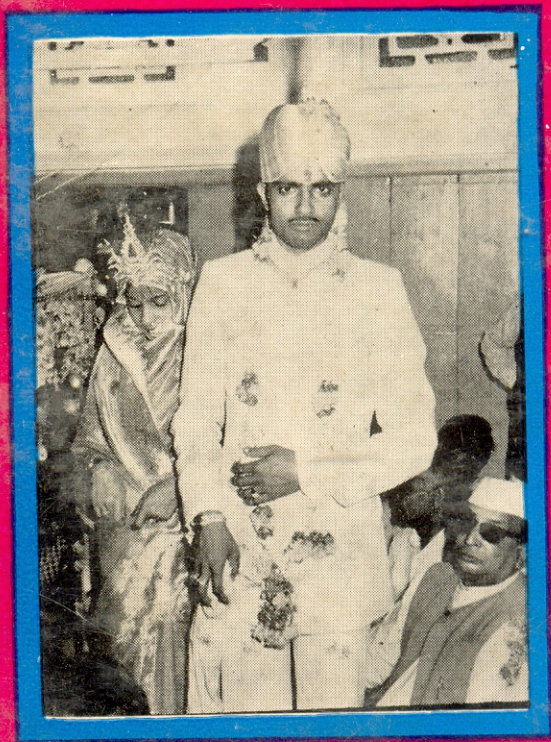


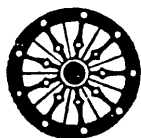
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PREFACE

Man has need of creature comforts which only a mate can adequately satisfy. He has need of human companionship, human understanding and emotional reciprocity—these being also things—that only a mate can adequately satisfy. Man has sexual desires prompting him to effect the procreation of his species—which intimate needs are for his mate to satisfy. As a result, man seeks his mate—woman—and centres upon her as the focal point for the release of his (and her) emotional energies which are generated by their respective central nervous systems. Thus the woman becomes the object of the man's love and affection, and he of hers, unless through perversion of some form or another, such mutual love and affection change to hate and aversion. However, marriage is the great human institution which normally directs the full employment of man's emotional energies, and which provides full opportunity for the satisfaction of their joint emotional needs, provided the mating is well balanced and reciprocal on the three planes of being : *physical, intellectual, spiritual*. For instance, if he be married and still pursues club life or goes pub crawling, the time so consumed will be at the expense of his wife and children who will not only lack the companionship to which they are entitled, but will be deprived of benefits from that part of the family's funds which he is misapplying. Astrologers are wont to aver that their inherited traits are the products of the special configurations of the Sun, Moon and planets, in the star-groups belonging to the zodiac, under which an individual is born.

Of all life's events, the most important is that of marriage. For this major event implies a total revolution in two lives : not only material but also psychological and moral. It alters the entire basis of prior social adjustment. Hence the effects can be unprecedented in their scope.

For the above reasons, therefore, it behoves every young couple approaching matrimony to study well beforehand the full implications of the problems which married life will introduce

and to become as well acquainted as possible with the characteristics of the prospective spouse.

It is in order to satisfy some part at least of the need for guidance that I have decided to write this book. Because to what other source may the young man or woman turn for guidance? Great experience in the ways of life as well as considerable knowledge of psychological values are called for in the mentor who proposes to offer guidance. Such experience is, of course, never the possession of the young man or young woman, because neither can ever gain it until he or she has passed through the fires of life, perhaps to ruin both their lives in the process!

It cannot be too strongly stressed that the varying moods and characteristics of individual are purely the products of their respective psychological states. To speak of one person as being of a passionate temperament, and of one another as being of a frigid temperament, is merely to describe in a relative terms their respective psychological reactions towards the idea of sex relationship.

Apart from the foregoing, there is no means of knowing, ascertaining, or measuring the absolute capacity of sexual impulse, neither can one measure relative strengths of attraction between the sexes by any absolute standards of comparison.

However, as the happiness of any married pair will necessarily depend upon the alignment of their respective temperaments in very great measure, and because any reactive clashes of temperament are visibly productive of unhappiness and unsettled feelings in both parties; we have atleast in Astrology a means assessing probabilities.

It is on this basis that Horoscopic Astrology has been founded and a cardinal principle of the science was elicited. It is the principle which I propose to apply in these pages in order to try to give my readers an adequate understanding of their fellow creatures. To ensure success, marry by the STARS.

Yours for a successful and happy marriage.

—Manik Chand Jain

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Introduction

It is becoming quite the thing these days when the trouble develops between husband and wife to consult a marriage counsellor. Having studied and practised Astrology for more than twenty five years, I have never gotten to the point where I think domestic troubles are funny. Too many domestic problems end in tragedy. If the average Astrologer could read a horoscope, he would not think them funny either.

Many write me telling that they are about to commit suicide and want to hear from me at once. You often hear people say that the person who threatens suicide never does it; but don't you believe it—they often do! One woman wrote me that her husband must have another woman because he was so distant and cold toward her and that she did not care to live. On looking up his horoscope, I found the evidence of a gradual growing impotency. Knowing who she was, I called her and explained that she need have no worry about another woman because of what was happening to him.

Another woman wrote me that she thought that there must be something wrong with her because she felt that her marriage was falling apart; her husband was no longer interested in her. The same thing was wrong with him, but he was born that way. Why she, after five years of marriage, had just begun to realise? What she had married was also a mystery to me. She had the horoscope of a normal woman. But perhaps she, like a lot of wives, did not admit it. This must be so because I have had clients who told me every other fault their husbands had but held back the fact that they had married a sex deviate. The horoscope shows this trait positively if the Astrologer knows what to look for.

One wife wrote me recently that she was thinking of getting a divorce and wanted to know what she should do. The woman mentioned almost all the bad traits a man could have, but she did not mention the main one.

I answered her, asking that she write another letter stating the real cause of her marital troubles. I suggested that she had married a sex deviate. She answered, saying that her husband had molested their young daughter and had been arrested for molesting other young girls (and young boys). Then she got her answer. I told her that psychiatry had until this time never found a cure for sex deviation. She might as well get that divorce and quick. This man had the definite mark of the deviate in his horoscope. But the wife had lived with this man for fifteen years. She had married him when she was only sixteen years old.

Here is another letter I have in my file from a young woman. You being the student of Astrology should be interested.

"I have been keeping company with a very nice young man whom I am very fond of." (Here she gives her own birth date and his. She was born the first part of June, when the Moon was in 2°-14' Capricorn and Uranus in the tenth was trine the Moon but square the ascendant. This should give the students who read this the date and time of her birth). "I have been going with him for six months; but he does not seem to be the marrying type, as he never mentions marriage. Will he never propose? Please tell me what the score is?"

Now this seems to be a very ordinary letter; but on looking up the aspects from a solar map, I was astounded at what I saw. The man's chart was good.

My answer to her in this case was: "Your chart shows a highly neurotic personality, and perhaps that is why your boy friend does not want to discuss marriage. Have not you been married, perhaps more than once? Why not write and tell the whole story?"

As soon as she received my letter, she replied and wrote me the whole story—and what a story it was! But before going into her story, I want to tell you the aspects in her horoscope.

Everything was adverse but that trine between the Moon and Uranus. Mars was conjunct the Sun in the eleventh, square Saturn in the eighth house. Mars was opposite Jupiter. The Sun was also opposite Jupiter. Mars was also square Neptune in the second (remember this square). In fact, everything was opposite or square but the Moon.

Her second letter tells the whole sordid story and is typical of such charts in a great many cases. When she was about four years old, she was sent to a home for children and stayed there until she was about eleven years, when she was put on a farm, where she says she worked in the field and was not allowed to wear girl's clothes. When she was fourteen, her mother remarried and she went to live with her mother.

At eighteen, she became a "fatty," as she says, and weighed 180 plus pounds. She then met a man; things went along just until she became pregnant and the man ran away. Then she met another man who wanted to marry her although he knew of her condition at the time. He said he did care because he loved children and her. He set the wedding date; but the night before the wedding, he called her up and told her the whole thing was off. She went to a hospital and had her baby. The baby died and the man came back and asked to marry her and apologised for running away the night before the scheduled wedding. So she married him and lived happily for about four months, when suddenly the police picked him up and he was sent to prison.

"I promised to wait for him but I met another man. I was lonesome," she said. She just lived with this other man for about a year and used his name. Then he, too, ditched her and she started on the road of prostitution. She says she was "a good-time girl. Finally, she met another man who drank a lot. Every time he was drunk, he proposed to her and then would back out when he became sober. She gave him the air and then she met the man she now wants to marry. But he will not propose."

Remember, this woman was only 23 and has gone through all these terrible experiences! I forgot to say that Venus was square Neptune, and here we have a demonstration of that

aspect—false love. Those men did not love her at all. They just used her! Three planets in her house of friends are afflicted, and her Venus is square Neptune. The ruler of her fifth house is in the fifth opposite both the Sun and Mars and square Saturn.

Wondering what kept her going, I turned to the parallels on her day of birth and found Sun parallel Mars, Jupiter parallel Mars, Sun parallel Jupiter and Venus parallel Jupiter. Also, the only good aspect in the chart is the trine of Uranus in the tenth to Moon in the fifth. The houses are based on the time she gave as between 9-10 to 10-30 a.m. and corrected by events to 9-39 a.m. with 3° Taurus on the midheaven and 13°-0' Leo on the ascendant. For those who would like to set up this chart, the following are the longitude of the planets.

Sun 15°-43' Gemini, Moon, 2°-14' Capricorn; Venus, 9°-30' Gemini, Mars, 16°-53' Gemini, Neptune, 14°-2' Virgo, Uranus, 7°-46' Taurus, Saturn, 21°-55' Pisces, Mercury, 6°-46' Gemini (retrograde), Jupiter, 20°-5' Sagittarius (retrograde), Pluto, 25°-49' Cancer.

The square of the Sun and Saturn and Mars and Saturn (Saturn in the eighth, house of death; the Sun and Mars in the eleventh, the house of friends) portend a possible violent death at the hands of someone she thinks is a friend. It could also mean suicide, with the ruler of the ascendant square Saturn in the eighth.

In 1959, the progressed Venus and progressed Sun came to a conjunction in the eleventh; so things are looking up temporarily. But the progressed Mars is also opposite the Moon (fifth to seventh), so another conflict is in operation. The progressed Moon in Scorpio is opposite Uranus but will soon pass. The transiting Uranus is hanging around her ascendant, while the transiting Neptune will soon pass in opposition to Uranus. What kind of *Karma* has this young woman built her herself.

Reading between the lines of this woman's last letter, I could sense a rapidly developing guilt complex which will reach a climax in four years, when Mercury comes to the square of Saturn. The best thing this young woman could do would be to read religious literature. Astrology teaches tolerance.

The advantage which the Astrologer has over any other form of marriage counsellor lies in the fact that he does not have to arrive at conclusions merely on the statement of any of the parties involved; he has before him the charts of both and can tell who is at fault. He can also tell if the trouble is temporary or if it will continue indefinitely. He does not have to give some flippant answer to his client.

