

his overshadowings, or fertilization, her chief attribute is that of fecundation. She constitutes the matrix for the Sun-Father to deposit his seed in for the generation of all gestations and births. According to the Bible account, it was Gabriel, the spirit of the Moon, who made the announcement to Elizabeth of the coming birth of John the Baptizer, and to Mary, the coming birth of the Christ in the person of Jesus the Nazarene.

Mars, the ruddy, redheaded Deity, is the next planet lying out from the Earth and the Sun, His especial expression of the Sun is that of strenuousness or dynamic energy. He rules the head, positively, and the private parts negatively, and these are the seats of force, the one of brain or mind archetypes, the other of the concrete forms generated by mind and reached through involution. Mars projects in Aries, and generates gross matter forms in Scorpio. The dynamic force of Mars is seen throughout Nature, and without it there could be no progress. Electricity disseminated in space is but a static force, a giant asleep, but when under the Sun's influence focalized in this planet, it becomes a dynamic force, it serves mankind in illuminating the world, turning night into day, in carrying his messages across continents and under seas, in propelling his machinery, and thus in uniting nations, annihilating distances, and in building up a high civilization.

The coal beds of earth are conservators of the Sun's heat, in which mighty energy lies latent, it may be for ages; but when at last this mighty energy is liberated by the process of consuming the coal, another mighty giant has been liberated, and stretching himself for usefulness he becomes a mighty dynamic power. Heat warms our houses, cooks our food, gives new life to bodies chilled by the cold, generates steam and runs our cars, steamboats, and factories, and thus is another great civilizer. These and all other dynamic forces brought under control and guided into channels of usefulness, under the influence of this fiery God Mars, is the most valuable asset mankind possesses in the way of civilization and race unfoldment, and though at times this power may seem brutal, yet it stands for progress on the whole.

But, if these powers escape the control of the higher manhood, and the servants become the masters, they become destructive, as in the case of war, devastating great tracts of territory and decimating great cities, consuming the finance of nations, and depleting the aggregate of the human element. Dynamic power may become as great a scourge as it is possible for it to be a blessing to our race. It may become a consuming fire more deadly than all the explosives in existence.

Mars is also the God of desire. He brings the solar life to a focus in desire and emotion, awakening the animal spirits. Thus he intensifies the Venus spirit of the desire Body' He also intensifies the Mercurial mentality, either for good or evil. The Orient taboos desire, bidding all upon the path to "kill out desire." But the western world, with well-directed energetic desires, has wrought marvelous transformations in the earth, rearing a civilization far beyond any that has ever preceded it.

The next planetary deity out from the Sun is Jupiter, the giant of the sky. He is the God of ideality, therefore of religion, and focalizing the Sun's rays, he conveys to the inhabitants of this world the religious impetus of the Sun. His influence on all planes is the most beneficent of all the planets of our solar system. He is the god of great opportunities, not only as to soul unfoldment and spiritual attainment, but in temporal things as well. Saturn stands for limitations and misfortunes, and if at all acquainted with astrological data, we are accustomed to blame this malevolent planet for all our misfortunes, but as a matter of fact our blessings under Jupiter far surpass in numbers our misfortunes, so called, under Saturn. Posited in the house of prosperity, Jupiter gives riches, and in the place of honor, he gives popularity and renown.

The undeveloped children of Jupiter are either religious for the hope of reward or are deceptive, merely playing a part for the hope of gain. On the higher plane the sons and daughters of this deity are saintly people. The undeveloped squander their ill-gained money for things pertaining to the plane of the real instead of for the ideal; the more advanced not only have all that heart could wish, but use it benevolently and wisely. The crude class gain notoriety, while the wise acquire creditable fame, throughout life.

Saturn, the God of limitations, comes next as we recede from the Sun. Through this deity the rays of the Sun are specialized in obstructions. In Grecian mythology he is called Kronos, which means the God of time, and time is limitation. In the unfoldment of the soul, obstructions and limitations are needed to prevent the person plunging headlong into destructive courses. "So near, and yet so far," the dissipating pleasures are presented to us, and having failed again and again to realize them, the soul concludes it should cleanse itself of these low desires, and thus the process of self-purgation goes on. This may refer to ordinary pleasures, to money getting, to positions and honors sought.

Saturn is also the Satan of the Bible, the great tempter and trier, as in the case of Jesus and Job. Not

that he is malevolent, desiring our fall. Malevolence is only apparent, the surface view taken of the subject; but he tests us to see if we are able to stand the tests of discipleship and mastership. He does not rejoice in our failures but deplors them, as any instructor might feel in the failure of a pupil. In fact, he is God's ally, not his enemy. "My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord [Saturn], nor faint when thou are reproved of him, for whom the lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he reproveth."

As the God of Time, Saturn produces decrepitude and decay. In our youth the Sun pours a steady and all-resisting stream of life through our organism, giving promise apparently of immortality in the flesh. All youth possesses an excess of vitality. This continues on to the period of early manhood, to the zenith of life, but then, as the Sun begins its fall, as it descends toward the western horizon, when Nature seems to grow weary and to approach its death in dropping out of sight, just so after full manhood has been reached, decrepitude and decay begin as Saturn's power then overbalances that of the Sun, and we approach the shades of death in Scorpio. This law of Saturn, and all others, indeed, runs through all departments of life and all through nature as well.

The chastisements of Saturn are not pleasant but grievous; nevertheless, afterwards, they produce in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness. It was declared of Jesus, the greatest of the masters, and as with him, so with all of us. Obstructions awaken resistance, and resistance develops force on all planes.

The recently discovered planet gods Uranus and Neptune lie still further out from the great center, the latter being out furthest. Each, like all the rest, are specializations of Sun forces. It has been said that they are the beginnings of a second octave of planetary spirits, and as such are on a higher plane than the other planets. Uranus is said to be the octave of Venus, and thus expresses the love element of Deity on the divine plane, pure and unselfish. This is the sphere of pure heartedness, where we see God, or the good only, for from this point of view all is good. The soul that beats responsive to the Uranian vibrations is like God, for it sees him as he is.

Uranus rules the higher ethers, so that those who are living on the plane of the lower worlds are the worst afflicted of all and suffer the most from his chastisements. Communities, nations and the world at large, while existing on the lower plane, are afflicted, as are individuals, only in different ways, as by cataclysms. All visitations of this deity are sudden and unexpected,

as heart failure with individuals and earthquakes with countries.

Neptune, the furthest out and last discovered, is the divinity of the seas, oceans and watery element generally. He is said to be the octave of Mercury, and as such is the god of higher mind and diviner wisdom. He is the most spiritual deity of them all, so far as we now know. As Mercury is the Lightbearer of the outer, or physical Sun, so Neptune is the Lightbearer of the innermost or spiritual Sun, that is of the god Vulcan, or the spirit Michael, the dragon slayer. It is the special mission of Neptune to lift us up to the plane of the gods, or members of the hierarchy or heaven.

Mystics declare that beyond Neptune there are three planets, but if three, why not five, making in all a second octave? These three planet gods have rule over the three most complex or highly developed signs; first over Virgo, which relates to the refining process of our race, and to the purification of the individual soul; next, over Libra, the sign of the marriage of soul and spirit, or of oneness with God; and lastly, over Scorpio, the sign of death, but unto immortality of the individual soul.

We have said that the Sun of our system is the Father-Mother God, and Mercury the Christhood or mediator; but in the relation of our system to the greater systems, the Sun is Itself the LOGOS, the Cosmic Christhood. Among the constellations, or star clusters, Taurus seems to be the one to which we are most intimately related, if indeed, we are not a part of it. In the neck of Taurus, or the Bull, there are seven bright stars called the Pleiades, which are said to exert a most pleasing influence over our system: "Canst thou bind the sweet influence of the Pleiades?" The central one of this cluster is Alcyon, and it is said to be the great central Sun around which our entire system, with other systems, revolves, once in every twenty-five thousand years, a cycle called the Precession of the Equinoxes. If this be correct, then Alcyon is the greater Father-Mother God.

