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THE remaining aspects to the ASCENDANT are as follow:

6. The *Semiquartile*, which is when a planet is brought to the middle of the eleventh and second houses.
7. The *Sesquiquadrate*, when a planet arrives at the middle of the eighth and fifth houses.
8. The *Quintile* aspect, which falls in the third and tenth houses.
9. The *Biquintile* aspect, which falls in the fifth and eighth houses.

Of these aspects, the most powerful to evil are the sesquiquadrate and square.

The next in power, of an evil nature, are the opposition and semiquartile.

The most effectual in producing good effects, are the sextile and trine.

The biquintile and quintile are meanly powerful to good.

MUNDANE DIRECTIONS OF THE MID-HEAVEN.

The Mid-heaven, or zenith, may receive the rays of operating stars (through the diurnal motion of the earth) by different aspects, as follow:

1. The *Conjunction*, when a star or planet comes to the meridian.
2. The *Sextile* aspect, which is when a star or planet arrives at the cusp of the twelfth or eighth houses.
3. The *Square* aspect, when a planet arrives at the ascending or descending horizon.
4. The *Trine* aspect, when a star or planet is brought to the cusp of the second or sixth houses.
5. The *Opposition*, from the nadir, or fourth house.
6. The *Semiquartile*, which falls in the middle of the eleventh and eighth houses.
7. The *Sesquiquadrate* aspect, when a planet arrives at the middle of the fifth and second houses.
8. The *Quintile* aspect, which falls in the twelfth and seventh houses.
9. The *Biquintile* aspect, which falls in the fifth and second houses.

In power or efficacy, these aspects are similar to those of the ascendant, above described.

Having thus shewn how, and in what manner, these angles may be aspected, according to the true Placidian and only rational system, we will now describe, in the next place, the true method of calculating the different Arcs of Direction to the angles,

In this branch of the science almost every author, both ancient and modern (except "WILSON"), has been miserably deficient; a fact, which is sufficient of itself to raise this part of our work in the estimation of our scientific readers; since nothing will be advanced in these rules, but what may be easily proved by the mathematician, as well as the astrological student. And to render the subject still more easy, the whole of the problems will be solved by right ascension.

PROBLEM 1.

To direct the Ascendant to the Conjunction of a star or planet.

1. From the right ascension of the star or planet (taken with latitude) subtract its semidiurnal arc.
2. From the remainder, subtract the right ascension of the mid-heaven: the last remainder will be the arc of direction.

PROBLEM 2.

To direct the Ascendant to the Opposition of a star.

1. To the right ascension of the star, with latitude, add its semidiurnal arc.
2. From this sum subtract the right ascension of the mid-heaven; and the remainder gives the arc of direction.

PROBLEM 3.

To direct the Ascendant to the Sextile of a star.

1. If the star be *above* the earth, from its right ascension, with latitude, subtract one-third of its semidiurnal arc.
2. From this, subtract the right ascension of the mid-heaven: the remainder is the arc of direction.
3. If the star be *under* the earth, to the right ascension of the star add one-third of its semiocturnal arc.
4. From this latter sum subtract the right ascension of the fourth house, or *imum cæli*; the remainder is the arc of direction.

PROBLEM 4.

To direct the Ascendant to the Square of a star.

1. If the star be above the earth, subtract the right ascension of the mid-heaven from the right ascension of the star with latitude; the remainder is the arc of direction.
2. If the star be beneath the horizon, and between the seventh and fourth houses, from its right ascension subtract that of the fourth house: the remainder is the arc of direction.

PROBLEM 5.

To direct the Ascendant to the Trine of a star.

1. If above the earth, to the right ascension of the star add one-third of the semidiurnal arc.
2. From the sum, subtract the right ascension of the mid-heaven: the remainder is the arc of direction.
3. If the star is under the earth, subtract one-third of its seminocturnal arc.
4. From this remaining sum, subtract the right ascension of the *immum cali*, or fourth house: the remainder is the arc of direction.

(To be continued.)

FROM DU BARTAS.

I'LL not believe that the Arch Architect
 With all these fires the heav'nly arches deck'd
 Only for show; and with these glitt'ring shields
 To' amaze poor shepherds watching in the fields.
 I'll not believe that the least flower which pranks
 Our garden borders, or our common banks;
 And the least stone that in her warming lap
 Our mother Earth doth covetously wrap,
 Hath some peculiar virtue of its own,
 And that the stars of heaven have none!

The Fourth Day.

TRIUMPH OF TRUTH OVER PREJUDICE.