In practically all marriage problems, the emotions are involved; and there is no better chart of the emotions than the horoscope. In triangle cases, the Astrologer has the advantage again because it is a lot easier to get the birth date of the "other man or woman" than it is to get that person to submit to questioning.

Since marriage troubles usually involve very intimate details, some wives are reluctant to tell all; but the horoscope will show in most cases what the husband does to cause trouble. In some cases, even though the wife is making the complaint, it often develops that she is the cause of the trouble. It is sometimes a fact that the horoscope of the husband is good one while the wife's chart is not. So after thousands of cases I am confident that Astrology is the best form of marriage counselling—or any counselling which deals with emotional troubles.

Marriage based solely on the fact that the two Sun-Signs are either sextile or trine has no basis in fact or experience. I have seen too many of that kind go on the matrimonial rocks. I have seen many instances where the Sun-Signs were in square but resulted in happy marriages. (Take, for instance, Gemini and Virgo. Both these signs are Mercury Signs). A Cancer woman could not very well endure a man with a Virgo Sun who continually criticised her.

To delineate the personality requires the whole horoscope; and considering that marriage is the most difficult partnership, the delineation of the intended mate's horoscope is of prime importance—*before, not after marriage.*

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Man and His Mate

When Adam and Eve set up the first human household in the Garden of Eden they certainly started something. Whatever may have been the nature of the *Forbidden Fruit* which Eve plucked and tempted Adam with, we gather that its incidence was no unalloyed blessing for the human race which the pair were to found.

Because it was forbidden, it was obviously the wrong kind of fruit to pluck. For if its Creator had forbidden the couple to partake of it, He must have had a special reason for warning them not to touch it. Therefore, had they possessed the tiniest particle of wisdom, Adam and Eve would have heeded the injunction. Yet the pride of man always assures the individual that he knows best, and convinces him that he knows all the answers. Which is why we may be sure that the root cause of *Original Sin* was the pride and lack of humility in the original couple Adam and Eve who had a paradise all their own, plentifully stocked, in which they could live out their lives serenely.

Unfortunately, appreciation of blessings can only be perceived by contrasting certain human experiences. Thus one cannot experience the fulness of pleasure unless one has a mental recollection of pain, with which to contrast the state. The sweetest flavours may seem insipid unless one has recollection of sore and bitter tastes with which to compare the sweetness. In the living of life itself, contrasts are highly necessary; for without the contrasts, life would be boring and unenjoyable. The lights and shades are necessary stimulants to interest. Colour, form and design, can transform a lunar landscape into

a thing of beauty, just as wild flowers can transform desert and waste land.

Life consisting of nothing but pain must seem unendurable. But many a person has found a life of pure pleasure equally unendurable.

Night must fall ! But what if it were eternal night ? Or eternal day, for that matter. Does not the division of time into day or night afford the very contrast which make life endurable and interesting ?

The principle of contrasts is applicable likewise to man and his mate. For it is a well known fact that the more contrasting the characters of the wedded pair, the more interesting and unusual will be their marriage. If only for the reason that the contrasts guarantee the presence of the elements of surprise, discovery, and anticipation.

A sandwich requires meat, cheese, fish, or some delicacy, between its two slices of bread, if the taste buds are to be stimulated and the palate tickled. But the two slices of bread without the centre filling are non-contrasting and therefore unappetising.

In a similar way, sameness of characteristics in a couple presents an unappetising guise that fails to awaken keen interest in anything other than the differences attributable to sex.

It should of course be unnecessary to mention that violent contrasts are not the recommendable feature. Appreciation of nature insists upon "*moderation in all things.*" For hard highlights and heavy shadows can make appearances grotesque and ugly. Thus the softer the contrasts, the better, so long as contrasts *ARE* present.

The way of a man with a maid may seem entertaining to some. But the mechanisms which Nature has devised for the control of courtship seductions, enchantment and make-believe, are far too real and purposeful to be any fit subject for levity.

To begin with, three mesmeric factors enter into the courtship phase, consisting of charm, enchantment, and sex-appeal,

all three of which are needed for a successful weaving of the spell of love.

Charm : presents itself in manifold guises designed to captivate the senses of the member of the opposite sex. Allure, glamour, art and artifice. The style and personality are configurations of charm. Beauty of face, figure and form. A "peaches and cream" complexion. The "crowning glory" of a woman's hair in its manifold colourings : platinum, golden, red, chestnut, black, etc. The tones and qualities of the voices.

Enchantment : is rendered by provision of the right setting, whether it be Nature's own landscapes in the sitting sun or moonlight, or whether it be an atmospheric location replete with "soft lights and sweet music." For enchantment may be contrived, if Nature does not provide her own original settings. But Nature often does conspire to produce together the Time, the Place, and the Girl—even without collusion.

Sex-appeal : is the seductive element that is added to the witch's brew of the courtship potion. For it is this ingredient that contrives to create the seductiveness that often has such a heady effect on the imagination of each of the lovers. For sex-appeal can wreck its most powerful effects when it forms part of the personality in a mixture of invitation and mystery enshrouding unrevealed delights. All this is probably contained in the aura of magnetic field of the individual. Therefore the field in which his (or her) personal magnetism builds up its lines of force. A field which may be enormously attractive to a few special individuals who contact it in life, but which may be equally repellent to certain other types.

For those whose souls and senses are so dulled that *charm*, *sex-appeal* and *enchantment* can cast no spell over them, the mental aspects of utility considerations may become the major ingredient of the courtship. Questions of dowry, of influence, or of position, for example.

Marriage is, of course, a supremely important business. Far more important than many couples, in their unwisdom, are apt to realise. For to be charmed and in love with each other are no guarantee of the durability of a marriage. For love is all too often a lure which baits a trap. It is all too easy for a

person in love to blind himself or herself to other realities. It is all too easy to disarm caution by adopting the naive assumption that : "*love will conquer all.*" It is all too easy to forget the economics of marriage and dismissing all consideration of where the money is to come from.

In many instances one of the lovers may be fully aware of the other's shortcomings : she is too extravagant and a bad manager; he is a compulsive gambler and is too fond of drink; yet each persuades himself that he can correct the other's weaknesses or mould the other's character to agree with an ideal concept. But of course any such idea is a pure delusion and is totally unrealistic. It is *not* possible to transform another person's personality to conform to a pattern dreamed up. It may be that the other person concerned may agree to co-operate. But the result will be a perpetual strain of a kind that will not be tolerated for long. A person just cannot be what he is not; and in no time at all that person will relapse, to adopt a type of behaviour more consonant with his own nature.

One cannot transform a lethargic person into an energetic one. One cannot fire with ambition an ambitionless person. One cannot make an intellectual out of a person who is constitutionally disinclined to study. One cannot change the nature of a female butterfly, nor correct the roving eye of the habitual philanderer. In short : *one cannot make a silk purse out of a sow's ear !*

Things of this kind ought to be understood by all. Yet they are persistently ignored by young people who imagine themselves to be in love. Unfortunately such young folk usually begin to glimpse the truth only when it is too late. Wisdom could dictate a better choice, but in the early stages of life one's experiences of both people and affairs is slight, and the aggregate gain in wisdom is slighter still. Therefore, unless young couples are given some kind of instruction or advice, it will be a matter of pure luck as to whether they find themselves ideally mated, or have been caught in one of the innumerable tender traps.

For a marriage to turn out a complete success, the ideal for a young couple to strive for is harmony on the three planes of being : *physical, mental and spiritual.*

On the **physical plane**, it is desirable for the couple to accord in weight of energies. For nothing can be more frustrating and discouraging to an energetic person who wants to hike, dance, participate in sports, climb mountains, etc., than to be tied to a lethargic, tired or listless partner incapable of responding to his energetic moods. Nor can there be anything more exhausting to a person who likes to take life easily and do things in her own time and at leisure, than the obligation to keep pace with an exacting partner who is intolerant of any form of slowing down.

Also on the physical plane, need for an harmonious sex adjustment technique is a much more important requirement than the average couple appear to realise. For in sexual relations it is all too easy to generate or acquire a power complex that can develop either a sadistic or a masochistic trend. Many important psychological factors are found to enter into gratification of the sexual appetite, and it is necessary to take account of these if it is hoped to achieve an harmonious sex-adjustment, and avoid the neuroticism that so frequently develops from the wear and tear upon the nerves when there are repeated physical and emotional frustrations.

To ensure successful reciprocity on the physical plane, it is desirable that the emotional impulses of a married couple should match. The moods of the moment may be promulgated by the desires, and a longer time may be needed by one partner than the other for desire to awaken—which is why courtship and loveplay are excellent artifices for adjusting the moods and for enticing the desired response. In fact, failure to adjust the moods is often directly responsible for ultimate frigidity, or even deeper-seated repugnance and aversion.

Mental adjustments between married couples are no less important than the physical adjustments. Intellectual equivalencies are of course desirable, but is probably less important than general agreement in regard to ideas which have to be mutually shared, in general interests, and in fundamentally important opinions. Differences of opinion there will always be between any two persons of average spirit and intelligence, and such differences may be a spur rather than a deterrent to an

harmonious liasion. But it can be quite otherwise should there be any basic or fundamental differences of opinion, especially when these concern philosophical or religious beliefs, or if they are involved with the upbringing of the children. It is therefore highly necessary to ascertain during the courtship period whether any such fundamental differences of opinion do exist, so that it may be determined whether or not they are so deeply rooted as to be incapable of being ironed out. For although it is possible for some couples to agree to differ in some things, the thing can become horribly wearing when they are married. Marriage relies for joy of companionship upon a mutual sharing of the recreational hours; consequently maladjustments of a kind that can disturb mental and emotional equilibrium, such as fundamental differences of opinion, may readily prove detrimental to joint happiness. To agree to differ is to admit that communications have broken down between the couple. It can result in resentful silences and in unmitigated boredom which all too frequently can break out into violent antipathy.

One cannot, of course, hope or expect to balance all moods the whole of the time. There are bound to be times when one wishes to read while the other is ripe for a discussion. However, the exercise of patience is a condition imposed on all alike by Mother Nature, and none can have things all his own way the whole of the time. Marriage exactly is a policy of 'give' as well as 'take', and it is idle as well as unutterably selfish to expect the partner to be the sole donor of the family ! Some measure of self-sacrifice is demanded from both partners. To receive love, one must expect to give love. Love is never successful as a one-way traffic. It has to be reciprocal or it will rapidly fail to exist.

Love is associated with the corresponding passions of admiration and joy. Love demands the recognition of virtues in partner, as well as forbearance and toleration of the failings or alleged shortcomings of the mate. Otherwise a lack of respect, or even contempt, may gain a foothold. In any case, any capacity for inducing an inferiority complex in one's partner is a very bad augury for the success of the marriage.

Emotional adjustments are no less necessary than those on the physical and mental planes, and one should seek to achieve

these in the form of synchronisation of the moods. For the feelings are keyed in with the emotional impulses. Indeed, it is the emotional mechanism which moves an artist to express motivated feelings, expressing them in forms applicable to his selected art-medium or vehicle. Yet it is in the nature of the artist to conceal the mechanism by means of which he acts. Hence the implication : "*the purpose of art is to conceal art.*"

Among human beings, any incentive to conceal results in an urge to disguise the impelling emotion. Thus, when frustration is encountered, a variant mood is accordingly engendered.