Following this process we may pass onward and inward into the abysmal depth of space until we reach the greatest of all the centers, and the greatest of all the suns, which par excellence is the Deity of universal space, of endless duration, of all cycles and all systems; and as our Sun specializes his influence through the planets, so this universal God specializes his absolute being through the various suns and systems of worlds.

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Pass the Good Word Along to Your Friends.

Astrology in a Nutshell

Editor's Note—Following is a selection from the *American Sunday Monthly Magazine* section. It is a ridiculous parody, but it is so comical that you cannot help laughing, and as a hearty laugh is better than any other tonic to the system, there is at least an indirect measure of good in the article.

THE Science of Astrology is somewhat neglected in the schools of today, so a short description and explanation of its principles may be acceptable to the earnest inquirer.

Astrology is the oldest of all science. When the morning stars sang together for joy, it was because they had just learned that they were to have absolute control over the characters and destinies of all men, and some women. (The other women were to be suffragettes.)

The stars had already clumped themselves together in constellations which were given names of animals to which they bore the least possible resemblance.

Twelve constellations make one zodiac, and this we have all seen pictured on the cover of the old green almanac. The extreme antiquity of the zodiacal gentleman is doubtless sufficient excuse for his somewhat distressing nudity.

However, the zodiac is the Divinity which shapes our ends, and whether we like it or not, we must show the traits and manners which are dealt out to us at birth by the stars then conjoining in the heavens.

By the following simple instructions, anyone may cast his own horoscope, and so learn what he looks like and what he will do next; incidentally, he learns whom he ought to marry, which is a great thing to know.

The first sign of the zodiac is Aries, The Ram.

A person born under this sign is sure to be a butter-in; but he ought not to be blamed, as he cannot help it. It must be remembered by the student that Astrology is an exact science, and if the stars at your birth say you've got to do a thing, why, you've just got to do it.

The most noted people, born under the sign of Aries, The Ram, were Ramses the Great, and Eugene Aram. These two gentlemen showed all the traits of character called for by their horoscopes.

Next came Taurus, the Bull. Persons born under this sign are successful in Wall Street. They also indulge in a western pastime known as "throwing the bull."

Physically, they are of a bull-necked, plethoric build, and are much given to fighting. This sign, in connection with the sign of the Moose, predicts a strenuous nature.

The most renowned example of the Taurus temperament was doubtless Ole Bull.

The next sign is Gemini. All people born under this sign are twins, and often resemble one another. The most popular example was the Siamese Twins, but there are others; and even single persons are sometimes possessed of a dual nature, if born under Gemini.

Cancer, The Crab, is the next sign, and the unfortunates born 'neath the gleams of Cancer's rays are of a cross and crabbed disposition. They never go straight, but have a tendency to walk sideways. The best known instances of Crab people are the Hard-shell Baptists.

Leo, the Lion, is a fine sign to be born under. These people are greatly sought by society hostesses and climbers.

Virgo is the sign of the Old Maid. No matter how attractive she may be, the lady born under this sign can never marry. She may be a suffragette, or an actress, or a village dressmaker, but no wedding bells for her. A fine example was Elizabeth, the Virgo Queen, but there are eight million others in the United States.

Libra is the sign under which Librarians are born. These people are crudite, but not very interesting.

Scorpio is responsible for our mean crowd and not to be further discussed here. No examples are necessary, as we all know plenty of them.

Sagittarius is the sign of the Archer. People born under this sign have high aims and the ability to shoot straight. William Archer and Cupid are two celebrated examples.

Capricornus, the Goat, is not especially desirable as a birth sign. One is so apt to be The Goat, and it isn't an enjoyable experience.

Aquarius, the water-wagon sign, is responsible for our Total Abstiners and W. C. T. U. members. All persons born on the first of January belong to this sign.

The last sign, Pisces, or the Fishes, decrees that people born in it shall be Fishermen. This implies a certain laxity in the matter of veracity, but they are lovable and delightful People.

Aside from the zodiacal signs, there are other celestial influences that govern our natures. Persons born

while the sun is shining are of a bright, sunny disposition, while those born under the moon beams are either lovers or lunatics, or both.

And, of course, those who are lucky enough to be born beneath the Asteroids are bound to become very

wealthy millionaires.

Doubtless the best time to be born is under Aquarius with the moon on Sagittarius in the cusp of Aries and Gemini, but we cannot always dictate in these matters and so must take our chances.

Your Child's Horoscope.

ROBERTA A. Born March 7, 1909, 7 p. m., Columbia, Tenn.

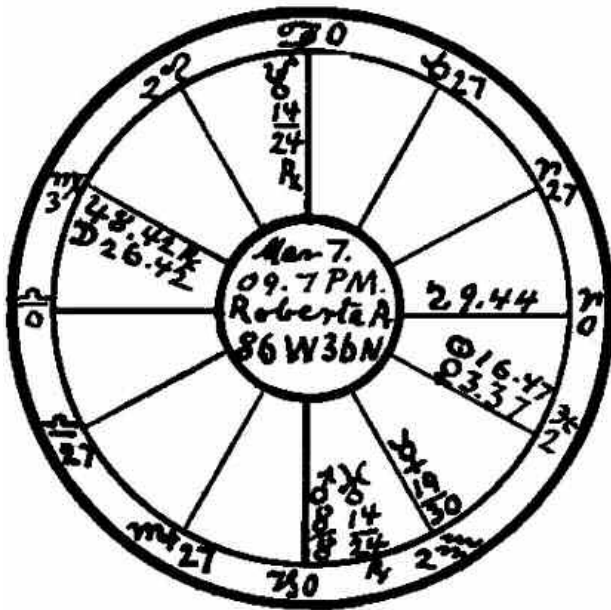
This is the horoscope of a difficult child, for there are four cardinal signs on the angles and Mars makes a considerable number of aspects. Mercury and the Moon, the signifiers of mind, are unaspected. This shows that Roberta will have a tendency to act from impulse rather than reason, that she will start to do a hundred things with unexcelled enthusiasm but fail to

She will arrive at conclusions without the slow process of reasoning things out. Mercury is also placed in the intellectual sign Aquarius and it goes before the Sun as lightbearer. But the idea is this, that Roberta arrives at her conclusions with such lightening rapidity that it takes both herself and the people around her off their feet, and she thinks she can do things in the same way in the physical world as in the mental. Immediately she has planted a seed, she will expect to see the flower bloom without going through the tedious process of cultivating the soil or watering the plant. Be sure that you hold her down in that respect for this is very essential to her happiness and success in life.

Jupiter in the mercurial sign Virgo sextile to Neptune, the planet of spiritual perception, and trine to Uranus, the planet of intuition, will also contribute to this intuitive phase of her mental life.

Another thing that will contribute to give Roberta trouble during life is her temper. Mars conjunction Uranus in a cardinal sign will make this unfortunate characteristic break out at the most unfortunate time like a "bolt from the blue," and the square of Uranus and Mars to Saturn shows that she will be very bitter and inclined to hold spite. This is such an unfortunate characteristic that it should be corrected by whatever means possible for it saps the very life of the poor souls who are thus afflicted, and I believe that the only way to overcome this is by cultivating the devotional side of her nature. Jupiter, the planet of benevolence and altruism, is sextile to Neptune, trine to Uranus and Mars. By playing upon that string you may do a great deal for Roberta.

If you have not already family worship morning and evening, you should inaugurate it for your child's sake. Get the stories of the Saints and their lives for her and appeal always to the kindly nature which in her is hidden behind a brusque exterior. Probably you may bring that hidden side of her nature forth and then you will find a lovely character. The gentle Venus is ruler of her Ascendant, Libra, but Mars by his many aspects has usurped the place of rulership. He will be a prominent



carry any of them through, and this is a tendency which ought to be repressed with all the persistence which the parents can bring to bear. When she undertakes to do anything she should be spurred and encouraged by every means in your power to carry that thing to completion.

Although the Moon and Mercury, which are the signifiers of mind, are unaspected, Roberta is not what you would call a dull child; in fact, she is the very reverse, for the Sun is trine to Neptune, the octave of Mercury, in the psychic sign Cancer and sextile to Uranus the planet of intuition. This will give her what you might almost call a sixth sense.