To the Editor of "*The STRAGGLING ASTROLOGER.*"

SIR,

It is but a short period since there subsisted as great an enmity between astrology and myself, as between a woman and a serpent (which, you know, are two of the greatest enemies in the creation). But from the clear, concise, and beautiful manner in which you have illustrated the system, I can assure you, there never could be two friends more sincerely united than astrology and myself now are.

From my youth I have been a sincere lover of astronomy; but having now the prospect of rendering my studies in the theoretical part of practical utility, I anticipate much pleasure therefrom, and for which, I certainly am entirely indebted to your pages.

If agreeable to your plan, I should feel much honoured by the insertion of this letter in your interesting miscellany, and in the mean time I remain, with the sincerest wishes for your success,

Your constant reader,

COUNT ADELPHI SUMADARTSON.

Bath, Aug. 20, 1824.

SCIENTIFIC INTELLIGENCE.

SPOTS ON THE SUN.

AN amateur of astronomy at Prague, M. de Biela, an officer of grenadiers, remarked two facts highly important to that science, in the last comet, which was discovered by him on the 30th of December, last year.

The first of these facts confirms an opinion which he had previously advanced, *That the proximity of comets has an influence on the luminous state of the Sun.* In fact, from the 23d and 24th of October 1822, a period at which a comet was in its perihelion, until the 5th of December 1823, he did not observe any spot in the Sun. On the 5th December, he saw a large spot, which regularly increased on the surface of the Sun till the 13th of December. On the 21st of the same

month, a second large spot was observed, about to quit the surface of the Sun, and which had, no doubt, been produced some short time before. On the 30th December the first spot again became visible, on that half of the Sun which was turned towards us, and continued regularly to enlarge, until the 6th of January 1824, when gloomy weather prevented it from being longer observed.

It is calculated that the comet passed into its perihelion in the night between the 9th and 10th of December, at a distance from the Sun of about half that of Mercury.

On the 7th of January, the time at which the first spot ought to have shewn itself for the third time on the Sun, it did *not* appear; and the Sun remained without spots until the 16th of January.

If this discovery of a relation between comets and the spots in the Sun should be confirmed, it will be very important; for several astronomers besides Herschel have remarked, that *the spots in the Sun have a sensible influence on our temperature.*

CHOICE SECRETS

IN NATURAL AND OCCULT PHILOSOPHY.

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ASTROLOGICAL.—From rare and valuable Authors.

If Mars be in Gemini, and the Sun in Pisces, in a quartile aspect, in the day-time, or the Moon in the night-time, unaspected by Jupiter, it signifies that the child then born will be hanged.

They are not likely to lose their senses, nor their understanding, in whose nativity the Moon doth apply to Mercury, either by conjunction or aspect.

If Mars be opposite to Jupiter, and one of them be the lord of the eighth house, it is probable that the child then born shall die by the commandment of the judge.

Saturn in the ninth house doth signify fears in journeys, but more in those belonging to the sea, chiefly if in a watery sign, and in Cancer, the house of the Moon.

Whosoever hath any fixed star of the first magnitude in the degree of their horoscope, or in the degree of their cusp of the tenth house, or in the degree of the Sun by day, or of the Moon by night, he shall pos-

sess greater riches and honours than his ancestors have done, according to the nature of that fixed star which is so found. This is the more correct, if the star have small latitude.

Jupiter, in the third degree of Leo, is singularly fortunate, and if this degree of the zodiac culminates with Jupiter therein, the child then born shall be as a prince amongst his relatives.

The Weekly Astrological Calendar:

FOUNDED ON CELESTIAL INFLUENCE.

From Sept. 4, to Sept. 11, 1824, inclusive.

FORTUNATE FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE. **UNFORTUNATE FOR LOVE AND MARRIAGE.**

Sept. 8, especially the afternoon; Sept. 7, especially from 1 o'clock till 8 in the evening.

Sept. 9, until 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

FORTUNATE FOR BUSINESS AND GAIN. **UNFORTUNATE FOR BUSINESS AND GAIN.**

Sept. 5, the morning only. Sept. 7, the afternoon, until 8 o'clock in the evening, is amazingly unfortunate; nothing then executed can prosper.

Sept. 10, the morning. Sept. 10, the afternoon.

FORTUNATE FOR SPEED IN TRAVELLING, &c. **UNFORTUNATE FOR TRAVELLING, CAUSING DELAY.**

Sept. 4, the whole day. Sept. 6, the morning, until noon-day.

Sept. 8, all day. Sept. 7, evil for journeys, and dangerous for voyages.

The best day this week for commencing any undertaking to be permanent, is Sunday the 5th; on no other day this week will the celestial influences be favourable for commencements of importance; but Sept. 10, is a good day for affairs requiring celerity and despatch.