For example, when sexual desire is frustrated, the dominant sensory idea uppermost in the mind of the frustrated one is that his or her partner does not love him (her) anymore ! Yet not for worlds would the frustrated partner reveal the nature of this sensory-thought to the other. Hence he either disguises the frustration in variant moods, or else represses it. If repressed, it will re-emerge later in yet another disguised form. But in any case the moods-variant will baffle the other partner who will be unable to link them to the real basic grievance.

The emotional moods being keyed to the spiritual nature, any mal-adjustments can be baffling to an extreme. Hence the importance of ensuring that the basic religious tenets and beliefs of a couple should be concordant. Because unless they are harmoniously and concordantly adjusted, disguised moods and antipathies are pretty sure to crop up in the course of time as luxuriantly as weeds in an uncultivated garden.

Mal-adjustments between the parents will inevitably become reflected in the offspring—if only because the young are so exceedingly impressionable and imitable. For children readily reflect the light and shade of the perceptible variants of their parents. They absorb the bad with the good, and create their own psychological defence system by developing disguised moods—phenomena which may later require all the skill of experienced psychologists to interpret and trace the original sources.

We have noted that the original causation of a developing courtship was the attraction induced by the hypnotic effects of

charm, sex-appeal and enchantment,—factors which contrive to convince a young couple that they are in love with each other.

Now the essential point to note about all this is that the primary attraction preoccupies the minds of the young couple with ideas concerning *their own happiness*. For the sensation of being in love causes them to think exclusively of the joy and satisfaction which they are convinced they will be able to extract from union in marriage. For their imaginations at this stage are practically limited exclusively to thoughts and ideas concerning themselves, and seems unable to project into the future with a clear picture that might enable them to glimpse themselves surrounded by children and immersed in the manifold problems which the coming of children will inevitably produce. And because their imaginations are seemingly unable to project thus far, the inevitable result is that they are unable to visualise the future patterns which life *à deux* will assume, and consequently are equally unable to gauge or estimate the kinds of forces that will subsequently impinge upon them. But by concentrating attention exclusively upon notions concerned with the gratification of sensual pleasure and anticipated happiness, they dismiss from their minds almost completely the essential facts of the vital purposes of marriage itself, the cardinal of which consists of the procreation and rearing of children within the family home which they have to plan and build.

No doubt thoughts of such purposes are vaguely present in the minds of many young couples. But usually there is complete inability to formulate anything like a clear picture of what the future might hold for them.

"*When a man marries, his troubles begin.*" So the wiseacres allege. Yet the assertion is true enough, since the signing of a marriage contract is an acknowledgement by the newly weds that they have made a joint agreement to accept full adult responsibilities in life. Nevertheless the full significance of this acceptance is seldom appreciated before or even at the time of marriage.

To some extent all this is perfectly understandable. Prior to the date of their wedding both the boy and the girl have been sheltered from the major responsibilities attaching to full

manhood and womanhood, for such responsibilities have been shouldered by their respective parents. No doubt both the young couple have been earning their own livings. Nevertheless the satisfaction of many of their needs has devolved upon their parents. But from the moment of their marriage each of the pair has to stand upon his own two feet and face up to the full responsibilities of life as a joint team. They have henceforth to do their own family planning and must provide for their own needs plus the needs of children who arrive. They have to plan the care and upbringing of those children, and must arrange for their education. They have to nurse their children (and each other too) whenever sickness strikes. They will have the duty of ironing out family differences, and have to be prepared for the development of each child throughout each phase of its existence and be ready to deal with the special problems which arrive at puberty. They will have to sponsor the marriages of their children also, when the time for their marriage arrives—as arrive it will. The above being some of the responsibilities attaching to parenthood.

The problems which may be produced by schisms in the home need not be discussed in this chapter, since all too clearly the event of separation or divorce spells the practical ending of the partnership of a man and his mate. And here we are concerned with the purposes of a marriage contract resulting in the procreation of children and the establishment of a feathered nest in which the young may be successfully reared and brought-up to participate on favourable terms in the struggles of an always-young world. For marriage is not only the greatest human institution, it is the fulfilment of one of the greatest ends in life : the re-population of the world. To the fulfilment of which masses of human beings accomplish an essential part of their individual destinies. For it is out of the flower of the masses of their progeny that emerge individuals or rare talents and skills who are seemingly reserved for higher destinies than are seemingly accorded to the vast bulk of the toiling masses who constitute the world's parents.

Psychology . . . Sex . . . Astrology !

Although psychology has concerned itself a great deal with the problems arising from sexual repressions and perversions, modern astrology has very little to say about them. The lack of literature on the subject suggests that it is still more or less tabu to astrologers, although atleast two famous names in this present century, Sigmund Freud and Dr. Kinsey, have been associated with investigations concerning the expression of one of man's primary instincts. Freud's centenary was in 1956, and this was the year of Dr. Kinsey's death. It was clear from the tributes paid to them both, that their scientific investigations have lifted the discussion of sexual problems into the realms of respectability and that this needed to be done since, in the psychiatrists' consulting rooms, they have proved to be at the root of much social maladjustment.

One of Freud's famous themes was his so-called Oedipus complex. This was based on his discovery that the fundamental sexual urge was present in a child from birth, and that this was responsive to physical affection from its mother. If a mother were too possessive of her son, or showered so much affection upon him that he became too dependent upon her, this, said Freud, could explain the overstrong attachment of a son for his mother later in life, a bond which could wreck the normal emotional life completely. Psychiatrists say that this kind of fixation can be responsible for one of the most common departures from normality in adult life, namely homosexuality. The whole question of normality in the human being has been searchingly investigated by modern psychology, and it has been generally concluded that there is no such thing as normality, but that there are innumerable variations in behaviour.

When these variations become extreme in their deviation from the mean, or average human behaviour, only then we can speak of abnormality, and of conditions which require psychiatric treatment. Since man is a partly animal, partly spiritual being, it is clear that the development of civilisation and the consciousness of his spirituality have made the expression of his primary instincts more difficult for him. This is particularly so with the sex instinct, therefore Freud contended that much of it must find a healthy outlet through sublimation. If instead of this it became repressed or deflected into unhealthy channels, as with the Oedipus complex, then neuroticism, or even anti-social behaviour, might result.

What light does astrology throw on these problems, which psychiatry has acknowledged and done its utmost to solve? Seventeen centuries ago, Claudius Ptolemy, the Egyptian, the father of western astrology from the second century until the seventeenth, analysed the "*diseases of the soul*," as he called them. "It is in general needful to note and observe," he said, "the positions of Mercury and the Moon relative to each other, to the angles, and to the planets whose nature it is to do injury." He qualifies "*diseases*" as "those extremes of character which either fall short of or exceed the mean." Insanity he describes as a perversion of the active part of the soul, while the perversion of the passive portion of the soul is to be seen in "excesses and deficiencies in matters of sex, male and female, as compared with what is natural." That these "*diseases*" of the "*psyche*" exist today we know from Dr. Kinsey's monumental works, and that they affect the whole personality, from Sigmund Freud's works.

Ptolemy analysed the ones he knew in the second century A.D. within the Roman Empire. He thought that astrologically these cases could be analysed by observing the relationship of Mars and Venus to Sun and Moon, or by observing whether the planets were in masculine or feminine sectors of the horoscope. When planets are in the houses between the Ascendant and Midheaven, or the Descendant and Nadir they are masculine, and in the other quarters of the horoscope feminine. Thus according to Ptolemy, planets indicative of the affectional

nature should be masculine for men to behave normally, or feminine for women.

Ptolemy thus presents several interesting points for investigation. To begin with, perversions are treated as failings of the character, and not diseases of the body, and modern psychology bears this out. Second, while admitting that every nativity contains both male and female elements in the symbols of male and female planets and signs, he suggests a basis for judging the comparative virility of a male horoscope or femininity of a female horoscope. While this contention may be true, they do not go nearly far enough for there are very many more characteristics of the horoscope which is unbalanced sexually. It is perhaps easier for a 20th century astrologer to discover these, since the outer planets Neptune and Uranus seem to have a particular bearing on such deviations.

TYPICAL DEVIATIONS : A careful investigation of a number of contemporary birth charts reveals that homosexuality or typical deviation, occurs when normal expression is inhibited or deflected, in the mind first, as represented by Mercury and the Moon, as well as in the normal rhythm of bodily or glandular functions, as represented by the Moon. There must also be a link between these and Mars, which is the sexual urge, the passionate impulses, as well as the adrenal glands, and with Venus, which represents the affections. Finally, either Saturn, Neptune or Uranus are involved, often all of them, and generally in affliction. This deviation is associated by many psychiatrists with the development in childhood of a mother fixation, and by some with glandular disturbances, such as the continued over-activity of the thymus gland, which does not cease its functions, with puberty. In both these cases, one would expect to find in the nativity a weak or afflicted Moon. Thus, the Moon in opposition or square to Saturn is frequent in cases of mother fixation. Often the Moon is heavily afflicted by Neptune, Uranus, Mercury and the Sun in nativities of sexual deviates. This is quite in accord with the instability often found as a characteristic of the native. In Oscar Wilde's chart the Moon was closely square Mercury and Uranus and 150° from Neptune. In Nijinsky's chart the Moon in exact conjunction with Mars was opposite Neptune and square Saturn.

A recent biography of the poet, Lord Byron, attributes his marital difficulties very largely to a homosexual streak. His chart shows Moon conjunct Uranus square Neptune. King James I of England, who, though married, was, suspected of a similar tendency, had Moon in sextile to Neptune, while Haarman, the homosexual murderer, also had Moon sextile Neptune.

In female horoscopes it is also usual to find the Moon afflicted by Neptune, and indeed, to find the Moon afflicted in general far more than the Sun, which usually represents the opposite sex in a female chart. The chart of a Lesbian shows the Sun conjunct Venus, trine Mars and sextile Neptune, but the Moon conjoins Uranus and Mars, is opposite Neptune, and squares Mercury; while another similar chart has the Sun in conjunction with Jupiter, though in quadrature to Saturn, but the Moon is in quadrature to Uranus, Mars, Neptune and Mercury.

Not only is the Moon afflicted in the horoscopes of sexual abnormalities, but Mars, Saturn and Neptune are frequently in affliction with each other. In one case Mars is conjunct Saturn opposite Neptune; in another Mars and Neptune together, 30° from Saturn, and so on. Women's charts are no exception to this, and so aspects between Mars and Neptune seem to live up to the bad name they are given in the textbooks. From other cases known to me of quite normal people who have Mars-Neptune aspects, I am driven to the conclusion that they do nevertheless bring the native into contact with peculiar and abnormal conditions in the field of sex.