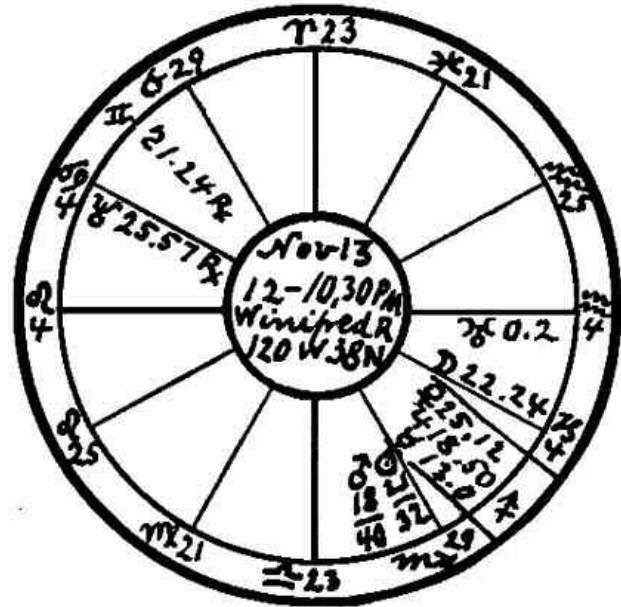
factor in her life, unless he is prevented as said. So it must be you work to help her to dethrone the tyrant Mars and place the lovely Venus on the Ascendant.

Saturn in Aries governs the pneumogastric nerve, which feeds the heart, stomach, etc. Mars and Uranus are in opposition to Neptune in the sign Cancer, which rules the stomach, and both are square to Saturn. We may therefore conclude that there is a lack of nerve force in the digestive organs and unless Roberta is taught to be careful in her food, digestive troubles are sure to arise. We also find the Sun, which in the final analysis is the giver of all life, placed in the sixth house, which governs health, and though the Sun is not afflicted in this horoscope, this sixth house position is not a good sign, for it depletes the vitality and makes recovery from sickness more difficult. Therefore Roberta's health ought to be cared for with special tenderness during the years of growth so that she may not waste any of her life forces. Cold in the head, signified by Saturn in Aries, and catarrh of the stomach, signified by Mars opposition Neptune in Cancer, are the worst tendencies and they can, as said, be completely obviated by using food as medicine and study of menus such as are found in our department of Nutrition will give you the proper food-ideas of what to use and what to avoid.

Winifred R. Born November 13, 1912, San Francisco, at 10:30 p. m.

In this horoscope we find a mixture of fixed and cardinal signs on the angles. Mercury, one of the signifiers of mind, in Sagittarius in conjunction to Jupiter, and the Moon in the Saturnine sign Capricorn sextile to Mars. This shows us at once that we have here an active nature bubbling over with physical and mental vitality. The fifth house is especially well fortified. Jupiter is there, strong in his own home sign Sagittarius and in conjunction with Venus and Mercury. Mercury in the fiery signs always gives a sharp wit. They grasp an idea almost before it is presented to them and as the fifth house deals with publication, dramatic art, and pleasures in general, there is ample evidence that Winifred will have a successful life if she takes up a vocation which is connected with dramatic art or the stage or publishing.

But there is also another way open to her, for her Sun and Mars are in conjunction in Scorpio. Both of them are well fortified by a sextile to the Moon and a trine to Neptune. Scorpio is the great healing sign and it is certain that Winifred will make a splendid doctor or chemist. Furthermore as the fifth house position we



mentioned above denotes a general success in life, so the positions of Mars and the Sun in the fourth house strengthen this indication and signifies in addition that the latter part of life will be very successful.

The Sun conjunction Mars in Scorpio gives Winifred an indomitable courage, she will always be able to hold her own, no matter under what circumstances of life she may find herself, and Venus conjunction Jupiter in the fifth house shows that she will be very fond of pleasure and what is called a good time but at the same time these planets signify that she has a noble nature and would scorn to do anything she might be ashamed of, so that despite her extreme fondness for pleasure, her character will always remain chaste and pure.

The Sun and Mars trine to Neptune gives her a fondness for travel, particularly long voyages, and as Mars and the Sun give her an open, generous nature she will meet friends and get both pleasure and profit from these travels.

With respect to marriage things do not look so favorable for Winifred, however. The fifth house position, which governs courtship, is very favorable, Venus conjunction Jupiter and Mercury showing that the period of courtship will be an extremely happy period in her life, but the Sun, which is the signifier of the marriage partner, is in conjunction with Mars in the martial sign Scorpio. This shows that Winifred herself has a temper of the very fieriest sort when she is aroused and it also shows that the husband will have the same faults.

Moreover, Uranus, a planet which is extremely adverse to restraint, is on the cusp of the seventh house denoting marriage. We cannot get away from the fact

that in marriage it is necessary to bear and forbear or there will be unhappiness. This will be extremely difficult for Winifred and consequently her sorrow in life will come through marriage. Above all things strive to teach her control of temper, for as Mars and the Sun are in the fourth house, she will show this side of her character only in the home, but that is where it will do her the greatest hurt.

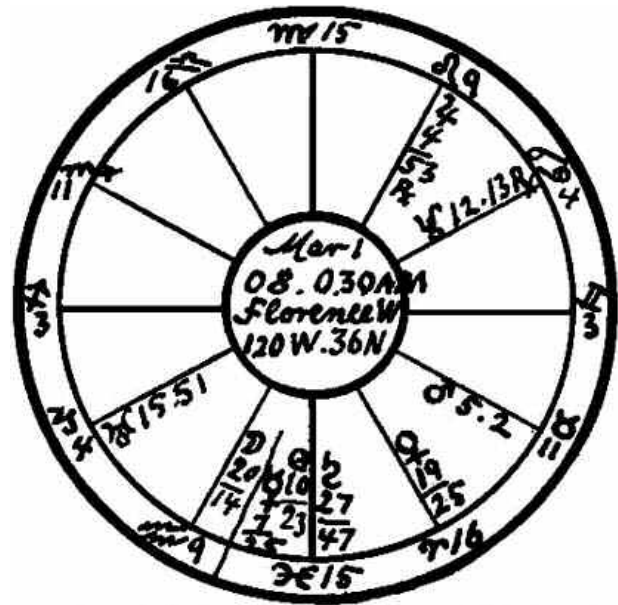
From the indications it would be far better for Winifred if she did not marry, but it is very doubtful if you could make her see how it would result, especially as the period of courtship, indicated by the favorable fifth house position, will be as wonderful as an artist's dream. There is a way out which we advocate in all such cases. Get the two parties concerned into as intimate relations as possible without having the marriage tie. Let them be in each other's company from morning till night for a long period, then the undesirable characteristics or the incompatible traits in each nature will probably become manifest and they will part, each rejoicing that they were not bound for life. At that period do not be afraid to let Winifred have perfect freedom. Her innate character is as chaste and pure as a new blown peach blossom; she will not bring disgrace upon herself and taking this course may save her a great many years unhappiness.

With respect to health, we find that Saturn is in Gemini, the sign which governs the arms, shoulders and lungs. But he is unaspected, and will therefore have little power to hurt. On the other hand, we find the Sun, the life-giver, in conjunction to Mars, the planet of dynamic energy, and sextile to the Moon, which is the principal significator of health for a woman. Therefore Winifred will enjoy the most radiant general health, and if overtaken by sickness, she will recuperate so rapidly that it will be a surprise to all.

Neptune in Cancer, the sign ruling the stomach, in opposition to the Moon makes her too fond of good food. You need not fear she will become dyspeptic, however. The Sun and Mars will burn any poisons which may accumulate out in it fever, which will leave her healthier than before, but teach her not to drink with her meals.

Florence W. Born March 1, 1908, Tulare, Cal.