ASTROLOGICAL FRAGMENTS,
 BY
 HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS OLIVE OF CUMBERLAND.

FRAGMENT IV.

THOSE persons who would study according to celestial opportunities, should frequently observe the motions of the planets, with their times; and attentively follow their courses when they are in their dignities or debilities, either essential or accidental: by this I mean—the planets' times, days, and hours, which may be obtained by philosophical knowledge, and studying the scientific opinions of the ancient philosophers. In this occult knowledge, we should also be extremely wary in watching the ascensions and variations of the planets, in any constellation where they may chance to be posited.

By neglecting this important knowledge, even a philosopher will err in his judgment, and the finest study in the world become degraded by the ignorance of that person who thus aims at that which he has neither talent nor application sufficient to possess! It is thus that the philosophic researches of the wisest sages of old have been considered deficient by the ignorant, and ancient wisdom lost! It is a rule to divide the space of time, from the rising to the setting of the sun, into twelve parts, calling such parts the astronomical hours of the day; and by measuring the time between the setting of the sun, to the rising of the sun, dividing the same into equal portions, gives the astronomical night; afterward, each of these hours must be appropriated to the different planets, according to their order of succession, giving always the first hour of the day to the lord of that day, and thus to every other planet in order, even to the termination of the twenty-four hours, which constitute day and night.

In order to be more correct, it is to be observed, that the ascension of fifteen degrees in the ecliptic, constitutes an unequal or planetary hour; the measure of which should be ascertained, and calculated, by the table of oblique ascensions of every region. So great is the power and extent of the planets considered by ancient and wise philosophers, that they declared celestial bodies have the most prevailing efficacy. Saint Thomas Aquinas confirms this in his book *De Fato*, assuring us that every thing upon earth receives a certain qualification from the planets, as the beams of the celestial bodies, being animated, bestow admirable gifts and blessings upon mankind, impressing upon the human mind the most astonishing genius; and to this heavenly influence is to be reasonably attributed the surprising inventions of men from one generation to another!

Thus Cyrus lived in times of old,
 And thus did his rare qualities unfold;
 Even so the great Augustus mankind saw
 The world with virtuous wisdom awe!
 And Cæsar, for a time, pursued his way
 With martial honours, and a clement sway!
 The world obedient at the victor's feet,
 As nought but conquest did his progress greet;
 But Cæsar fell!—a lesson to the great,
 How fleeting and uncertain high estate!
 In England, Alfred, by the planets blest,
 A king and parent, to his land express'd
 His benign rule; this mild and virtuous king
 Is Britain's boast! no crime or acts profane
 Debased his soul; exemplary great,
 He proved the Father of the British state,
 And glorious honours on his name await!

Persons who would wish to become proficient in the designs and ways of nature, should be extremely diligent in their studies, and labour hard, without which no great thing can be obtained from the divine source of all intellectual superiority: a favourite maxim of old is,

“Nothing canst thou do or excel in without Minerva's will.”

Nostradamus devoted his life to occult philosophy, and would retire to his study, frequently for five or six hours at a time, at midnight, to contemplate, undisturbed by domestic or worldly incidents, the progress of the planetary orbs. He was distinguished by the confidence and friendship of the greatest sovereigns of Europe of his day; and

enabled the king of France to provide for the peace and glory of his subjects, by the sage and scientific advice he gave to that monarch.

In one part of his writings, Nostradamus declares that antichrist shall arise in the north, of amazing craft and contention, about the eve of the Millenium (which, from calculations and Biblical computations, is approaching); and he farther declares, that the kings of the earth will be in alliance to war against the liberty of mankind; but that the power of the Supreme shall be a rushing and impetuous torrent, and wash from the surface of the earth, the ambitious and sanguinary injustice of the guilty! It may be inferred, that the sixth trumpet, named in the Revelations, has sounded; and by a serious computation, that the fifth vial of wrath has been poured upon the earth!

Let us recollect the last extraordinary conjunction of the two superiors, which prepares persons of serious reflection and learning for the most awful vicissitudes of nature. If Hebrew prophecies (not made public) in the Revelations are properly understood, the children of Israel *will assemble about the year 1849, and rebuild Jerusalem; and a golden era will commence at the close of this century*, the promised millenium. But ere the commencement of this peaceful season, there will be manifested upon earth wars, oppression, revolutions, earthquakes, and famine, and every earthly distress, which will destroy one-third of the living upon the earth.* The great assemblage of the planets in the eastern finiture of the heavens in 1821, I consider was the celestial messengers of the century having commenced, which will usher in the world's great sabbath! which will be seen a rule of theocracy, that will render all the princes of the earth, after a certain season, the parents of their joyful people, by their becoming the chosen servants of their God.