For example one woman, who has Mars opposite Neptune, with Saturn in good aspect to both, had an illegitimate son, and in later years lived with a male relative who was a sexual deviate. In another case the Midheaven progressed to the midpoint between Mars and Neptune, in conjunction at birth, and the native became the victim of the courts on a sexual charge. In both the maps of the nymphomaniacs in "Notable Nativities" there is a Mars square Neptune aspect. Mr. C.E.O. Carter in his *Astrological Aspects* says of these afflictions "These aspects do undoubtedly stimulate the imagination immensely, so that, if the mind is of a sordid character, the fancie

take their hue from it, and revel in impurity, sometimes with external results of a grave kind. Ordinary life is too humdrum and colourless for the Mars-Neptune native; hence he seeks pursuits that are capable of appealing to the romantic and grandeur loving elements of the soul. That some seek a false satisfaction in the realms of the drug-taker and the sensualist..” It is well known that homosexuals consider themselves to be infinitely superior to ordinary humdrum normal citizens, and in the nature of a chosen race much misunderstood by the rest of us. The characteristics of Neptune can be clearly seen in this delusion.

The effect of Saturn afflictions to Mars may at the least dampen the normal passions, and at the worst cause more or less damage to the virility. Ptolemy wrote: “If Mars is accompanied by Saturn alone, he produces men cautious, hesitant and frigid,” while Mr. Carter says: “Saturn controls passion in good aspect, but in bad destroys and perverts it,” and of Mars: “In good aspect stimulates the animal feeling along lawful lines; in affliction he destroys it by over-stimulation excesses.”

Mercury-Uranus Aspects. In addition to the above configurations, I find Mercury nearly always in aspect to Uranus, though not always afflicted by it. Obviously the mind must delight in what is unusual in these cases, and if at the same time either Mercury or Uranus are linked to Mars even by minor aspect, this provides clearer proof of the direction the twist in expression will take. The aspects to Venus in these charts are interesting. Venus is never in a weak position, and there is no reason why it should be, since it indicates the capacity for affection, and this seems to be given and accepted quite freely by these people. Venus also bestows charm on the native, and homosexual has it in good measure. He is often to be found in the artistic professions, and this is quite in keeping with a strong Venus; for example, Nijinsky had Venus conjoining the Sun, trine Mars and the Moon and sextile Neptune. A woman artist has Venus near Midheaven, conjunct Neptune and sextile Mercury. It may be that a too strong Venus in a male chart, especially where Mars is afflicted and inhibited, increases the effeminacy at the expense of normal virility.

Cases of impotence are probably due to the weak positioning of the procreative Sun in the chart. It is difficult to prove this statistically, for such charts do not often come the way of the astrologer. The ones I have, show Sun cadent, in the 3rd, 6th, 9th or 12th houses, or in a weak sign. Frequently it occupies Pisces. In one case the Sun is in Virgo opposite the Moon in Pisces. Sometimes there is an aspect to Saturn, but more often there is an aspect to Jupiter. In eight out of ten charts, I found an aspect of the Sun and Jupiter; in the 9th, the Sun was in Sagittarius, and in the 10th in Pisces. It is instructive to remember that Pisces, the 12th house sign (or the house of the evil Daemon, according to Ptolemy), is partly ruled by Jupiter and is connected with the Christian Church, which in its heyday in the Middle Ages was strong advocate of celibacy, both in its priests, and in the monks and nuns who shut themselves away from normal worldly life. Even today the Roman Catholic Church is strict in its teachings about the place of sex in the life of the citizen. Very often Neptune aspects the Sun-Jupiter configuration. This is so in every chart that I possess of this particular disability.

Mr. C.E.O. Carter contends that certain degree areas are linked with sexual problems, the worst being 25° Leo-Aquarius and 8° Aries-Libra, Maurice Wemyss finds 17° Aries-Libra especially outstanding. Ptolemy lays a good deal of the blame at the door of the fixed stars,* and the constellations, like the "Hydes; the Pitcher, the hind parts of Leo, and the face of Capricorn," as well as "the forward and hinder parts of Aries." Today, and taking account of precession, the chief star of the Hydes, which are six stars on forehead of the Bull, is about the 5th degree of tropical Gemini. Ptolemy gives all this group a questionable name.⁴ He thinks even less of the "hind parts of Leo" which stretch into the middle of tropical Virgo for tradition says that all the stars in the "neck, back and wing" of Leo are apt to cause trouble.

- *1. The Stars and Your Future by Manik Chand Jain.
2. Destiny by Stars by Manik Chand Jain.
3. Zodiacal Constellations (Atlas of Heavens) by Manik Chand Jain.
4. Ptolemaic Astrology by Dr. W.J. Tucker.

For example, Zosma now about 10° Virgo, on the Lion's back may cause immorality and gives a "shameless and egotistical nature." This star is squared by Aldebaran in the 9th degree of Gemini, one of the Four Royal Stars among the ancient Persians. The Stars in the mouth of Capricorn are actually in about three or four degrees of tropical Aquarius. All these places emphasised in many of these cases; for example, one has Mercury 3.5° Leo, opposite Uranus in 9° Aquarius, trine Venus in 3° Libra. Nijinsky had Jupiter in 3.5° Aquarius, another chart has Uranus in 4° Aquarius, and so on.

Astrology thus substantiates the conclusions of psychology. Sexual deviations have their seat in the mind, the imagination, the character, and are often the result of early training, and mother-attachment. The frequency of Saturn contacts emphasises the long-standing nature of the neurosis, and the pattern of the past imposed upon the present. This is not a doctrine of despair, for as the physician may cure weaknesses and diseases of the body which are indicated in the horoscope of birth, so may the psychiatrist eradicate or alleviate the "*diseases of soul*," as Ptolemy called them seventeenth centuries ago.

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Romance . . . Planets and You !

Just as the facets of a gem provide avenues of perception into the intrinsic quality and beauty of the stone, revealing its refraction of lights and colours, so the houses of the natal chart provide a many-faceted insight into the quality and beauty of the individual's life. An unfaceted gem looks like a dull and uninteresting pebble until, in the hands of a skilled lapidary, it is ground and polished to display its hidden beauty. The horoscope, in the hands of a skilled astrologer, reveals the intrinsic quality of the life of the individual.

Each house of the natal chart shows not only one but many facets of the life. Primarily, there are five distinct facets in each house, giving insight to the vari-coloured human emotions and feelings that attract or repel planetary influences impinging upon the individual. The natal chart shows how these influences are filtered out and stepped up or down, as the case may reveal, by the individual's personal ego—his inner or spiritual self. For we all react differently to the self same stimuli, and this individual reaction to stimuli is dependent upon the astral aërials that were set up at our birth, as revealed by the natal chart.

Besides the influences revealed by the study of any birth chart house, there is a relationship between the houses. Any aspect between the planets of two houses indicates a planetary aërial that picks up stellar vibrations of like nature, and has a discordant or harmonious influence upon the affairs of these houses according to the fortune of the aspect and the intrinsic strength of the planets involved. A strongly aspected planet in the 2nd house making an aspect to the significator of 5th,

reveals an influence between these two houses—between financial matters and romantic affairs. Financial matters will have a strong influence upon romantic affairs, if this 2nd house planet is stronger than the 5th house significator that it aspects. Romantic affairs will have a stronger influence upon financial matters, should the 5th house significator be the stronger of the two, especially if it is applying to the aspect.

Your 5th house is a social house, revealing facets of your relationship with other people on a purely emotional basis—how you act to romantic matters, the types of people you attract and the types that you repel in affairs of the heart, and whether these people have a discordant or harmonious reaction upon your inner self. Because this 5th house is so strongly a social house, we must keep in mind the indicated influences of the 7th house also, as this is the culmination of some of the affairs of the 5th. The 5th house of any natal chart depicts the influences brought to bear on the life that have to do with romance, children of the native, pleasures, speculation, and affections. The separation of romance and affections may not be clear to you at first, but I will deal with these two divisions separately, and clarification will be made as I proceed.

In the following interpretations of various planetary influence it might be well to keep in mind that the fortune of any aspect or planetary position depends upon the compatibility of the natures of the planets involved, viewed in the light of the compatibility of each planet in its sign and house in the chart. It must be remembered that all the phases of activity depicted by a house in the natal chart will be affected in much the same manner by aspects to this house from the outside. That is when a malefic planet afflicts the house significator, all affairs of that house suffer. Those affairs will suffer most that closely resemble the planet making the unfortunate aspect. When romance suffers, children suffer, pleasures and speculation and the affections suffer, though this suffering may be in varying degrees.

Blending Influences. Begin the study of your own 5th house by comparing the sign on the cusp with the influences of the sign on the house of the natural chart. In the natural chart, Leo is on the cusp of the 5th house. The planet Pluto is

exalted in Leo, therefore the house of Pluto's home rulership, Scorpio, reveals the most fundamentally harmonious influences abetting 5th house matters. This sign relationship with the affairs of the house is basic and provides an undercurrent of feeling and colour that can be constructive or negative, as the compatibility of the signs reveals. Compare the sign on the cusp of this house with the signs mentioned above, to obtain an insight into the basic undercurrent of sign influence. Those signs that are in accord with Plutonian influences show a basic harmony, and those signs that have a compatibility with Mercurian influences show a basic discord in 5th house affairs.

If the 5th house contains no planets within its boundaries, judge all matters relating to this house from the planet or planets that rule the sign on its cusp. Many planets within the fifth house indicate that the affairs which are generally considered to be linked to this section of the horoscope will play an important part in the life. No planets in the house show that these matters will have only a small influence on the life in general, particularly if the ruler of the cusp is weakly aspected. The planet nearest the cusp of the 5th, within the house, is regarded as the chief significator of the house. *Planets within the house have greater bearing on the affairs of the house than does the ruler of its cusp, if that ruler is located elsewhere in the chart.*

The planet within the 5th reveals the general type of influence that will affect all of the affairs of the house.

Planets in the Fifth House. The MOON posited here shows that a lack of constancy will play a part in your romantic life, and that you have a tendency to flit from one admirer to another without any definite reason.

The SUN shows a dominating influence on the part of the native in affairs of romance. This native will attract the type of individual whom he can dominate most successfully. A woman with a strong Sun in the 5th will choose a man whom she can dominate romantically. This particular connection has given rise to many humorous cartoons on marriage relationships.

MERCURY has a basically discordant influence on romance as it shows that your love life is ruled too strongly by your mind and your reason. Mercury is a mental planet, and placed within a house of emotion and love, it does not bring the most satisfactory circumstances. Besides, Mercury is a convertible planet, taking its influences primarily from the planets that it aspects most closely.

VENUS would reveal that your romantic life possesses much of the Venusian quality of affection, and that you instinctively attract romance of a sublime nature. If your 5th house is adversely afflicted, of course, this Venusian influence will be sadly besmirched *i.e.*, an affliction from the Moon shows slovenliness in romantic affairs, be the native male or female.

MARS shows that strife will play a large part in all of your love affairs, and that there will be a great expenditure of energy in matters of romance.

JUPITER reveals you to be magnanimous in your romantic life and, as Jupiter is strong or weak by sign and aspects, indicates how this largess will affect your inner self.

SATURN often gives a quality of coolness in matters of romance and, if severely afflicted, shows a lack of romantic admirers.