Here we have a little lady. The Moon sextile Venus is a good aspect for the general success during life, and it will give Florence the tendency to be very neat, clean, and tidy. She will always appear the lady to her very finger tips. We also find four common signs on the



angles and Saturn is unaspected. Thus there is fore-shown a sheltered environment without very many troubles in life.

From the ordinary standpoint this would be considered a very lucky horoscope, but we differ with this view of the matter, for it is Saturn which brings the trials and troubles and the fixed and cardinal signs give purpose and action; these are all factors which make for soul growth, while the smoother course, foreshown by common signs on the angles and Saturn unaspected, cannot give a rich harvest in heavenly treasure. Florence will have the tendency to take things easy and a desire to pick out the smoothest course in life, where she may avoid troubles and trials.

She will usually give up anything which calls for exertion, except at one time in her life and that will be during courtship. Venus is in the fifth house, which has rule over this event and over pleasures in general. It is, as already said, aspected by a sextile to the Moon and if this were all, the period of courtship would run as smoothly and beautifully as the rest of Florence's life, but Uranus, the planet which governs the unexpected things in life, is square, showing rivalry and an intense jealousy on the part of Florence. At that time you will find one aspect coming to the front which is not usually seen in her; that is Mars in Taurus square Jupiter. Taurus governs the tongue and voice. Mars in Taurus always gives people a sharp tongue and the square to Jupiter may then cause her to lose her head entirely.

To help this child you should make her do everything for herself and **serve you in addition**. The first part will not be difficult, for probably you will very soon notice that no one can fix her up nice enough to suit her

taste but herself. The latter part will most likely be more difficult for she will not care to exert herself on behalf of others, but whatever is learned in childhood usually sticks later, so be sure that you **teach her the habit of helpfulness.**

The fifth house has to do with gambling. Venus there squared by Uranus, and Mars there squared by Jupiter will make her very rash to risk her money on all sorts of foolish schemes. This may resolve itself into a mania for bridge and kindred forms of refined gambling, but whatever she does in that respect will always bring loss to her, and on that account her financial fortunes will be very uncertain, to say the least, if this tendency is followed out.

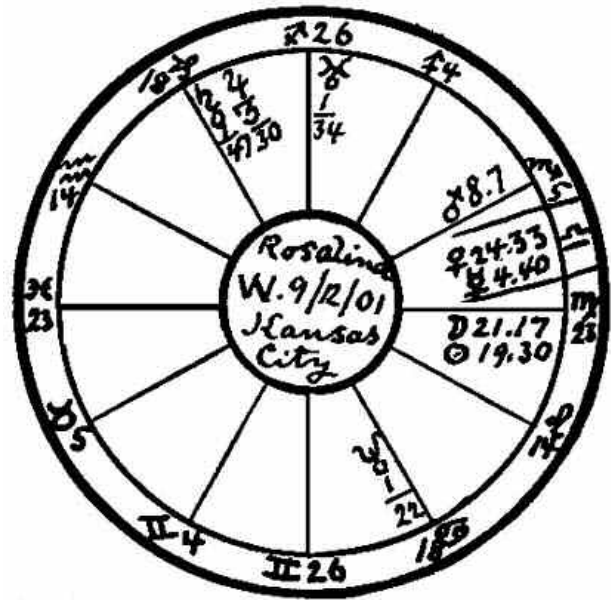
Do not let her take part in any games where there is an element of chance and so far as is possible teach her that there are better ways of spending one's time. If you are in the habit of playing cards for pleasure yourselves, forego that pastime for the sake of your child, for the seeds sown at present are bound to bear fruit some time in life. **Whatever she sees you do now she will find some way of imitating for herself.**

Regarding the health, we find that Saturn is in Pisces, the sign governing the feet, and this position therefore denotes a tendency to cold feet. We also find that Mars is in Taurus, which governs the throat, and the tendency to sore throat thereby indicated is probably related to the cold shown by Saturn. It will therefore be necessary to keep Florence's feet warm and this will probably obviate the tendency to cold in the throat. We would not advise too much clothing around the neck, rather the reverse. It is better to harden her so that she will not be so apt to take cold in the throat. Should a swelling in the tonsils develop, be sure that you do not have them removed, as so many people do nowadays, for after she passes the period of adolescence they will not trouble her.

Rosalind W. Born September 12, 1901, 6:15 p. m., Kansas City, Mo.

When the planets in a horoscope are grouped about the Ascendant and first house the person then born must always work out his own salvation in this world with very little if any aid from others. On the other hand, when the planets are grouped about the seventh house and the Descendant, we find that success in life comes through the help of others. Applying this principle to Rosalind's horoscope, we see at once that her principal success in life will come through marriage, for the Sun and Moon are very close to the seventh cusp and Venus and Mercury are in the seventh house. But when we say

success, we do not mean in a financial sense. Rosalind will always have the wherewithal to live well. People with the Sun and Moon in conjunction are never permanently poor and needy though they may at times feel astringency, but Mars in the eighth house, which denotes the finance of the husband, is never good for the acquisition of wealth. They will have plenty of money, but as the saying is, "As fast as it comes in through the door it goes out through the window"—this



notwithstanding the fact that Mars is sextile to Jupiter and Saturn. This shows that the success mentioned is in the direction of power and influence and Rosalind will have as much share in making this success as her prospective husband, for they will both be writers and speakers along original and unusual lines. This is shown by Mercury, the planet of writing and speech, in Libra, which is a sign of voice and expression, and sextile to Uranus, the planet of intuition and inspiration, in the mental ninth house, which is occupied by the mental sign Sagittarius. In all probability her work will be along occult lines. This judgment is further strengthened by the fact that Neptune is in the psychic sign Cancer.

Rosalind's life will not be a bed of roses, however. This life work will bring considerable criticism and trouble into her life for Mercury in Libra and the seventh house, which gives her voice and expression before the public, is square to Neptune in the fourth sign, which rules the home, and to Jupiter in the tenth sign and house, denoting social standing. Rosalind has a mind of her own, she will not be dictated to, and this brings us to the point where we have to deal with her faults so that we may help her to overcome and make

her life will be less burdensome than otherwise. Unfortunately, this horoscope is being cast rather late in her life. Had we had this opportunity of helping you ten years earlier, it would have been much easier to obtain results for the traits of which we have to speak will be already manifested, though not settled, we hope.

The square of Mercury to Jupiter makes her quarrelsome, argumentative in the very highest degree, and the square of Mercury to Saturn will make her hold spite and aim to get even. It is not denied that she may often have cause for anger at the people who will slander her and seek to undermine her character and position, but no one ever gained anything by being wrought up over criticism, and it hurts one very much to brood over wrongs. If you can teach her that it is the lot of everyone who does not follow the beaten path in thought or action to be slandered and traduced, even as Christ was, and that criticisms are compliments, provided they are unjust, also that it is harmful to mind what people say about one, then you may help her to overcome. Show her also that to brood over real or fancied wrongs is bad for the health of soul and body. Time spent in that way

can be much more profitably spent in strengthening good resolutions to succeed in spite of everything that others may do.

With respect to health, Rosalind should be very careful with her food. The tendency is to indulge. Neptune is in Cancer, the sign of the stomach, and Jupiter and Saturn are in the opposing sign. All of them are squared by Mercury in the sign Libra, ruling the kidneys. This shows that unless she is taught to eat sparingly and with discrimination, dyspepsia will be developed and make her life a misery. Mars in Scorpio, the sign of the generative organs, indicates a slight trouble with the menstrual flow. The more she walks the better it will be for her, for this will regulate the circulation, help the digestion, and promote the general health. The Sun and Moon are in conjunction and that is always a favorable aspect and does a great deal to strengthen the constitution.

There is one talent which we forgot to speak about; that is music. Venus and Mercury in the sign Libra gives ability and appreciation in that direction, which ought to be cultivated.

Vocational Readings for Young Men and Women

Vocational indications of the horoscope are outlined for the benefit of young men and women between 14 and 25. Conditions and directions how to obtain same are given in the back of this magazine.