OLIVE, PRINCESS OF CUMBERLAND.

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IMPORTANT ADVANCE OF THE SCIENCE.

To the Editor of "*The ASTROLOGER of the Nineteenth Century.*"

SIR,

I LAY aside the usual timidity of my sex, and thus publicly congratulate you upon the success of your pleasing and interesting work.

Even in the gay and fashionable place that I write from, the "*Astrologer*" has not only become highly popular, but is received with enthusiastic eagerness by your fair friends; and I can assure you, is the never-failing companion of the boudoir and the toilet; serving not only to beguile many a tedious hour, but also to supply the place of many hitherto favourite periodicals. I can with truth assure your numerous scientific readers, that the striking proofs of occult influence which have been brought forward in so graceful a manner, have caused the work to be regularly perused in the most distinguished circles of nobility, and I may add, of *others* in a far more elevated station.

Amongst the numerous scientific papers contained in your pages, none has excited more lively interest than the elegant and impartial calculation in your last number, by your correspondent "*Raphael.*" I have myself been a student in celestial philosophy for several years, and rejoice to see the arising of such extraordinary genius, which, I have little doubt, will hereafter burst forth into a blaze of refulgence, calculated to astonish, and most probably convert, the enemies of the astral science. I also admire your plan of inserting the genitures of the celebrated and the illustrious; for it is by such examples that astrology will hereafter triumph. As the organ of my scientific friends, I send you our best wishes for the success of your magazine; and to your ingenious correspondents, I beg to say, Persevere! The science you study is, of all others, the most sublime and beautiful. Doubt not but posterity will amply reward your noble exertions!

SERAPHINA ISABELLA.

Cheltenham, Aug. 25, 1824.



OBSERVATIONS AND PREDICTIONS

BY

THE ROYAL MERLIN.

On the mundane stage I now appear,

To shew the causes most do cheer;

What planets high their force reveal :

How some obstruct, and how some heal.

The world is rul'd by starry energy ;

And human bliss descendeth from on high.

Thus all who would heal maladies,

Must learn the language of the skies.

Thus astral knowledge wisdom lends,

And health and peace 'midst mankind sends !

The ugly and disastrous configuration of Saturn and Venus, towards the end of this month, renders me apprehensive of enmity and discord between illustrious males and females, broken treaties, and a great deal of vexation and debate in certain political departments. The book of past times will be unsealed !—A phoenix rises out of her own ashes !—England is amazed, and Europe lost in exceeding conjecture !

A statesman, from motives of constitutional integrity, resigns his place ; and Mercury elevates a gownsman to fleeting greatness.

The fox is cunning ; but the goose

Will a diadem refuse !

No wily act will check her way,

O'er fertile plains she'll joyous stray ;

And, with pheasants in her train,

She will her native land regain !

As Saturn proceeds to the square of Venus, the Sun in Virgo, dissensions may be expected between illustrious males and females, as to family property, &c. in very high quarters ; but the sextile of Mercury and Jupiter, implies that a great prince under the former planet will

become the friend and protector of an illustrious personage, designated by the humane and benevolent Jupiter. To the joy and satisfaction of a proud nation, a chasm will separate the interests of some high ruler and a martial chief!

Pause, Oh Kings! nor trust your rule
To envious boasters, nor a fool!
For, if so, your subjects smart,
And dire oppression's rankling dart
Pursues many!—May you be
Supported by wise ministry;
And prove the fathers of the laws,
By justice meriting applause!

As things are situated in the starry heaven above, it is to be hoped, that most princes of Europe will remain stationary in their own dominions, and keep a vigilant look out as to their own settlements and colonies abroad; for it is apprehended, that the overbearing policy of some states will induce them, as Jacob did of old, to steal another's dominion in the Western world. The heavenly aspects signify this, and more than it is wise and prudent to name. Time is rolling rapidly away!—Time stays for no man, prince or beggar, but wields his iron sceptre over all!

Time proceeds with rapid strides,
And o'er fallen empires glides!
And infant liberty appears,
And, by its smile, auspicious cheers.
Oh, Austria! in vain thy care,
Of fallen liberty beware!
Short is seen despotic sway;
And mark the horrors of its day—
Civil discord! Oh, England! soon
Will be evinced a tyrant's doom
On foreign plains! * * * * *

And thou wilt mourn with sympathy,
And check in time thy selfish course.
Necessity shall this enforce—
Two eagles seldom do agree
About one nest and sovereignty;
Each covets most the sun's bright ray;
Thus two eagles, in their day,
Shall peck and fight, till, overcome,
One his earthly sands has run!

