chemical atom, as a chemical atom is smaller than the Sun. In carrying out his experiment it became necessary to produce an absolute vacuum which had never been accomplished before. To produce this result the professor takes a tube of potash glass, which is so hard that it requires a much greater heat than any other kind to melt. He fills the tube and another sort of glass, which has a melting point  $500^{\circ}$  lower than that of the potash glass. The tube and its contents are then subjected to slow heating until the soft glass is sufficiently melted to enable it to be pulled out bodily part way from the tube of hard glass containing it. The space is thus left an absolute vacuum. There is not one particle of air or any other gas, and yet here is a quantity of absolutely pure ether absolutely composed, as he proceeds to show, of distinct particles. In this experiment a metal ball on the end of a platinum wire is fixed in place incidental to the process of creating a vacuum. A glass lens focuses the Sun's rays at a point near the ball. At the point of the focus, owing to the Sun's energy, the particles of ether move about more rapidly, and are farthest apart. Then the ball swings toward the point of less density. This it does every time. This the professor regards as proof that the ether which fills all space, and whose wave motions make light and transmit electrical energy from the Sun, is a material substance and composed of particles thickly crowded together, but so minute that they penetrate through everything.

Prof. Gates's laboratory in which he is working out these problems of psycho-physical research, is filled with the most delicate instruments the human mind can conceive to accomplish his purpose. Fortunately for science there is no lack of money at his disposal, a wealthy friend having appropriated 25,000 dollars a year to further the professor's work, of which he is now only at the beginning. Prof. Gates has in contemplation a line of investigation which, if we are not mistaken, judging from the results already obtained, will place on a firm foundation a science of therapeutics which will do much to harmonise the medical world and prolong human life.—*New York Medical Times.*

### THE RULING SIGN OF BOMBAY.

On the 14th of June, at 9<sup>h</sup> 10<sup>m</sup> a.m., we read a letter from an Indian student asking "which zodiacal sign rules Bombay."

The figure of the heavens drawn for the above moment of time shows *Leo* 25° ascending, and as this degree is in exact quartile aspect with both Saturn and Uranus in *Scorpio* 25° in the fourth house, it agrees with the fact of the terrible plague which has afflicted Bombay for several months past, and therefore seems radical. Venus close to the meridian in *Taurus* 10° promises well for the prosperity of Bombay in about three years' time. Mars, lord of the fourth angle, in a fixed sign, does not promise an existence, of a flourishing kind, much beyond 200 years to come. As Mars wants but 10° to transit the ascendant, a great conflagration, or an attack on the town, is pre-signified in about 10 years hence.

There is reason to believe that the last decanate of *Leo* rules Bombay, probably the 25th degree. Our correspondent should examine the records of notable events and compare them with the places of the planets and fixed stars coinciding therewith.

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### LOOKING FORWARD.

Up to the time of going to press, peace has not been concluded between Turkey and Greece, although the preliminary negotiations are proceeding, and it is expected that the conditions of peace will be signed on the 29th July.

Meanwhile Djevad Pasha, the new Turkish Military Commandant has landed in Canea, despite the protests of the Powers. All this trouble might have been avoided had the Concert of Europe consented to Crete being ceded to Greece last March. The Concert, as a result of its bungling, finds itself compelled to bargain with the Great Assassin, instead of dictating terms to him; for the Sultan threatened to order Edhem Pasha to march on Athens, and dictate terms of peace to Greece from the Acropolis. This is a pretty state of affairs after all the confident assurances of the Press last May and June, that "the war is over," and the Sultan must fulfil his promise not to take any territory from Greece! The action of Germany has caused Russia to flinch from the task of driving the Turkish troops out of Thessaly; and the Sultan was well aware that certain German frontier corps in the vicinity of Russian territory had been largely reinforced, and he knew that the German military party looks with longing eyes towards the Baltic provinces of Russia.

Instead of thwarting the Sultan, and punishing him for the Armenian massacres, the Powers have played into his hands, and made his position stronger now than it was two years ago. They

had their opportunity but missed it; yet they despise the astrology which enables the Turk to foresee events and provide against evil days. So far, the weapon of the Concert has been turned against them.

The Press affects to despise astrology, yet makes the most dreadful blunders in its attempts to forecast events.

The day is approaching fast, however, when the Sultan's rule over some of the fairer provinces of Europe shall be broken. The same planetary influences which afflicted Greece, will have their effect at Constantinople.

The new moon of the 29th of July, at 3<sup>h</sup> 58<sup>m</sup> p.m., London, has not a very important figure here; the presence of Mars and Jupiter in the ninth house is good for the advancement of practical science, and commerce especially in iron, and traffic on railways. The presence of Venus in the seventh house, pre-signifies an increase in marriages. Saturn and Uranus in the twelfth house bring some trouble or scandal on a prison or a workhouse, and threaten increase of crimes of violence. Deaths from heat-apoplexy will be numerous; and more than one grand seigneur will pay the debt of nature.