P. V. U. Born Aug 18, 1892, 8 a. m. Sonoma County, Cal.

At your birth Jupiter was in exact trine to the Sun and the Moon was in conjunction with Venus and sextile to Mercury. Without looking farther into the horoscope one might say that this argues a successful and uncommonly happy life. But we find four common signs on the angles, and Mercury, the ruler, in the twelfth house, while Saturn, the planet of obstruction, is right on the ascendant. This shows that, though you have uncommon abilities latent **within**, you lack the courage, persistence, and perseverance to bring them out and fight the battle of life as you ought to do. Saturn, the planet of obstruction, on the ascendant in a mercurial sign, makes you particularly timid and sensitive, and Mercury, your ruling planet, cooped up in the twelfth house, which means sorrow, trouble, and self-undoing, also testifies that you are living in a shell, so to speak, which it behooves you to break. The Moon and Venus in the psychic sign Cancer makes you exceedingly imaginative and Mercury square Neptune in the other mercurial sign, Gemini, shows that these

imaginations are very often of a morbid nature. When this occurs you must rouse yourself and throw such foolish ideas away. By progression Mercury is now getting out of the twelfth house, and your opportunities will be better for finding your rightful place in life than hitherto.

You have a marked taste for the occult and mystic, and you will find that eventually you will take up writing and lecturing along these lines as a vocation, but naturally that will take time, for no one can successfully enter that work until they have **lived and suffered**. Probably that is the mission of Saturn on your ascendant, he will make it very difficult for you to find expression and where he is in a fixed sign, like Leo or Scorpio, that would be impossible, but being in the flexible, mercurial sign Virgo, you may overcome when you have suffered enough.

Jupiter is the ruler of the sixth house and it is trine to the Sun, which in this connection signifies employers. Therefore, it will not be difficult for you to find employment that is remunerative, but we would not advise you to go into business for yourself, unless you

do so in partnership with someone else, for Jupiter in the eighth house, signifying the partner's finances, and trine to the Sun in your house of friends shows that you will benefit by such an arrangement. As to the kind of business that will suit you best, we find the testimony in the tenth house where the Moon and Venus are in conjunction in the sign Cancer. Cancer rules the stomach, waters, and liquids, and Venus rules pleasure. Therefore we judge that the restaurant, soda, and refreshment business will be the most suitable temporary vocation for you until you take up your life work previously indicated.

E. H. Born June 6, 1914, Chicago, Ill

You write: "Force of circumstances has made me a stenographer, bookkeeper, and office man. I had a more or less persistent desire to take up either Medicine or Osteopathy, or some other branch of service such as those, but somehow I have lacked the force to make the circumstances." Your horoscope explains why. There are four common signs on the angles. Besides both Mars, the giver of dynamic energy, and the Sun, which is the symbol of spirit, are in common signs, giving you a tendency to drift with the tide, rather than exert yourself. Moreover, Mars in the twelfth house sign Pisces shows that you have a temper even if you do not allow it to come to the surface, and the square of Mars to the Sun and Jupiter, signifying those in authority over you, your employers, shows that in your inward heart you feel out of patience with them and secretly rave against them. These things are matters for correction, and shows you what sort of self-discipline you must first undertake in order to be successful in life.

Mercury, the ruler of your horoscope, is sextile to Venus, which is in Taurus, the sign of the voice; therefore you can be exceedingly nice in your speech, manner, and expression, when you so choose, and it will be to your advantage so to do. Instead of responding to the square Mars ray and regarding your employers as your enemies, look at them through the sextile Venus ray and

success will come to you.

Whatever your inclination may be in regard to taking up the study of Medicine and Surgery, your horoscope shows neither ability nor success in that direction. It is Saturn in Libra trine to the Sun in Gemini which gives you this desire, but upon analysis it will be shown that you are interested more in the scientific than in the practical aspects. **Your success in life lies in the study of law as a gateway to a Government position**, probably as a Judge or as head of some department. This is shown by the presence of Saturn in Libra. Libra is the sign of the scales, and Saturn there will give you the ability to balance and weigh evidence, also the patience and persistence to go into the minutest details to get at the truth of a matter. Jupiter is the planet governing law, and the ninth house is the house of the law-giver and philosopher. The Sun is the Government, and at the time of your birth it was in the very zenith position of its whole annual course. Saturn is trine to both the Sun and Jupiter from its exaltation-sign Libra; therefore it shows that you have the latent ability for law, also the patience, persistence and perseverance to work up the ladder to a very high position. The more responsibility is placed upon your shoulders, the better you will acquit yourself.

Therefore our advice is this: Seek out a position in a lawyer's office, but be sure that he is a man of good reputation. Then give him the most enthusiastic and loyal service of which you are capable. Do not ever look at the clock, neither allow yourself to feel grouchy if he does not praise you to the skies for your efforts. But take up a law course, and apply yourself with all your heart to learn everything that you can in that vocation. Then you will soon advance.

Saturn in the second house, in its exaltation sign Libra, trine to the Sun and Jupiter in the Midheaven, show that by steady accumulation you will acquire a fortune which will more than suffice your needs. Besides, it will grow with the passing years, for you will be very careful with your investments.



Studies in The Rosicrucian Cosmo Conception

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The First Heaven the Land of the Soul

By Kittie Skidmore Cowen

AS WE have already learned through our studies in the *Cosmo*, the mainspring of every thought, deed, or action, be they good or evil, originates in desire. A desire to appease hunger causes us to partake of food. A desire for companionship causes us to seek the society of others. Before man possessed a desire body he was immovable and plant-like. His form had life and ability to move, but no incentive for so doing. This incentive was supplied by the forces active in the Desire World working through man's desire body and impelling it to move the dense body in this or that direction.

First the germ of the dense body was given, then the vital body was built as a means of vitalizing it. To this was added the desire body, which stirred the dense vitalized body into action, resulting in desires, wishes, passions, feelings, and emotions. Then the germ of mind was given through which the spirit might gain experience and thereby learn to control the activities of its three-fold vehicle. And now the spirit is properly equipped to begin its apprenticeship in God's great school of life.

After a certain amount of work has been accomplished, we have learned how the day is closed as we pass through the portal of what men call death. The road to the spirit's true home, the Second Heaven, takes it first through purgatory, where it is purged of every single particle of evil, no matter how small, and the memory of the suffering in consequence of such deeds is built into the conscience, on through the Borderland into the First Heaven, which is located in the three highest regions of the Desire World. The

names of these three upper regions of the Desire World are: The Region of Soul-life, the Region of Soul-light, and the Region of Soul-power. In these abide all the activities of the higher Soul-life. And here again the reality of the truth is brought home to us that our degree of happiness in the Heaven World depends upon how much or how little Soul growth we have made during our previous life.

Here, in the First Heaven, the purified spirit again encounters the panorama of its past life, which again unrolls itself backwards, and this time it is the good acts of life that are the basis of feeling. And now, note this particularly—as it was when passing through the purgatory state, so it is in the Heaven World—just exactly in proportion to the deeds done in the body has the spirit made its own purgatorial existence as well as its heavenly bliss. Few, if any, of the humanity of our present phase of evolution are so wholly good that they can hope to escape just a little of the refining fire which separates the dross from the pure gold. And few there are who have not enough good stored up in the record of their past to give them some portion of joy in the Heaven World.

As the past panorama unfolds in the First Heaven, when the spirit comes to the scenes when he helped others, he realizes anew all the joy of helping that was his at the time the act of kindness was performed, and, in addition, he feels all the gratitude poured out to him by the recipient of his help. When he comes to the scenes where he was helped by others, he against feels all the gratitude that he then felt toward his benefactor. Thus we see the really great importance of appreciating the favors shown us by others, because gratitude is a

means of Soul-growth, and Soul-growth is the great work of our present era. Here too is the key to our happiness in the Heaven World. For it depends upon the joy we give to others (Service) and the valuation we place upon what others have done for us. (Again Service) See *Cosmo*, page 114.

It is a great mistake to think that the ability to render service, to give, is vested chiefly in people of means. The indiscriminate giving of money may work a positive evil. But there is none so poor in worldly goods but that he can give the kindly look, the loving, sympathetic expression of confidence, the cheering words of courage and faith, the helpful thought or the genial smile. It is the act of helping the needy, whether mentally, morally, physically, or financially, to help himself, that counts, and not to cause him to become dependent upon others, for dependence generates weakness, while all effort is productive of strength.