THE ROYAL MERLIN.

(To be continued.)

THE SCIENTIFIC QUERIST.—No. II.

Query 1, p. 201, answered by "ASTROLOGUS."

It being a fashionable theme amongst the astrologers of the present day to cry down essential dignities, probably but few students have paid any attention to the subject of this query. But from what I have been able to gather from experience, I consider that Herschel has great power in the signs Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius, but most power in the latter sign; from which circumstance it may be considered as his house, and the other signs as his triplicity. Neither is this robbing the planet Saturn of his dignities, for I believe that Saturn has very strong and powerful dignity in the sign Taurus. Although I despise equally the trammels of ancient customs, and the frippery of modern innovations, yet I do not think it right to pay that attention to the dignities of the planets (except in horary and mundane questions) which some pretend to belong to these celestial orbs, although I am aware that, in some instances, in nativities, they must be used. But I leave this important branch of the science to be discussed by your numerous scientific correspondents. Yet thus much I will lay down, as an incontrovertible axiom, which defies contradiction, that no astrologer can judge of the particular events of human life without using the planetary dignities.

NEW QUERIES.

Query 1.—By ALFRED.

The opinion of your scientific and learned correspondents is required, whether the stars have any influence over the birth of animals, quadrupeds, &c.

Query 2.—By OMICRON.

Which is the safest place during a thunder-storm?

Query 3.—By AN AERONAUT.

Whence proceeds the rotatory motion of balloons?

TO MERCURY.

THE FUMIGATION FROM FRANKINCENSE.

HERMES, draw near, and to my pray'r incline,
 Angel of Jove, and Maia's son divine;
 Prefect of contests, ruler of mankind,
 With heart almighty, and a prudent mind.
 Celestial messenger of various skill,
 Whose powerful arts could watchful Argus kill.
 With winged feet 'tis thine through air to course,
 O friend of man, and prophet of discourse:
 Great life-supporter, to rejoice is thine
 In arts gymnastic, and in fraud divine.
 With pow'r endued all language to explain,
 Of care the loosener, and the source of gain:
 Whose hand contains of blameless peace the rod,
 Corrucian, blessed, profitable god.
 Of various speech, whose aid in works we find,
 And in necessities to mortals kind.
 Dire weapon of the tongue, which men revere,
 Be present, Hermes, and thy suppliant hear;
 Assist my works, conclude my life with peace,
 Give graceful speech, and memory's increase.

From the Mystical Hymns of Orpheus.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

The letter from "BRIDGE-STREET," dated at midnight, is received.

"C. L." of Great Portland-street, is desired to accept our thanks for his communication.

"VERO" is mistaken in his surmises. No farther explanation can be given.

The nativity of "GROTIUS" is not original.

The letter from "PHILADELPHUS," containing an extract from the MSS. of Sir Peter Paul Rubens, has been received, and is under consideration.

The parcel from "LYRA," Furnival's Inn, came to hand, and we shall avail ourselves of extracts therefrom, the first opportunity.

We thank "AN ALCHEMIST," for his promised extracts from "rare old authors." But the quotation from "Heydon's Wise Man's Crown," is not so useful to us, the work being already in our possession; although we may venture to say, there are not four copies thereof to be found in the metropolis, if in England. Some extracts therefrom will hereafter be inserted.

The "LAMBETH ASTROLOGER" may depend upon our attention to his request.

"H. R. H." St. James's-street, need not fear any particular evil from the direction of Luna to the zodiacal quartile of Saturn; for the Moon being in a close mundane trine to Jupiter, the evil portended will be almost entirely averted.

We hope our distinguished correspondent "PHILOMELA," will not be offended at our non-insertion of her polite letter; through a press of matter we were obliged to defer it till next number.

To have inserted in "The Stragglng Astrologer," the whole of the communications received this week, would have entirely filled the number. This is a convincing proof how much our pages are held in estimation.

The request of "A WESTMINSTER STUDENT" to "Raphael," respecting a certain nativity, was forwarded as desired, and the answer thereto states, that "the ascendant is the true hyleg in that geniture; the Sun having passed the middle of the 11th house, by the space of three mundane degrees, which incapacitates that planet from the office of prorogator." With respect to the remaining request, it cannot be answered in a public manner, as a pledge of secrecy was given to the party from whom the time of birth was procured.

Several queries from different correspondents have been received, which at present we have no room to notice.

The Nativity of Mr. Graham,

the intrepid aeronaut, will be given in our next number.