As this new moon is an *annular eclipse* of the SUN, it will only have important influences on the countries wherein it is visible, chiefly Mexico and Cuba. We have already treated of the probable effects at p. 54 of *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1897. Its effects last for nearly four years.

At Washington where a partial eclipse is visible in the tenth house, some public anxiety and troubles are threatened. Mercury in the eleventh house has the quartile with ♃ and ♃, which threatens serious disputes in Congress, difficulties between masters and workmen, threat of a great strike, and some discontent and changes in the army. Fraud on the revenue will be very extensively practised. Some public official of high standing will succumb to fate. In the south-western States earthquake shocks will be felt. Foreign relations will still be somewhat strained.

At Melbourne the presence of Saturn and Uranus in the seventh house is ominous of matrimonial scandal and some great divorce case. The public revenue improves.

The great heat and drought which prevailed from the 3rd to the 18th July, which proved so trying to everybody, and fatal to many, came as foretold at p. 107 of STAR-LORE.

The great conflagration at the Docks on the 17th, and several minor fires, also came as predicted.

## ON PRIMARY DIRECTIONS.

## LESSON II.

NATIVITY of Her Majesty VICTORIA R. et I., given in STAR-LORE for June.

I.—Let it be required to direct the SUN to the *sextile* with VENUS, in the zodiac, direct. As the longitude of Venus was  $26^{\circ} 33'$  of *Aries* ( $\gamma$ ) at birth, the sextile falls in *Gemini*  $26^{\circ} 33'$ —or  $60^{\circ}$  beyond.

RULE.—Find the *declination* of the place of the sextile, viz.  $\Pi$   $26^{\circ} 33'$ , and then its semi-arc. Find the R. A. of the place of the aspect, and then its meridian distance. Say: As the semi-arc of the Sun (given in the speculum, p. 83) is to the semi-arc of the aspect, so is the merid. dist. of the Sun to his second distance. Then subtract the Sun's second distance thus found from the merid. dist. of the aspect, and the remainder is the *arc of direction*.

In this nativity, however, the Sun is within  $3^{\circ}$  of (above) the ascendant (thus  $118^{\circ} 0\frac{1}{2}'$  minus  $115^{\circ} 21' = 2^{\circ} 39\frac{1}{2}'$ ), and, according to the canon of Placidus, the Sun must be directed by *oblique ascension*. To find the Sun's *oblique ascension*, subtract his ascensional difference from his right ascension (see speculum, p. 83), thus  $60^{\circ} 1\frac{1}{2}'$  minus  $28^{\circ} 0\frac{1}{2}' = 32^{\circ} 1'$  the Sun's *oblique ascension*. [N.B. If the Sun's declin. had been *south* instead of north, the ascensional difference would be *added* to the right ascension to find the oblique ascension.]

Find the oblique ascension of the aspect, and subtract that of the Sun from it, and the remainder is the *arc of direction*.

*Example*.—The R. A. of  $\Pi$   $26^{\circ} 33'$ , according to the Tables of Right Ascension, is  $86^{\circ} 16'$ ; and the declination is  $23^{\circ} 25' N$ . To find the ascensional difference add the logarithm tangent\* of the latitude of the birthplace to the log. tang. of the declination and the sum is the log. sine of the ascensional difference. Thus:—

R.A.	Declin.	Log.	tang.	10.09648
$86^{\circ} 16'$	$23^{\circ} 25' N$	"	"	9.63657
$32 \ 44 -$				<hr/>
			,, sine $32^{\circ} 44' =$	9.73305
$53 \ 32$	Obl. asc. of aspect			
$32 \ 1$	,, of Sun			
				<hr/>

$21 \ 31$  Arc of direction of  $\odot * \varphi$  Zod., direct.

It was under the influence of this benefic direction that the Princess Royal—Empress Frederick of Germany—was born on the 21st of November, 1840 (the arc for the happy event being  $21^{\circ} 30'$ ) as foretold by Zadkiel I., *vide* p. 87.

\* Chambers's Mathematical Tables, p. 203—247.

II.—Let the Moon be directed to conjunction with Mars in the Zodiac, conversely.

RULE.—Find the R.A., declin., and semi-arc of the place of conjunction ( $17^{\circ}$  or  $38'$ ).

SAY :—As the semi-arc of the place of conjunction is to that of the Moon, so is its meridian distance to its second distance, which must be subtracted from the Moon's meridian distance to find the *arc of direction*.