URANUS is a disruptive influence in your romantic life, for it reveals an underlying tendency to unconventional and unorthodox romantic attachments and methods of affection. When Uranus is well placed and aspected, it gives a Utopian influence on romance that may transcend earthly understanding or evaluation.

NEPTUNE shows you to be a visionary in affairs of the heart. You are probably a promoter in matters involving finance if there is an inner-house aerial with the 2nd house.

PLUTO lends itself well to the romantic affairs of this house when it is harmonious. In this case; it usually reveals a tendency to cooperate in affairs of the heart.

Romantic Aggressiveness. Your attraction of a lover will be revealed by the aspects made to your 5th house planet. This

lover will come to you or be attracted to you, if a planet from another house is applying to the aspect of your 5th house planet. You will be attracted to the other party should your 5th house planet be applying to the aspect. If the chief significator shows you to be the aggressor in the matter of romances, then this will be emphasized if it is a fast-moving planet. You are shy and bashful in affairs of the heart and are too retiring to make the first move yourself if the significator is a slow-moving planet, especially if the knight on the white horse or the lady of your life is to be the aggressor.

It is this matter of "*aggression*" as depicted by the aspects of your 5th that reveals the "*forward*" type of individual and not merely the native's sex. We have formed a rather unique picture of this in our society. It is a way of living and thinking that has been fostered on us by a misnomer called "*chivalry*," in which the aggressor in romantic matters must always be the male. Through the ages, however, and true to their astral influences as depicted by their natal horoscopes, the women with aggressive 5th houses have found a way to circumvent such insipid restrictions imposed on them by a stupid society, in an overt glance, a life of the eyebrow, or by a provocative display of physical charm. This particular quality in their astral make-up has earned them such sobriquets as "*forward*," "*hussy*" and "*coquette*" by those members of their sex with less aggressive 5th house planets. These natal influences will express themselves, society's conventions notwithstanding.

Judge your romantic attraction by the aspects your 5th house planet receives. The quality and characteristics of the planet making the aspect reveal the type of individual, while the sign and house of the aspecting planet reveal his interests and status. The planet that aspects your 5th house significator, most closely will show the type of the individual that you will attract, or to whom you will be attracted, for purpose of romance. If Saturn forms a close aspect to this significator, you will be attracted most strongly to a person older than you, and one who gives evidence in his nature of Saturnian characteristics. An aspect from Jupiter in your 9th to your 5th house planet shows an attraction to a romantic partner who is of a

jovial nature, interested either in real estate or the hotel business, probably possessing wealth.

Battle of the Sexes. There are other matters in your chart than your 5th house influences that have an effect on your romantic life. The astral energies that a woman receives from all the men with whom she comes in contact supply her with powers that effect her whole life, even her health. These energies are imparted to her through her father, her brothers, her own men friends and through the men she meets in business or in the home. Likewise, this also applies to men in regard to women.

The kind of energy that the woman receives from the men with whom she comes in contact, and whether his energy has a beneficent or adverse effect upon her whole existence, is shown by the aspects made to her Sun in her natal chart. If these aspects be unfortunate, the effect of men in her life will be detrimental to her best interests, and she will receive only trouble at their hands, and in turn this is true of the women with whom a man comes in contact. The type of men and their status in life will be shown by the quality, sign and house of the planets aspecting her Sun. In a man's chart, the effect that the influence of women will have on his life is revealed by the sign and aspects of his natal Moon, and the same principle is involved as outlined for the female in regards to the Sun.

We call this the influence of the opposite sex. In a woman's chart, a square between Sun and Moon shows her to be generally unfriendly with women—she prefers the company of men. This same aspect in a man's chart shows a man who prefers the company of women to that of men. The opposition aspect, while its separating influence is keenly felt, does not appear to give the naive the resentfulness of feeling imparted by the square.

You will be happier if you will cultivate the type of individual of the opposite sex revealed by the planet that fortunately aspects your hyleg* planet, and avoid the types shown by the

*Hyleg is represented by the strongest planet occupying one of the aphetic places; that is from the 25th degree of the 8th house to the 25th degree of the 11th house, from the 25th degree of the 12th house to the 25th degree of the 1st house and from the 25th degree of the 6th house to the 25th degree of 7th house.

afflicting planet. Male and female are complementary to each other in many more ways than sexually, and it is the wise individual who regards all facets of the attraction, rather than only the one that may appear dominant at the time.

Venus Reveals Affection. Just as the influences of the 5th house reveal the principal romantic ties and love affairs of the individual specifically, and the aspects to the hyleg planet show the general influence of the opposite sex, so the sign, house and aspects made by the planet Venus reveal the affectional nature of the native. With a prominent Venus, well placed by sign and aspect, affectional matters will play large part in your life and will bring you satisfaction, according to the aspects that Venus makes, and vice versa. A sextile or a trine between Venus and Mars shows that the individual will prosper affectionally from members of the opposite sex who are impulsive, assertive, rash or headstrong. A square, opposition or conjunction between Venus and Mars shows the opposite to be true.

The Venusian influence joins with the general conduct of the 5th house in the love embrace of marriage. The purer the influence of Venus is in the natal chart, the purer will be the Venusian influence in the love embrace. The delays and impediments placed by society upon the culmination of romance is reflected by a progressed aspect involving the 9th, or legal, house at the time that a marriage is entered into by the native. Suffice it to say, however, that the romantic culmination of marriage in the sexual embrace as depicted in the chart does not necessarily imply a marriage in the eyes of social convention. In this light each chart must be weighed in relation to the chart of the affectional partner. A strong and aggressive Venus in one chart and a retiring Venus in the other chart, or a strong Venus in both charts, may bring this romantic attachment to its culmination before, or without, social blessing. The strength of this influence in the chart, coupled with the general conduct of the 5th house, must be weighed against the influence of the environment when determining the chastity of the native.

This imposition of one chart on another is the only logical way in which to determine the relative compatibility of two people. There has been too much written in astrology about the Sun signs of two people of opposite sex as a guide to their

compatibility in affectional matters. While this influence of the Sun signs plays a part in this general catalogue, it is but a small part. There are other and more vital influences that determine this compatibility of nature. Generally the male represents the electric quality, while the female represents the magnetic quality of the union. There are instances, however, that are not at all uncommon where the electric qualities are shown more strongly in the female, the magnetic qualities being more apparent in the male chart. Judging by Sun signs alone, the student will be led astray and will evolve principles of judging that are plainly erroneous.

Social Attractions. It must be remembered that the 5th house also depicts influences that are only social and that do not necessarily involve matters of a romantic nature. A date to attend a dance may, or may not, involve an affair of the heart. It may be a purely social function or it may be the meeting place of lovers. But in either case, the type of individual attracted will be represented by some aspect involving the 5th house of the native. For example, there may be in your chart a strong aspect from the significator of this house of Jupiter, a weaker aspect to Venus and a very weak aspect to Saturn. You will be most strongly attracted to members of the opposite sex who are of a jovial disposition and who give evidence of the Jupiter sign and house in your natal chart. You will be more strongly attracted to people of this type because the aspect involving Jupiter is a strong aspect. You will, however, have within the realms of our social acquaintance people of the Venus nature. But, now and then, you will be seen in company of an individual who displays strong Saturnian characteristics. This quality in your nature will always come as a surprise to your friends and acquaintances. "What in the world does she see in him?" Your girl friends will ask. This is a facet of your 5th house nature that, because of its weakness in your chart, evidences itself only periodically. By giving in this Saturnian influence, you are only proving the efficacy of your astral qualities.

If you are an unmarried individual, the affairs shown by your 5th house, by your Venus, and by the general aspects to your hyleg planet, determine the help or hindrance that

members of the opposite sex will bring to you. Determine to spend your energy and effort in furthering your acquaintance with those types of people represented by the planets making fortunate aspects to your 5th house planets. Think back upon your associations involving the experiences that you have had in the past. What planetary characteristics did the individual possess who brought you happiness? What planetary characteristics are possessed by the individual who brought you sorrow in affectional matters? Now looking at your chart you will see that the aspects to your 5th house significator correspond in fortune to the association you had with the individual represented by that particular planet.

When you judge these influences, do not overlook the parallel. If there is an aspect between two planets that are also in parallel, the influence will be felt all the more keenly. Two planets that are in parallel but not in aspect give evidence of a strong attraction between the two characteristics, although it may be difficult for the individual to determine the extent of this attraction, also, whether it will be of help or hindrance. Fundamentally, the parallel is a neutral aspect; that is, it is basically neither fortunate nor unfortunate. The parallel is a strong aspect and its influence is far-reaching, because it generally lasts longer than do the other aspects. Planets often progress beyond the orb of their aspects and still remain parallel. When this happens, the influence of the aspect will be felt long after it is passed. A parallel always brings into prominence the quality of the natal aspect.

The more people with whom we have contact, the more important becomes our natal 5th house characteristics. Our society today has become such a closely knit group that much of an individual's business and financial success is a direct reflection of his social characteristics. Each of us can improve on these natal influences by stressing the best in our charts—but it takes practice. It is wise, therefore, to cultivate in our conduct those basic principles revealed by the best planetary placements and aspects affecting our natal 5th houses. Practice meeting strangers easily, put your best foot forward at all times, supplant indifference toward others with a personal interest in their affairs, keep a pleasant social outlook on the world and you will find doors opening to you where only a solid wall appeared before.

How to Improve your Love Life

One of the most potent breeders of trouble in our lives today is the habit of condemning the other fellow without understanding his temperament or motives. There is, for instance, the man who, while maintaining his own infallibility, asserts that the other fellow needs continual and forceful correction. This habit is most devastating in the home. The friction between husband and wife, often stemming from the habit of mutual correction, discolours the outlook for both and also showers uncertainty and fear upon their children.

Astrology offers the most helpful and comforting assistance for such problems, not only showing what makes the other fellow "*tick*", but also how to overcome one's own limitations. A study of this science reveals three basic attitudes that tend to condition the relationship between persons. First, there is the love of *action and change*. An individual dominated by a love of action may seem quite changeable in his affections. He may seem almost to enjoy a tense quarrel—as well as the sweet make up that follows. This characteristic is signified in general by the cardinal signs.

A second group is motivated by an urge for *stability* for security or for some degree of permanence in expression of the affections. The individual yearns for a safe, certain and permanent attachment. Anything which he fears may jeopardise the stability of such an association will be very upsetting and the cause of much inharmony. The fixed signs signify this urge for stability.

A third group is moved by the desire for *experience*. These individuals look for some kind of an expansion of consciousness in their close relationships. The love nature of such a

person is often expressed through the senses : hence, he may tend to allow his feelings and emotions to dominate his relationships. The common signs in general show the desire for experience.

In determining the potential harmony or discord in the life of an individual, the competent Astrologer will consider many factors, including the position and aspects of the Moon and the ascendant, condition of the seventh house. However, much information can be secured merely from a study of the sign position of Venus, planet of love, natural ruler of the seventh sign, Libra.