On page 116 of the *Cosmo* we learn that the First Heaven is a place of joy without a single drop of bitterness. The spirit is beyond the influence of material, earthly conditions, and assimilates all the good contained in the past life as it lives it over again. Here all ennobling pursuits to which the man aspired are realized in fullest measure. It is a place of rest, and the harder has been the life, the more keenly will the rest be enjoyed.

Sickness, sorrow, and pain are unknown here. It is in the First Heaven that the thoughts of the devout Christian have built the New Jerusalem out of the subtle desire stuff of which that region is composed. Beautiful houses, trees, flowers, etc., are the portion of those who aspire to them, and while built out of the same material, are just as real and tangible to them as our own are to us. All gain here the satisfaction which the earth life lacked for them.

This heaven is also a place of progression for all who have been studious, artistic, or altruistic. Here the student and philosopher have access to all the libraries of the world. The artist has endless delight in the ever-changing color combinations, for he soon learns that his own thoughts blend and shape these colors at his will. His creations glow and scintillate with life impossible of attainment to one who works with the dull pigments of earth, for here he is, as it were, painting with living, glowing materials, and thereby able to execute his designs with a facility that fills his soul with delight.

Just as the Physical World is the world of form, that is, form is more accentuated there, so color is particularly accentuated in the Desire World. The musician has not yet reached the place where his art will express

itself to the fullest extent, for music belongs to the Thought World, where the Second and Third Heaven are located. The Thought World is the sphere of tone, and celestial music is a fact, and not a mere figure of speech. Although tone is more accentuated in the Thought World, echoes of that heavenly music reach us here in the Physical World, and they are our most precious possessions, even though they are so exceedingly elusive that they cannot be permanently created as can the work of art—a statue, a painting, or a book. In the Physical World tone vanishes and dies the moment after it is born, but in the First Heaven the echoes are, of course, much more beautiful, and have more permanency; hence, the musician hears sweeter strains than he ever did during his earth life.

On page 117 of the *Cosmo* we learn of the beautiful heaven life led by the children in this First Heaven, and we are told if we could but see them there our grief would quickly cease. When a child dies before the birth of the desire body, which takes place about the fourteenth year, it does not go any higher than the First Heaven, because it is not responsible for its actions, any more than the unborn child is responsible for the pain it causes its mother by turning and twisting in her womb. Therefore the child has no purgatorial existence. That which is not quickened cannot die, hence the desire body of a child, together with the mind, will persist until a new birth, and for that reason such children are very apt to remember their previous life, as instanced in the case cited elsewhere in the *Cosmo*.

For such children the First Heaven is a waiting place where they dwell from one to twenty years, until an opportunity for a new birth is offered. Yet it is more than simply a waiting place, because there is much progress made during the time of waiting.

When a child dies there is always some relative awaiting it, or failing that, there are people who loved to “mother” children in earth life who find delight in taking care of a little waif. The extreme plasticity of the desire stuff makes it easy to form the most exquisite living toys for the children, and their life is one beautiful play; nevertheless, their instruction is not neglected. They are formed into classes according to their temperaments, but quite regardless of age.

In the Desire World it is easy to give object lessons on the influence of good and evil passions on conduct and happiness. These lessons are indelibly imprinted upon the child’s sensitive and emotional desire body, and remain with it after rebirth, so that many a one living a noble life owes much of it to the fact that he was

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Nutrition and Health

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The Healing Wings

By Richard Beebe

“And the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with Healing in its wings.”

LET US look into the past, let us stand outside a walled city, I think it is the West Gate, as the sinking Sun-rays are shining full upon this part of the great enclosure, and the shadows of the surrounding hills are reaching out over the valley warning a great company there of the approaching darkness and causing them to turn toward the city.

The day has been one that cannot be forgotten, for they have witnessed many wonderful things, wrought by one whose name is “Jesus” and this question seems to be on every lip: “Is this the Messiah that the prophets said would come? Could man do these wonderful things that we this day have seen?” This is the one theme they all discuss as they pass on toward the city. But let us draw more closely and listen, for there are those scattered among this company that have felt the touch and have heard the words “Be thou whole” spoken, and know that one greater than prophets has come.

And as we watch, one approaches, a man who acts strangely at times, while talking to his companions. He moves one arm up and down, opening and shutting the fingers, feeling the cords and muscles, pinching with the fingers of the other hand, here and there, for he feels a new life in the old withered member, and the question comes to the lips of those, about him, “Is not this he who sat at the Eastern Gate, asking a mite of those who passed to and from the city?” Yes, it is he, but others approach.

Here is a mother who, with a friend, leads a child that, for the first time, stands upon his feet and is awkwardly moving along as one learning to walk, and the ever-watchful mother guarding (lest he fall) holds his hand; but he slips from the mother, and stands alone, crying, “See, mother, how strong I am!” and the next moment he is folded in his mother’s arms and the long pent up flood-gate of that mother’s soul opens, for she knows the Master’s touch has healed.

Others follow, and now one draws near, who appears to have just awakened from a long sleep. She speaks

little, but the large eyes are moving about and drinking in the beauties of the Sun-lighted world. In her arms are the flowers picked from the roadside and as she raises her face upward, she presses a beautiful flower to her lips. At this moment a bird passes her range of vision, she stops in wonder to see a body passing and she wonders if this is the one she hears in the early morning in the garden. Oh, how this spirit cries with joy as the sunlight streams through the windows of her soul, for only a few short hours have passed since darkness has given place to light by the touch of this Healer.

But others are coming, and one is in great haste. He raises his hands above his head and words are borne to us on the still air: “Clean, Clean.” Is this not one of those who came at eventide near the City Gate to obtain food? Yes, dear friends, but then his cry was, “Unclean, unclean!” for no leper can approach without giving that dreadful warning. He now hastens to the city to show himself before the authorities for examination, for this Jesus of Nazareth has spoken the magic word; “Be thou clean” has fallen from the Master’s lips, and like an electric wave it has passed through every fiber of his body.

And yonder is the figure of a man with folded arms; he stands looking over the city, and the soft evening air is still reverberating with the Words of Life which He has spoken to the multitude, words so soft and subtle that you seemed to feel, rather than hear them:

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers, for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall revile you,

and say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake; rejoice, and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so did they persecute the prophets which were before you. Ye are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has lost its savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city which sits on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel; but on a candle stick and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven. Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill. For verily I say unto you till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no way pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whosoever therefore shall break one of the least of these commandments and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven; but whosoever shall teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For, I say unto you that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them; otherwise you will have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Therefore, when you do your alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as do the hypocrites in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have the glory of men. Verily say unto you, they have their reward. But when thou doest alms let not thy right hand know what the left doeth, that thine aims may be in secret and thy Father, which seeth in secret, himself shall reward thee openly. And when thou prayest thou shall not do as the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you they have their reward; but when thou prayest, enter into thy closet and when thou hast shut the door, pray to thy Father which is in secret and thy Father who seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

And by what power did he do all his mighty works, what was his secret? He said, "I can of mine own self do nothing, but by the Father." And he also said: "These things which I do shall ye also do, and greater." There is therefore a latent healing power within each of us, and when we do as he taught and enter into the closet of our own inner selves to pray to the Father, Who is the Great Physician, we shall also feel the rhythmic vibration of His great healing wings, while the soundless voice of the Comforter speaks words of ease and peace. "Come unto me all ye that, are weak and heavy laden and I will give you rest."

Menu from Mt. Ecclesia

Breakfast 7:30 A.M.

Rhubarb Sauce
Whole Wheat Waffles and Maple Syrup
Coffee or Milk

Dinner 12 Noon

Vegetable Pie
Rice Croquettes
Young Beet Stalks
Whole Wheat Bread, Milk and Honey

Supper 5:30 P. M.