EXAMPLE :—

	R.A.	Declin.		10.09648
	16° 16'	6° 56'N.	log. tang.	9.08495
	304 40			<hr/>
M.D. = 71 36			sine. 8° 44' =	9.18143
			* 90	<hr/>
			98 44	Semi-arc
Then—As 98° 44' prop. log.			...	.26081
				<hr/>
			(a.c.)	9.73919
	To 124 32		...	.16001
	So 71 36		...	.40036
				<hr/>
	To 90 18		...	= .29956
M.D. of ) 116 16				
	<hr/>			
	25 58		= Arc of ♃♄ zodiac, con.	

The arithmetical complement of a logarithm is what it wants of 10 00000 ; taking the a.c. of the proportional logarithm of the first term, those of the second and third terms are added to it, and the sum is the prop. log. of the fourth term. [The ternary proportional logarithms are given at pp. 398—413 of Chamber's Mathematical Tables.]

The student may find these directions rather intricate at first ; he should begin with the mundane directions to the angles, which are very easily computed when the speculum is accurately completed. The direction of a heavenly body to the midheaven. (*Medium Cæli*) *mundus* is merely its distance from the meridian which is found by subtracting the right ascension of the midheaven (in degrees and minutes) from that of the planet. Thus in Her Majesty's nativity midheaven conjunction Mars is found by inspection of the speculum, for the meridian distance of Mars is therein given, viz.  $72^{\circ} 1'$ .

The sextile of Mars with the ascendant, *mundus*, is formed on the cusp of the 11th house which is in mundane sextile with

the ascendant. If, therefore, one third of the semi-arc of Mars ( $32^{\circ} 27'$ ) be subtracted from his merid. dist. the arc of the aspect is found :—

Asct \*  $\zeta$  mundo, direct,  $39^{\circ} 34'$ .

N.B.—Those students who find it difficult to understand the working of these directions should take private lessons, which can be easily arranged in London, or by correspondence. Terms may be known on application to the Editor.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### PRIMARY DIRECTIONS.

To the Editor of STAR-LORE.

DEAR SIR,—I congratulate you on the appearance of your magazine, which is quite worthy of its origin and name. I will send you a few notes from time to time. Your predictions this year are being realised most faithfully.

I had a startling confirmation of the effects of evil primary directions, on the 24th November last.  $\text{D}$  par.  $\text{H}$  mundo, con.,  $37^{\circ} 31'$  and MC.  $\square$   $\text{H}$  Zodiac, con.,  $37^{\circ} 38'$  were then in operation, and Mars was stationary on the 2nd of November, exactly on the ascendant of my Solar revolution figure, 1896. In the evening, I accidentally fell from a verandah, and by a miracle escaped fracture of the skull,\* but laid open my forehead, three inches long, down to the bone, shattered my upper lip, and generally disfigured myself. I was laid up for a fortnight. The fall was brought about by a somnambulistic fit, to which I am occasionally liable. Moreover, I lost near the same time, two intimate friends and my dear sister, by death—thus fulfilling your predictions to the letter.

Yours truly, D. E.

\* The Moon was in *Aries* (the sign ruling the head and face)  $3^{\circ} 15'$ , just past the upper meridian, at this gentleman's birth.

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### A FULFILLED PREDICTION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—I happened to be looking through the predictions of *Zadkiel's Almanac* for July, 1897, when I found the following:—"In the West Indies, Cuba, and Mexico, epidemics will be very fatal." As I have just returned from the West Indies, and know that yellow fever is raging on the Panama coast, and is present in Cuba, I hasten to bring this successful prediction to your notice, having verified it with my own eyes.

Yours faithfully,

London, July 14th.

CASIEL.



## INDIA.

To the Editor of STAR-LORE.

DEAR SIR,—I am curious to see what you will say in your next Almanac about our total eclipse of the Sun of the 21st of January next. We in India are expecting great changes beginning with next year. The worst year will be 1900. Krishna Misra, the Hindu astrologer of the 11th century, foretold that at the end of 1899 great ruin will fall on India, which will be devastated and depopulated by floods, famine, pestilence, war, etc. Saturn will then be in *Capricornus*, to be followed by Uranus.

The predictions of Nostradamus are well worth attention.

The German astrologers say that William II is to be drowned in 1900—1901.

Yours very faithfully,

A.B.

Kulu-Kangra, Punjab, June 10th.

## REVIEWS.

COMPENDIUM DE MEDICINE SYNTHETIQUE ELECTRO-HOMŒOPATHIQUE, par DR. M. DUZ. Paris, 1897.—This is a very useful, practical, and clear treatise, in the French language, on Electro-Homœopathy. The learned author recognises Solar, lunar, and planetary influence on medicinal action; and observes that skin affections vary with the change of the moon, and epilepsy is at its acme at the full moon. Goitre diminishes during the decrease of the moon. Visitors to Paris can procure a copy of this excellent little work at the Central Homœopathic Pharmacy, 21, Boulevard Haussman. In London it may be had of the Homœopathic Publishing Company, 12 Warwick Lane, E.C.