Aries. If Venus was in Aries at your birth, your strength may lie in your idealism and vivid imagination. You can be sparkling, brilliant and passionate, striking fire in others with the intensity of your earnestness. But often, just when the other person begins to respond, you will not be interested, having turned your mind to something else. He may be startled and hurt by a sudden coldness on your part, a coldness that seems incomprehensible to one expecting consistency. This tendency to "*blow hot and cold*" may bring you a great deal of inharmony.

You are an idealist. When others fail to match your visioned ideal, you turn away. It is true, some fault may lie with the other person, but who is perfect ? Are you ? There may be something you can correct within yourself. Most people eventually learn that life's experience never match the ideal, that adjustment is necessary.

You should include in your idealism the thought of stability, reliability and the meaning of kindness, especially toward those who are close to you. If you can be more tolerant, offering more steady warmth and kindness and less of the brief but burning heat, others will respond with deeper regard. As a consequence, your whole life will more closely match your ideal.

Taurus. If you have Venus, the planet of love, in its own sign, Taurus, you will be patient, possessive and cautious in relationships with others. Because you feel a deep need for security, you may be slow in awakening to the full bloom of love. However, once you have given your affection, you will

be dependable and steady—and your love will be long lasting. Others, however, may not have your yearning for security. Your mate may long for an occasional fling, may yearn for an occasional change or perhaps for a less physical and binding demonstration of love.

It is a natural instinct for you to be possessive, to hold closely and permanently, anything that you love. Your mate, however, if held too tightly, may suffer from a sense of bondage. Possibly, the irritations which afflict your life stem from the unconscious struggle of your partner or yourself against the enslavement of possessiveness.

If you can learn to be more trustful, to love with a lighter touch, the friction would be lessened and your love life would be more secured. That which is held tightly often withers if refused the sunlight of freedom. Unselfish, unpossessive love will attract and hold by the very beauty and wonder of its nature—and without bondage.

Gemini. With your Venus in Gemini, you tend to be more mental than emotional in your feelings. You should have a keen appreciation of mood and rhythm in art, music, and literature. If ideas of love and romance stir you, it will tend to be by way of mental entertainment rather than toward the material or physical expression of love. That kind of attraction which holds two people together and cements a lasting bond between them through years of prosaic, unromantic living may be hard for you to understand. Some may call you fickle because of your apparent boredom with mundane and repetitious details.

Life is more than make-believe. Reality must be faced if you would improve your association with others. It may be hard for you to be consistent in love—and stable. It may be difficult to face the important but prosaic facts of life. But only by so doing can you make your dreams real. It is necessary either to face life realistically or to relinquish the happiness of personal association.

Perhaps harmony, for you, lies in a purely mental life, serene, detached and free from emotional tangles. Improvement in your love life, then, can be obtained only by placing your association on a plane of mental compatibility. Here,

your changeable, restless nature may be less apparent, less potential for discord and inharmony.

Cancer. When your Venus occurs in the sign Cancer, it indicates that you are of a receptive temperature, sensitive and affectionate. If other elements in the chart confirm this, it is fortunate, of course, for domestic harmony. You love your home and family and probably devote much thought to the care and protection of those you love. In this regard, your actions may take two directions. You may strive to surround your loved ones with an atmosphere of hope and happiness. At other times, you may be militantly defensive, alert to any possible threat to your domestic life.

Any extreme swing in either direction is a trouble brewer. Your love may become too sensuous, sentimental and suffocating, actually repelling those you love. On the other hand, your active imagination may cause you to exaggerate beyond all reason what might seem like a threat to you or your household.

You may vacillate from one extreme to the other. This changeability may be the greatest single threat to yourself and to those you love. If you can learn to curb extremes and achieve a reasonably balanced programme, you will be able to offer greater protection to those you love for yourself.

Leo. If Venus was in the sign of Leo at your birth, your strength may lie in your loyalty, reliability and geniality. You should have a very magnetic nature, capable of attracting the respect, admiration and even a deep affection from others. You will have a natural gift for social life and will know instinctively how to obtain honour and applause from others. You may be very sensitive about your appearance, having an inborn desire to present your most favourable side. Herein may lie a certain weakness. Personal pride and the seeking of attention could include elements which make questionable the permanence of your associations.

Love is for marriage, and marriage is forever. These words may well express your attitude. But stealing the spotlight whenever you get the chance, risking jealousy by trying to outshine others, even inviting ridicule through an over-display of

jewelry or dress, these matters can create inharmony in your association with your mate.

You have the potentiality of great and beneficent kindness whenever you stop to consider persons other than yourself. A full and lasting love is assured for you when you can take control of your love nature and smooth off the hard, brilliant corners of your temperament.

Virgo. A Virgo Venus shows that the ideas of discrimination and analysis will have considerable appeal for you. This could lead either to a suppression of almost all emotional expression or to a sublimation of the feelings into less personal fields. In any case, you will find that a life lived for purely personal pleasure is wholly unsatisfactory. Although you may be aware of a desire for experience, this may take a mental direction rather than the emotional or sensual. More sensual enjoyment tends to fade into nothingness under the penetrating gaze of analysis. However, trouble grows if you attempt to freeze the emotional enjoyment of another with your critical thought.

Understanding and tolerance wisely blended with kindness is a healing formula which can be used to solve any problem arising between two persons. It may be that understanding is a medicine not easy for you to obtain. Tolerance may have to be sought earnestly.

However, if your love of analysis is sufficiently penetrating, if a desire for the betterment of your love life is sufficiently keen, you can find the right proportion of healing medicine. There is a love which is worth while experiencing—a love not sensual, not emotional and still highly satisfying—and it can be available to you if you seek it.

Libra. With Venus in Libra, you should have a sympathetic, refined and idealistic disposition. You are probably more romantic than possessive, more idealistic than physical in the expression of your affection. When you find a mate who can have your ideals and love of refinement, this placement of Venus promises many happy days. On the other hand, if you feel you would be unable to find a congenial atmosphere in marriage, you may decide to remain single—or if already

married, a separation may seem necessary. This, of course, could mean loneliness or lead to even greater problems.

Harmony is doubtless your ideal, a goal ardently sought—harmony in your association with others, in your home, in your emotions. Any ugliness or vulgarity is repulsive. Love, for you, may be almost a matter of worship.

Sometimes you may seem to be “struck cold” by mundane ordinance, casual carelessness or loose liberties. You then show a cold withdrawal often misunderstood for pride or snobbishness. The very discord you would avoid may result from this action. Your natural kindness and sympathy should help to overcome periodic periods of coldness. Kindness breeds tolerance, and tolerance is a balance wheel which generates harmony—the very thing you worship.

Scorpio. When Venus occurs in Scorpio in a horoscope, it denotes an intense, ardent and sustained love nature. Profound, even exalted emotional experiences are possible—or, oppositely, the most degraded. You will tend to be extreme in whatever direction you turn. There will be fixity and one-pointedness about your feelings that will tend to colour your whole life. Extreme sensualism often rather repels others, forging much suffering in its heat. On the other hand, extreme spiritual awareness may open certain of life’s doors seldom reached by ordinary mortals—and separate you from any merely personal love.

Venus in Scorpio is sometimes aware of a mysterious life centre from which emanates a wonder and a glory, rejuvenating sustaining and wholly satisfying. This awareness may seem closer to you under conditions of sustained adversity or pressure.

To challenge this centre, to bring its protective power into action, you need not break convention, disregard honour and abandon a sane way of living. You can create the necessary pressure by a sustained self-discipline. A full, satisfying expression of this position of Venus could then result. It will deny you nothing worthwhile. It will bring you not only honour credit and love from your dear ones, but also a more intense and intimate understanding of the secret life.

Sagittarius. If Venus was in Sagittarius at your birth, your greatest strength may lie in your aspirational nature. Never too stable in love matters and emotionally restless, you may yearn for an experience which will provide an expansion of consciousness that is literally "out of this world." There is the possibility that your yearning may, at least temporarily, take you in the wrong direction. You have a certain magnetic sparkle about you which many times fascinates others, particularly those persons of the opposite sex.

If your relations are kept on an impersonal basis, you will retain the admiration, respect and friendship of others. But those who get to know you intimately may call you fickle, changeable and restless because you seem unable to experience sustained emotional satisfaction.

Your heart speaks to you of other worlds, airy realms fed by fascinating fiery flames. Should you reach for ephemeral, fairy fantasies only, emotional happiness may miss you completely. Venus in Sagittarius offers at its highest level an awareness of eternal truths, on the level of the higher mind. But this is neither dream nor illusion. You must guide your yearnings truth-wise to know real happiness. From this level, you may truly help and satisfy your loved ones.

Capricorn. A Capricorn Venus shows that you are essentially conservative and concrete in all matters relating to love. You have a keen awareness of what is considered right and wrong, and you may live your life according to some personal code of ethics. Ideas of personal romance may not stir you nearly as much as the thought of morality or honour. Passion with you may be a stage passed through quickly and forgotten. You seldom find sustained satisfaction in emotional expression. Consequently, your best chance of harmony with others lies in the field of your mutual interest and your material love of work of purpose.

You may love your home, find comfort in the companionship of loved ones. You may also love your work, finding your best emotional expression through action in that field. If domestic harmony means much to you, kindness and tolerance rather than coldness and indifference are essential.

Perhaps you cannot always expand in loving warmth when it is expected of you. But you can be kind and learn to check the harsh words which sometimes spring unbidden from you. Others may not see things as you do, and harmony is not obtained by forcing your own rules on others.

Aquarius. With Venus in Aquarius, you will be thoughtful, kind and freedom loving. Your love tends to expand and spread in universal friendship over the many rather than centre in a small, exclusive circle. When you can discover a partner who will cooperate with you in some broad mental purpose, you may achieve a degree of stability and happiness. However, you may be too socially inclined to be considered a quiet and respectable homebody. You may have some degree of stability in your affections—Aquarius is a fixed sign. The problem is to avoid becoming fixed in the wrong direction.

Your interest in many people may be one of the primary causes of inharmony. Some may resent your broad show of free affection. Your partner may not feel as free as you do and will be hurt by your laxness. If you desire to improve your love life, to bring greater harmony into your domestic situation, you should learn to be a little more one-pointed, a little less inclined to disregard convention and the feelings of others and more kind toward those who are closest to you.

Love is like a spotlight which, when focussed on one subject, is revealing and forceful. Let it be broadened out in too wide a beam and it becomes dim and weak, unable to portray beauty.

Pisces. When your Venus is found in Pisces, it shows you are affectionate, intuitive and idealistic. There exists a vast inner realm of emotional experience available to you, a realm seemingly unrelated to your objective life. With this in the background of your consciousness, you may be somewhat indifferent to the normal pleasures of the senses. Your sympathetic nature and natural intuitive understanding make it possible for you to assist those who are suffering. You can, as it were, put yourself in the place of the sufferer and understand his viewpoint.

Love with you is a broad, encompassing feeling, full of sorrow, not too stable, seldom focussed in an exciting and sustained passion and often lacking in decisiveness. There is a tendency for you to be associated either with people inferior to yourself or older—or superior. Your love inspires you to protect someone or to seek protection. Of course, a difference of age or social class or whatever it may be, between partners always brings attendant disturbances or sorrows. You may even cherish your pet sorrow, fascinated with your own falling tears—and fail to take obvious steps to improve your life. Initiative and stability must go hand in hand with understanding in order that the better life may be experienced.