Lettuce and Egg
Young Radishes and Green Onions
Bread, Butter and Honey
Milk or Tea

Recipes

Whole Wheat Waffles

For four medium sized waffles: Mix one teaspoon baking powder with 1 1/3 cup whole wheat flour, adding a pinch of salt, mix into this one egg and one cup sweet cream. Bake in waffle iron and serve with maple syrup or honey

Vegetable Pie

Peel and slice into small pieces four medium sized potatoes, four carrots, small head of cabbage, three turnips. Slice very fine one clove garlic and three onions, put this into a pan suitable to bake in, cover well with boiling water, boil until nearly done, season

with pepper, salt and grated nutmeg.

Make pie crust as usual, roll out and sprinkle with grated cheese, fold and roll again; repeat several times, then roll and place on top of cooked vegetables, bake 35 minutes.

Rice Croquette

Fry one onion and one small cove garlic, sliced fine, in a frying pan with one tablespoonful each of cooked rice, turn and fry this a few minutes until heated through. Add 1/3 cup ground nuts, season to taste with salt, paprika and sage. Before taking from stove add one egg. After this has cooled, make into patties, roll in cracker crumbs and fry until brown. Serve with tomato sauce.

Young Beet Stalks

Get the stems of young and tender beets, cut off leaf and beet, allow the stalks to remain in water for several hours. Put cold water with a little salt into a saucepan, boil the beet stalks in that until tender, drain and just before serving heat them in a frying pan with butter.

The Rosy Cross Healing Circle meets in the Pro-Ecclesia

June 2—9—16—22—29

July 7—13—19—26

August 3—10—16—23—30

Echoes from Mt. Ecclesia

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Bouquets

Yes, WE are getting them whose names are below from everywhere, and we print a few taken at random, just to let you know that there is a unanimous feeling of pride and satisfaction among our subscribers that brings us into a much closer relationship than that which exists among the subscribers to an ordinary magazine, and the publishers. We are friends and partners in the best sense of the word. You want to see the magazine succeed as much as we do, and these "bouquets" are evidence of how well it is liked:

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Friends:

The anniversary number of "THE RAYS" reached me today and I want you to know how happy I am over such a triumph for the Fellowship, when I realize all you have accomplished within one short year for the Magazine. I feel that it will now double its circulation because it is **different from anything of its kind on the news stands and it carries its message with authority.**

I am happy and glad for you, and for myself to feel that I can help to speed it on its way. I enclose stamps to pay for sample copies to the friends and relatives whose names are below.

Always yours in Fellowship,
MRS. PHILIP RAY

Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Mrs. Heindel:

Three cheers for the NEW RAYS. It is a comfort. I am so glad to see Mrs. K. Cowen's name among the contributors.

The contents are fine, just the thing to get folks working. Certainly we the members of the L. A. Fellowship wish "Many happy returns of the day" to our DEAR RAYS.

Loving thoughts,
LIZZIE GRAHAM

Palmdale, California

Dear Friends:

The May Magazine came today, and is a rare book, both in its make-up and its articles. The cover page is very, yes, exceedingly attractive, so much so that the quality of the cover is unobserved and the page proper is perfection.

NELLIE G. LANSING

Do you think these appreciations are fine? We are very grateful to those who thus voice their satisfaction for our encouragement. They praise the cover, the contents, the artistic nature of the make-up and the paper! But that particular bouquet, has a sickly odor to us. We know that we can continue to make up our magazine in a most artistic style. We trust that we may even be able to improve what we are doing now, and thanks to our able collaborators and contributors, we feel also that we shall not fall short with regard to the contents. The mystery of life is so great and the invisible world is so large that we have only touched a few of the subjects found on the fringe of these realms, and as our proficiency in spiritual investigation increases with the passing years, we have no doubt that we shall be able to continue to make these pages more interesting every month. But the paper is a nightmare.

You will notice that Nellie Lansing says "It is perfection," and we feel well satisfied with the present; but how about the future? We learn from a trade paper that recent issues of the German African *Zeitung* were printed on red and green paper, indicating that the supply of white paper in the German colony had given out. A saffron tint in a newspaper has, up to now, been a badge of disrepute; but, owing to the influence of the European war, it is being adopted by the staidest publications. Many of our newspapers used to pride themselves on the whiteness of their paper. It was perhaps not so good for the eyesight of the readers as the old-time yellow, but it presented a much finer appearance. Now their pride has had a fall, for gradually one after the other they are coming back again. The explanation of this is given in the religious weekly *America*, which says:

"Our journals are growing yellow because Chlorine, which used to travel hither from England and Germany on purpose to keep American papers white, now remains at home, nor do her useful and attractive sisters, Rhodamin and Indathrene, go abroad any longer. But besides turning paper yellow, the war is making it costly. The 300,000 tons of wood pulp which the United States used to import from Europe every year has ceased to come, so the price of paper is constantly rising. It would appear that the increased cost of the raw material needed in the manufacture of paper will result in lessening the number of periodicals now being published in this country, and will eventually make our daily and Sunday papers smaller in size, and there is no doubt that the' increased cost of paper and other material will force a large number of papers and magazines out of business."

That is the trouble; in normal times such paper as this

you are now holding in your hand costs about \$120 per ton, but when we bought our last supply a few months ago, the price had been raised to \$165 per ton, and at the present time it is \$ 215, an increase of \$ 95 per ton. Nor is there any assurance where this upward rise will stop. We have today ordered a new supply, but we are not sure whether we will get it or not, or whether the price will have increased since we last heard from the paper manufacturers; and just think, we may yet have to print our magazine on red, brown, or green paper. Nobody knows or can guarantee that we will even get that or any other paper at any other price.

....What Are We Going to Do About It?....

There is also another grave question, and that is, of course, whether we shall be able to continue publication at this rate of increase in raw materials. Paper has, as said, gone up nearly one hundred per cent, linotype metal has advanced fifty per cent, ink has gone up in an amazing degree. Purple ink, for instance, with which we used to print our typewritten letters, formerly cost \$4 a pound. Now it costs \$7.50 per pound. So it looks serious.

But we are not losing heart, for we know that our friends are going to help us to keep this magazine up under all circumstances. Our word is as sacred as our bond: while all other magazines have decreased their size, we have increased ours, at the same time making it much more beautiful, and without raising the price. Nor are we going to do so, no matter what comes, and we will keep afloat and succeed if you will give us your help, and this is the way you can do it:

There are certain fixed costs which must be met in publishing any book, paper, or magazine. They include the typesetting, dividing the matter into pages, putting them on the press and getting the first good print. Now you may take just one impression and print one single copy of the book, magazine, or whatever else it is. One copy will be a very expensive book. On the other hand, if you print one hundred thousand copies the initial cost of typesetting and getting ready on the press is distributed to such an extent that the cost per copy of the book is only a small fraction of the cost of paper and therefore these hundred thousand copies can be sold at a profit for a very small price, compared to what one single copy would cost.

Every month it costs us just so much for typesetting and the other items necessary to get out the first copy of this publication, and at the time when we announced that we would increase the size of the magazine our subscription list was barely one thousand, and it scarcely paid these costs and the paper needed. Therefore, from a business standpoint, we ought not to have

attempted any further expansion. But you know that this magazine is not run on business principles; it is run on principles of love, brotherhood, and altruism. Therefore we went ahead and increased the size and made other material improvements while other publishers are decreasing theirs. Nevertheless we know that we shall succeed where they may fail, for we are sure we can count on your help. We know you want this magazine, that you realize the benefit it is, and that you will try to interest others in it. Mrs. Phillip Ray, whose letter we quote, is traveling over the country, and she visits the news dealers in every city with a view to inter-

esting them in the magazine, and you can see from the letter how enthusiastic she is. She is also getting many yearly subscribers herself and we know if everyone will do one twentieth part as much as she is doing the magazine will live even if paper goes up to \$500 per ton, which we hope will not happen. And if you will do your part you may be sure we will do ours and as soon as we can see our way clear we will again increase the size, but not the price, for there is one blessing—we do not have to pay salaries to the Editor, contributors, or head printer, as a publication carried on on a business basis has to do.