NOTES AND QUERIES, a very interesting monthly magazine is published by S. C. and L. M. Gould, at Manchester, N. H., U.S.A., treating of history, folk-lore, mathematics, art, science, etc. It is very acceptable to the curious and the mystic.

## ERRATA.

Page 104, line 16 from bottom, for “ $\mu$  in  $\Pi$   $14^{\circ} 33'$ ” read “ $\psi$  in  $\Pi$   $13^{\circ} 33'$ .”

Page 104, line 12 from bottom, for  $\vartheta$  read  $\varphi$ .

Page 104, last line but one for “whether the” read “weaker than.”

Page 104, last line, for  $\vartheta$  read  $\Delta$ .

Page 105, par. 10, first line, for “symptoms” read “symptoms.”

Page 106, fifth note, third line, for “mile” read “miles.”

Page 110, line 14 from bottom, for “11 o'clock in the forenoon,” read “12 o'clock noon.”

Page 111, line 19 from bottom, after “first quarter” insert “and from the full to the last quarter.”

Page 112, for “February 6th,” read “February 5th,” and under “Declin.,” line eight from top, for “ $2^{\circ} 52' 24''$ ,” read “ $2^{\circ} 59' 24''$ .”

## EPHEMERIS OF NEPTUNE, 1861.

(GREENWICH MEAN NOON.)

Date.	Longitude.			Latitude.			Declination.			Rt. Ascen.		
	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
Jan. 1	26	46	40	1	19	19S.	2	29	44S.	357	34	11
" 9	26	54	31	1	19	3	2	26	20	357	41	17
" 17	27	4	21	1	18	47	2	22	11	357	50	12
" 25	27	16	1	1	18	33	2	17	19	358	0	49
Feb. 2	27	29	19	1	18	20	2	11	50	358	12	56
" 10	27	44	4	1	18	10	2	5	49	358	26	24
" 18	27	59	59	1	18	2	1	59	21	358	40	58
" 26	28	16	52	1	17	57	1	52	33	358	56	25
March 6	28	34	24	1	17	54	1	45	31	359	12	31
" 14	28	52	27	1	17	53	1	38	20	359	29	3
" 22	29	10	39	1	17	56	1	31	8	359	45	46
" 30	29	28	45	1	18	2	1	24	1	0	2	24
April 7	29	46	31	1	18	10	1	17	4	0	18	45
" 15	0	7	3	1	18	21	1	10	24	0	34	34
" 23	0	20	1	1	18	34	1	4	7	0	49	38
May 1	0	35	17	1	18	50	0	58	16	1	3	45
" 9	0	49	18	1	19	8	0	52	58	1	16	43
" 17	1	1	50	1	19	27	0	48	16	1	28	21
" 25	1	12	45	1	19	49	0	44	16	1	38	30
June 2	1	21	54	1	20	12	0	40	59	1	47	3
" 10	1	29	8	1	20	36	0	38	28	1	53	51
" 18	1	34	23	1	21	1	0	36	46	1	58	49
" 26	1	37	34	1	21	26	0	35	53	2	1	55
July 4	1	38	39	1	21	52	0	35	50	2	3	5
" 12	1	37	40	1	22	17	0	36	37	2	2	21
" 20	1	34	38	1	22	41	0	38	12	1	59	44
" 28	1	29	39	1	23	4	0	40	32	1	55	18
Aug. 5	1	22	49	1	23	26	0	43	35	1	49	11
" 13	1	14	18	1	23	47	0	47	16	1	41	30
" 21	1	4	19	1	24	4	0	51	31	1	32	28
" 29	0	53	6	1	24	19	0	56	12	1	22	16
Sept. 6	0	40	53	1	24	30	1	1	15	1	11	9
" 14	0	28	0	1	24	39	1	6	30	0	59	23
" 22	0	14	45	1	24	44	1	11	52	0	47	16
" 30	0	7	1	1	24	46	1	17	11	0	35	5
Oct. 8	29	48	27	1	24	45	1	22	20	0	23	9
" 16	29	36	6	1	24	40	1	27	11	0	11	47
" 24	29	24	40	1	24	32	1	31	37	0	1	15
Nov. 1	29	14	29	1	24	21	1	35	30	359	51	50
" 9	29	5	48	1	24	9	1	38	45	359	43	47
" 17	28	58	53	1	23	53	1	41	17	359	37	20
" 25	28	53	53	1	23	36	1	43	0	359	32	28
Dec. 3	28	50	57	1	23	18	1	43	53	359	29	49
" 11	28	50	13	1	22	58	1	43	53	359	29	1
" 19	28	51	42	1	22	39	1	43	0	359	30	15
" 27	28	55	25	1	22	19S.	1	41	13S	359	33	31

N.B.—An Ephemeris of Neptune for the year 1860 was presented in STAR-LORE for July, p. 112.