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The Stars Offer You A Happy Marriage

Astrology is the place to turn when you want your own personal marital trends to be discussed. You can also get a reading of the horoscope of a person you want or intend to marry, and this will give you success possibilities and ways to add to hoped-for happiness in marriage.

The seventh house of a horoscope governs marriage. Planetary facts about this zone of your chart are the prime source of revelations in relation to your love and marriage.

Whether single or married, you will find the following news about seventh-house conditions interesting and helpful once you receive the information about your own seventh-house facts. You may gain happiness, avoid frustration, be able to create a supremely happy marriage when you know your seventh-house trends. The following text gives vital information in connection with seventh-house planetary or luminary occupations as well as the meaning of the absence of planetary or luminary power in this all-important zone of marriage.

SUN. The Sun is a potent source of love and can make marriage a vivid, continuously joyous experience for you. This great luminary draws love, affection, fidelity, and dedication from the one in love with you. Marriage has a marvellous chance of being lastingly happy.

Marriage is based on highest ideals when the Sun is in the seventh house. Total honesty and loyalty are present; ethical views are firmly fixed. You will be generous in love but may expect even more generosity from your loved one. There is a

tendency to want a career in the public eye, a dramatic life which will make you a source of news. There can be an unfortunate rivalry between you and your mate, for both may wish admiration.

The Sun stands for authority, power, desire to feel and to be superior. Be very cautious of this trend in marriage; it could be disastrous to happiness in almost any marriage, whether actually leading to divorce or not.

It is possible to make marital bonds stronger when both of you can be proud of each other and both draw reassuring pleasure from this fact. You can enjoy things together very much and will take pleasure in creating a beautiful home, elegant surroundings, and a picture for the community to honour due to your high ethical standards as a family.

Hostility that might arise due to the Sun's placement in your seventh house can be sharp and painful. Make every effort not to be tyrannical. Seek harmony and agreement through quiet discussions, and keep up a determined front against ill will.

MOON. Love and marriage are very romantic when the Moon is in the seventh house of a horoscope. You may be moody, though, and too often concerned about the house and its running rather than about love and your mate. Emotional tensions may arise when you take decision making so seriously that it introduces on love in upsetting ways.

You like to take on total responsibility for home and your family do not really like your partner to have share in decisions. By this insistence on bearing the major load of life's details, you can darken your material happiness considerably.

Yet, due to the fact that you love home and family, you will strive for a joyous household full of love. You know how to make a comfortable environment, put guests at ease, and show them a picture of domestic harmony second to none. You want to make a serene setting for your love and will do your best to make a smooth-running, lovely home.

Your marriage can be delightful due to your concern for the family's well being. You may want to be the perfect spouse for another just as you consider your parents ideal for each

other, and you may try to follow such an example. Soft-pedal this a little ; it could bring resentments.

To you, life is not really meaningful without marriage. Be strong in marriage, attentive in love ; refuse to sit and brood in self-pitying fashion. Feeling sorry for yourself can lead you eventually to break down or cause a dreadful ruin of your marriage. Give your mate the gift of a cheerful spirit which can help hold up and maintain marriage in enduring happiness.

MERCURY. Your temperament is changeable and may provide marriage with an everlasting variety. You can be highly intellectual or you can be emotionally vivacious. When your mate is in a romantic mood, you could be thinking of some abstract subject that attracts you. You will do well to try to regulate your own moods somewhat so that they fit into a harmonious pattern with your partner's.

You get intense enjoyment from discussion of literature, travels, the news, the latest scientific discoveries. Your mate must be well-informed and interested as you are, so that close conversations can provide many happy hours and a feeling of mutual mental stimulation.

You like to stimulate marriage in versatile ways, and you won't stand still for boring days and evenings. You would prefer to deal with misfortunes rather than having a smooth life in which nothing takes place and all is quite desperation. You are able to talk easily, and this makes a happy marriage more possible.

You are adaptable, will enjoy travel and living in various places, have no trouble fitting in with new people. A mate with a career that means a lot of travel would please you and relieve you from the possible boredom of the same home year after year.

You can make marriage happy by pursuing identical aims in both work and hobbies or pleasure trends. Having many things to do together will unite you firmly, and discussions will seal you together. Mercury in the seventh house may bring about marriage with someone much younger than you. Whatever the case, though, remember that vivid experiences shared are a cornerstone for marital happiness.

VENUS. Venus in your seventh house is a sure-fire benefit for joyous love and marriage. Venus is the symbol of love and pleasure. When favourable, you cannot miss with a happy marriage unless there is some dreadfully adverse feature elsewhere in your chart. The love which is Venus-inspired tends to be gently understanding. Together you will share and enjoy artistic tastes and ability to create a lovely environment.

Marriage is gratifying, and Venus in the seventh house makes it a serenely contented state. You will be joyous that you are able to win the rewards of love in emotional pleasure. You want nothing crude or inconsiderate mingled with love. Your mate must esteem and love your sense of the exquisite in love. There must be nothing taken for granted or of questionable taste in your partner's attitude toward love.

Venus is the natural ruler of the seventh house in the cosmic zodiac, and it will bring you all the most harmonious love trends when your own chart has Venus in the house of marriage. You want perfect harmony in love, and your ideals will always be the highest. You want to be adored but must remember to give your mate a sustaining feeling of being adored also.

You can suffer in love if Venus is adversely affected by other powers in your seventh house or related to it. In such a case, you may sublimate love to a life of public service and altruism, giving up all hope of personal and romantic marriage. Venus well aspected brings glamour into your life and keeps the aura of love always securely around you. You carry this with you in public, too—and, thus, attract many people.

MARS. You may make the overtures, be aggressive and domineering in love when Mars is in your seventh house. The planet energises your emotions and can bring about tension when you are frustrated. In marriage, this can destroy serene balance and introduce difficulties not easily overcome.

You express love strongly and want your mate to be keenly interested at all times. You want the full spectrum of love's emotional impact. Marriage will be vibrant when Mars is favourable ; and you will put love first, feeling that it deserves foremost attention in all of life.

You are rather demanding that your partner should yield to your opinions and desires. You win before you even get started usually, and an ideal mate lets you have the chief say in most things. You work rapidly when misfortunes arise and clear away obstacles with a clean sweep.

Marriage could see many quarrels, for Mars sets up a belligerent nature in many people and in your seventh house can bring hostility in love. You can be impatient, almost violent in anger. Your impulses can lead to unpredictable situations which have no good to bring to marital love.

To consider your mate unselfishly, to be gracious and kindly in marriage is a goal for you to attain by practice. You can avoid further quarreling, endangering your marriage if you will take this little step of being considerate day after day. You can discard turmoil, rash argument, thoughtless actions—and marriage can be happier. In love, you are warm and able to bring great happiness through ardour. Keep your personal views set wisely and marriage will last happily.

JUPITER. You rejoice in the good fortune of love and marital joy. Jupiter, with all its other bounty, probably will bring you good fortune in the love area when aspected well in your seventh house. You may build together a life of honour and affluence. There are good conditions for understanding devotion and total harmony.

You are very loyal in love. Jupiter always bestows the ideal of honesty and fidelity. Your marital vows will be kept meticulously. You see marriage as combining romance, mental harmony, and spiritual realisation. You are somewhat sentimental about the significance of marriage.

Sometimes Jupiter in the seventh house has some adverse configuration with other planets; this can cause you to be too dictatorial, too sure that you are the only one who knows how to do things correctly and how to hold the right opinions. Marriage can be a big struggle against such odds. You may, in these circumstances, be selfishly egotistic, wasteful and extravagant.

You may waste time and money, be reckless instead of generous when Jupiter is poorly aspected in your seventh house.

However, Jupiter still continues to function with radiations which will give you wisdom and help you strive to make a better marriage; thus, you still have a winning card with which to deal in marriage to keep it from becoming disastrous.

Your tolerance and deep understanding make union with another more possible as a happy state. You will always be just fair with a mate and may finally come through with an ideal marriage which is a victory over all obstacles.

SATURN. You desire marriage greatly but may find it difficult to make decisions about taking the step. Your emotions can be at war with each other, your interests under close inspection at all times when Saturn is in your seventh house. Yet your trend is toward endurance in love once you establish it in a solid marriage. You may find some restrictions in marriage, for this is the planet of restrictions and self-control. However, you will be dutiful no matter what the cost or inconvenience.

You can be generous with a mate yet harsh in judgment at times. You are so realistic and down-to-earth that you can brush aside dreams and fancies in a cruel way. You like to be considered reliable, will want your mate to depend upon you. You will be thrifty—do not carry this too far or your partner can feel uncomfortable, may be unloved if you are miserly.

Be wise in making up a reasonable budget; allow enough for pleasure and clothes. If your mate does something unexpected with money, do not hit the ceiling; be very grateful if he supports you in an ambitious career and social life which makes your family a centre of friendly approval.

Your patience is a good quality in marriage, and you have wisdom about what is right to make a happy union; so you will take time off to play in order to balance life and will refuse to be just a kind boring soon. You are willing to sacrifice your own wishes for the good of your marriage, for marriage, must be solidly buttressed and kept in order. You must also diminish moods of distrust, fear, jealousy, suspicion, and depression about your marriage, for they can affect it adversely. Admit you are moody; then control it.

URANUS. With Uranus in your seventh house, you can have an exciting marriage. Your independence and unpredictability lend a note that you could not find elsewhere, and it may be one difficult for a mate to understand or tolerate. You throw off restraints, allow no interference with your freedom. Marriage must let you feel free no matter how much you love your spouse.

You want inspiring opportunities and seek them. A genius-type mate could keep you endlessly admiring and inspired. You must advance in thought or you will feel fenced in. You are a growing rather than a stagnant personality and character. You can be off hand about marriage, pay more attention to other affairs; and people may tell you that you do not seem really married.

You do not consider the opinion of others to any great extent when it is a comment on your own behaviour. You ignore gossip, scorn jealousy, but are tolerant. Your mate can have conflicting views, and you won't care so long as they are not foisted upon you.

You will be loyal and helpful, unselfish when need be; but you can be unreasonable in marriage, for you will insist on keeping your own attitude and opinions, even when they are very impractical. You are not very domestic, and your mate must be willing to take this without comment. Comment might make you defiant. You love to fill the home casually with people who are interesting to talk to; your partner may not always like this.

Loyalty can save your marriage. Your seventh-house Uranus lifts your ideals in love. You will be capable of much unselfishness to benefit your loved one and will never expect much for yourself when it comes to the material.

NEPTUNE. When Neptune is in your seventh house, you have a mystically lovely quality which appeals especially in love. With a favourable aspect of this planet, you will be sympathetic, loyal, and affectionate with a mate; but if Neptune is poorly aspected, you can make a hash of your emotional life, bring chaos to marriage.

You view marriage as a special need and gift which you hope will come your way. You are idealistic and spiritually inclined in love. The earthy does not please you but repels you. There must not be a tinge of the sordid in your love relationship. You do not demand affluence and precious possession so long as all else is well in marriage.