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given this training. Often, when a weak spirit is born, the Compassionate Ones (the invisible Leaders who guide our evolution) cause it to die in early life that it may have this extra training to fit it for what may be perhaps a hard life. This seems to be the case particularly where the etching on the desire body was weak in consequence of a dying person having been disturbed by the lamentations of his relatives, or because he met death by accident or on the battle-field. He did not, under those circumstances, experience the appropriate intensity of feeling in his post mortem existence; therefore, when he is born and dies in early life, the loss is made up as above.

Often the duty of caring for such a child in the heaven life falls to those who were the cause of the anomaly. They are thus afforded a chance to make up for the fault and to learn better. Or perhaps they become the parents of the one they harmed and care for it during the few years it lives. It does not matter then if they do lament hysterically over its death, because there would be no pictures of any consequence in a child's vital body. And thus the debt is paid, the account balanced as it is, and ever must be.

No person who goes through an earth life, selfish, critical, egotistical, faultfinding, and uncharitable, seeking his or her chief pleasures in things physical, that is, in things obtainable and enjoyable only through the purely physical senses, and yet because they once placed their name on a church record or attend some

church as a matter of duty or a sort of balm to an outraged conscience, need expect to be permitted to tarry long or enjoy greatly this First Heaven World. For this is truly the Region of the Soul and the soul is the essence of sympathy and helpfulness, which is the quintessence of service. And such a life cannot possibly be productive of any great amount of either. For no quality can become a part of us until we have incorporated it into our nature by living it in our daily life. We may think altruism, we may talk altruism, we may believe in altruism, but in order to actually possess altruism we must live it. There is no other way. It is just so with soul-growth. The soul is not a physical organ any more than is sight and feeling. Each is temporarily located in a physical body. And the vehicles of the spirit must become the servant and not the master, because they are simply the instruments of the spirit.

Would you shorten your stay in the purgatorial regions? Then look well to it that you do not build into your life panorama the things of which you must be purged in order to be pure. Would you enjoy your stay in the First Heaven, this region of joy, without a single drop of bitterness, this region where all our highest aspirations are realized in their fullest measure, where all gain the satisfaction which earth life lacked for them? Then look well to it that you lead the life which makes for soul-growth. Search diligently for the twelve kinds of opportunities that come to us each month, and when you find them, be diligent in service.

the valley, carrying the water 225 feet up to the summit of Mount Ecclesia and have thus an unlimited supply of water for irrigation and ample fire protection. We have built a **sanctuary** devoted exclusively to the worship of God, an **administration building** wherein our general offices and **printing plant** are located, a commodious **dining hall** to accommodate all workers, patients and pupils; we have also built a number of **cottages** for the accommodation of visitors.

Mount Ecclesia has also its own **electric lighting plant**, and every night the wonderful electric emblem of the Fellowship may be seen flashing its message of light across the country for over twenty miles in either direction. The exterior of the dining hall and Pro-Ecclesia, as we call our Sanctuary, are also electrically lighted, and thus we let the physical light shine to attract those who are seeking the spiritual, if by chance such may pass, and enquire through curiosity, which afterward turns to keen interest.

THE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL

In addition to the publications of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, regularly advertised and before the public, there are two correspondence courses which furnish instruction to students all over the world, who are desirous of investigating the Rosicrucian Mysteries, and the Science of Astrology.

WHY YOU OUGHT TO STUDY ASTROLOGY

There is a side of the moon that we never see, but that hidden half is as potent a factor in creating the ebb and flow as the part of the moon which is visible. Similarly, there is an invisible part of man which exerts a powerful influence in life, and as the tides are measured by the motion of sun and moon, so also the eventualities of existence are measured by the circling stars, which may therefore be called "the Clock of Destiny," and knowledge of their import is an immense power, for to the competent Astrologer a horoscope reveals every secret of life.

Thus, when you have given an astrologer the data of your birth, you have given him the key to your innermost soul, and there is no secret that he may not ferret out. This knowledge may be used for good or ill, to help or hurt, according to the nature of the man. Only a tried friend should be trusted with this key to your soul, and it should never be given to anyone base enough to prostitute a spiritual science for material gain.

To the medical man Astrology is invaluable in diagnosing diseases and prescribing a remedy, for it reveals

the hidden cause of all ailments.

If you are a parent, the horoscope will aid you to detect the evil latent in your child and teach you how to apply the ounce of prevention. It will show you the good points also, that you may make a better man or woman of the soul entrusted to your care. It will reveal systematic weakness and enable you to guard the health of your child; it will show what talents are there, and how the life may be lived to a maximum of usefulness. Therefore, the message of the marching orbs is so important that you cannot afford to remain ignorant thereof.

In order to aid those who are willing to help themselves, we maintain a correspondence Class in Astrology, but make no mistake, we do not teach fortune telling; if that is what you are looking for, we have nothing for you.

Our Lessons Are Sermons

They embody the highest moral and spiritual principles, together with the loftiest system of ethics, for Astrology is, to us, a phase of religion; we never look at a horoscope without feeling that we are in a holy presence, face to face with an immortal soul, and our attitude is one of prayer for light to guide that soul aright.

We Do Not Cast Horoscopes

Despite all we can say, many people write enclosing money for horoscopes, forcing us to spend valuable time writing letters of refusal and giving us the trouble of returning their money. Please do not thus annoy us; it will avail you nothing.

THE COURSE IN CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM.

Christ taught the multitude in **parables**, but explained the **mysteries** to His disciples.

Paul gave **milk** to the babes, but **meat** to the strong.

Max Heindel, the founder and leader of the Rosicrucian Fellowship, endeavors to follow in their steps and give to interested and devoted students a **deeper teaching** than that promulgated in public.

For that purpose he conducts a correspondence course in **Christian Mysticism**. The General Secretary may admit applicants to the preliminary course, but **advancement** in the deeper degrees depends upon merit. It is for those alone who have been **tried**, and found true.

How to Apply for Admission.

Anyone who is not engaged in fortune telling or similar methods of commercializing spiritual knowledge will **upon request** receive an application blank from the General Secretary Rosicrucian Fellowship. When this blank is returned properly filled, he may admit the applicant to instruction in either or both correspondence courses.

How Shall We Know Christ

WHEN HE COMES?

By Max Heindel
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THE ROSICRUCIAN COSMO-CONCEPTION GIVEN AWAY!

We are very desirous to carry the Rosicrucian Teachings into **new** fields, and have therefore decided

that we will give one copy of the *Rosicrucian Cosmo-Conception* to anyone who sends in five dollars (\$5) for five yearly subscriptions, or ten half-yearly subscriptions to this magazine. Provided, however, that **the said subscribers must be new**, not now on our list as correspondents or subscribers.

If you cannot get them all at once, send one at a time, and when the number is complete we will send this valuable book.

YOUR CHILD'S HOROSCOPE FREE!

We do not cast horoscopes for adults on any consideration; but **children are unsolved problems!** They have come to their parents for help and guidance, and it is of inestimable benefit to know their latent tendencies, that their good traits may be fostered and evil tendencies suppressed. Therefore **we will give each month a short delineation of character and tendencies of four children under 14 years** in the Astral Ray department of this magazine. **Parents who wish to take advantage of this opportunity must be YEARLY subscribers.**

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Get three new subscribers, send us their names and three dollars, and we will give you a year's subscription gratis.

MARRIAGE, MOTHERHOOD & VOCATIONAL ADVICE GIVEN TO YOUNG MEN & WOMEN

We are giving short readings for children under fourteen years of age, to help parents suppress faults and foster talents while the character is plastic. Life is still in the making for the young man or woman between fourteen and twenty-five years. They may also benefit by knowing what talents are latent, and what life work to select. We have therefore decided to give this advice so far as space permits. Each must wait his turn.

To obtain a vocational reading the parents, guardians or applicants must be **yearly** subscribers. Only one request from each subscriber will be entertained and unless it contains the following data it will be thrown out, for without this a horoscope cannot be cast.

- (1) Birth-year, month, date and hour (as near as possible.)
- (2) Birth-place—city, state or country.