You dream of love and might become just a dreamer, for you have difficulty finding the right loved one. When you do find someone to love, you may try to imprint your dreams too strongly and then be disillusioned when the transference just does not "take." You become suspicious easily; and if you once believe your lover is unfaithful, it is very difficult to get you to change your mind.

You need praise and admiration, a mate who will give you great sympathy and constant affectionate signs. This holds your emotions in security; otherwise, you can become a distraught and disorganised individual, turning to false substitutes which can ruin love entirely, such as drink.

It is best that your partner be somewhat introspective, for marriage is a private affair to you and you want silence and seclusion for the love haven when daily tasks are done. You can keep quiet in love's company or talk openly to this one person in the world with whom you are truly yourself.

PLUTO. Marriage may bring to light facets of your personality you did not know of. You can have a unique joy in marriage, for your comprehension is vast and there are few if any limitations to hard worker—a quality, a spouse might like your ability to roam mentally. You can soar to heights unknown to others when love comes to you. Together you can probe occult regions, find astonishing truths. It may resemble a launching into space for both of you.

Your understanding of the forces of destiny adds to marital riches. You may both win honours and fame because you can work together, encourage one another, inspire each other. Pluto in the seventh house invites shared honours or even honour just for you if you are not married.

Wisdom and talents combine to win public admiration; friends always respect you. Your home can be centre of amazingly interesting conversation that explores heights and depths.

When you pool your skills and transcendent wisdom with your mate's, you may reach new heights of wordly success.

Sometimes worldly fame and fortune mar a marriage for those with Pluto in the seventh house. This could be an obstacle to intimacy of union and perfect understanding of unselfish kind. Together in aspiration and endeavours, you can transform given opportunities into gold mines and story-book imaginings into marvellous realities to benefit others.

With the right mate, those with Pluto in the seventh house find it difficult to have to spend time apart from a partner and find it paradise when together. Marriage is unique for you and its blessings endless. Your devotion will be everlasting, unbelievably harmonious.

NO PLANETS OR LUMINARIES. If there should be an absence of solar, lunar or planetary power in your seventh house, it does not signify that you will never marry. You may find revealing clues to marriage possibility by learning of aspects formed by the Sun, Moon, and planets in your chart (especially the position of your seventh-house ruler).

The seventh house is the zone of contracts, thereby concerning chiefly legal and partnership characteristics of marriage rather than romantic trends. When the seventh house is devoid of influence, a highly individual personality is present. Married or not, the person with such a chart will retain independent views. This means that working alone is desirable though married or in a business partnership.

With this condition, you will exert strong individualism, take the initiative, hold ascendancy. In the seventh house of Prince Consort Philip Mountbatten—born June 10, 1921, at Corfu—there are no planetary or luminary influences, but he has married devotedly and is the father of four children. Philip of Edinburgh has never become a mere figure-head in marriage but has remained his own man, standing apart, pursuing his own interests. Those who know the life of the dynasty are well aware that he does not kowtow but always shows independent spirit. He is honoured for his good breeding, his strong character, and is a fine example of good adjustment among royalty of today's complex world affairs.

What Makes Two People “Click” ?

In all romance, both the passing type and the type of serious intent which seeks marriage or stable union, there is the first moment of attraction. Sometimes it is spontaneous—two people become intensely aware of one another at the same moment. Sometimes recognition of what each could mean to the other grows slowly, though afterwards the beginning of strong interest can be traced back to a particular moment.

How lasting the tie may be cannot positively be determined, no matter how strong the initial attraction. Regardless of the astrological indications, people do not act according to expectancy, certainly not in every case. There are two types of background, astrologically speaking, that draw people together. One, however strong at the moment, does not usually last. The second has a better chance because it is built on fundamental sympathies.

There is a type of attraction that stems from progressions alone. That is, the progressed Moon, for instance, of one moves to the same sign as the other's Sun; sometimes the Moon may be in the same sign as the other's Venus or Mars, depending on the sex. Again, a whole group of progressed planets may come together in a conjunction that is at the same degree as another's Sun or ascendant.

How strong such a contact can be was demonstrated just recently, when a young woman came to see me about a budding romance. She had the young man's birth date, but not the hour; so I could not take his ascendant into account. But all

that existed between the charts that meant compatibility was her ascendant in the same sign as his Sun. Otherwise, there were no conjunctions or oppositions between the charts. They both had Venus in the same sign, but far away. But when I looked up her progressions, her Venus, Mars and Mercury were all conjunct in the same degree as his Sun. When I asked her what they had in common otherwise, she told an amusing story.

One day, standing in line in a supermarket, she began a conversation with a very handsome and friendly young man. Living in the same neighbourhood—one frequented by students, musicians, etc—they met frequently and became friendly, began to visit back and forth, often cooking meals for one another. He said very little about himself except that he was an architect. His name was foreign sounding. One day, through a careless word, she was able to put two and two together. His father was a well-known man in diplomatic service, with a half page in *Who's Who*. (She admitted that she immediately went to the library to look up the data).

He does not suspect that she knows his background. When I asked her if they had gone out together socially, outside of cooking meals for one another, she said—No. She was honest and admitted that after realising that his background was immensely superior to hers—that is, his potentials as a friend became glamorous—she thought she better find out what the prospects were.

She knows enough Astrology to understand what I was talking about—that this was a passing attraction that she should see for what it was. If she wanted to have an affair, that was her business entirely; but told her frankly that I thought for her to hug the idea to herself that a deep, lasting relationship was possible was foolish. Now, many marriages take place on passing attractions no stronger than those described. But those attractions probably are between two people of similar background, training and experience—or perhaps the girl has unusual beauty, personality or accomplishment. But in this case, there is no glamour, no outstanding attractiveness, just a fairly nice-looking girl, short and dumpy, intelligent, but with only a fair education, poor background and, it must be admitted, only average personality. But hope rises high in

every girl's heart when she meets one who could be "Prince Charming." At least, she was trying to find out the facts. Whether she will abide by them remains to be seen. She says she is capable of objective appraisal of her relationships. With three planets in Scorpio, she probably is.

Instant recognition—love at first sight—is quite usual between people whose charts have strong conjunctions and oppositions because those are the only personal aspects. Many times, trines are described in comparing charts; but what anyone seriously interested in Astrology must realise is that trines do not *make an impact*. If there are trines between charts that also have the impact aspects—oppositions and conjunctions—naturally they help smooth the relationship. But no one was ever attracted to another because there are trines between their charts. Strong attractions need strong aspects.

One of the most interesting examples of what the moment of attraction means was the case of Sally and Bob. They were both in the theatre-arts department in college, went to the same classes, attended the same college functions. They were really pals. During his last year at college, Bob fell in love (at first sight) with the girl he married two years later. During the same year, Sally met the boy she later married. Bob and the boy Sally married have the same birthday.

Neither Sally nor Bob was interested in Astrology; but Bob's girl, Susan, was. After both couples were married, Sally continued her correspondence with Bob; but this time, she wrote to Susan as well, as Bob did to her and her husband. One day, Bob and his wife visited the other couple Susan, interested in Astrology, asked Sally's husband his birthday. The general astonishment, when they realised that both boys had the same date, can only be imagined.

How alike are Bob and Andrew? Physically, they are exact opposites—Bob, fairly tall, blond and plumpish, considerably an extrovert; Andrew, tall, lanky, dark, serious and quiet. A brilliant student, Andrew was offered scholarships by several graduate schools in his field. Naturally, the hour makes all the difference in personality and appearance (ascendant). Doubtless, Andrew's whole make-up, determined by his background and

hours of birth, was more romantically attractive to Sally than Bob's, with his blondness, like hers. Curiously, both these blond people married mates with exotic dark good looks. There must be something in the theory of the attraction of physical opposites.

What is significant here is that Bob and Andrew, with the same birthday, became engaged about the same time. Bob had progressed Moon in the seventh, a transit that often times a union; but the most important aspect of both boys was progressed Sun conjunction natal Saturn. Since both are Capricorn natives, when their ruling planet conjoined the Sun, they were ready to take on responsibility. Each was only twenty-two, without worldly experience, except talented in their respective fields; hence, the Saturn-Sun progression was certainly a maturing aspect.

To complete the details, Bob and Susan have very strong aspects between their charts; but Susan took much longer to make up her mind. She admitted that she never had been so attracted to any boy as she was to Bob, which gave her something to think about, as she was a very popular girl. Her indecision naturally made her more desirable. After an old beau had come to see her at the summer school they were both attending, he proposed. When she came back from her date, she found Bob sitting on the dormitory porch; and that brought a showdown. With his Moon, Mars, Saturn and Venus surrounding her Sun, his impact on her was pretty strong. Further, they both have sympathetic earth ascendants; and her ascendant is his Sun-Sign.

Sally later said that Andrew had made the same impact on her that Bob made on Susan, though the girls are not of the same sign. This case is certainly a proof, if proof is needed, that the same birthday may not mean the same thing and the background, training and personality expression make considerable difference in people born on the same day.

Another factor that often determines the moment of attraction is a strong natal, progressed or transiting aspect drawing one into the life who represents that aspect. For instance, in the case just discussed, both boys, with progressed

Sun conjunct Saturn, married girls three years older than they were and girls who had had more practical experience than they. Andrew was extremely wealthy; money was no problem at all. Bob, while not in Andrew's financial class, had had his way paid by his parents. Both girls, however, had paid their own way—Sally entirely, Susan partly. This is a good manifestation of a strong Saturn progression; the boys married practical girls.

Sometimes the type drawn by a strong aspect represents all the difficulties of that aspect. For instance, a young woman, under the spur of Uranus making a stationary point exactly opposite her seventh-house Moon, married a man whose Uranus was exactly opposite her Sun. This is one of the most powerful attractions—unfortunately, with a typically Uranian, unpredictable and often shattering outcome.

The woman in question had had the seven-year transit of Uranus in her twelfth house, with all its emotional stirring up and usual discontent. When it came into her first house, she was ready for a drastic move. Feeling that she would never get what she wanted at home, she left. Shortly after, just when the Moon received the exact Uranus opposition, she met the man whom she married after a month—again typically Uranian, the sudden attraction, the impulsive union—without knowing much about the man, talking him on trust.

His Uranus on her eighth cusp, exactly opposite her second-cusp Sun, acted as might be expected. He was totally irresponsible in money matters, did not care from whom he got funds, borrowed constantly, without any real intention of paying back. After a time, she realised that he expected her to raise money whenever it was needed; and what had been a subtle manipulation became open. As might be expected, the marriage did not last.

Now, this does not mean that the man in question acted as he did because his Uranus opposed her Sun, from her eighth to second. He was what he was long before she met him, as she later learned; he did not change after she left him. But her willingness to take a chance, stimulated by a strong Uranus position opposite her seventh-house Moon, brought into her

life a marriage (seventh house) with a Uranian person. That is what she was subconsciously looking—for someone or something different. That is what she got—someone entirely different from her own standards of honesty and reliability, as well as different in religion, race and background. This is a fine example of what this kind of contact can do, even to a basically stable person, which this woman is. No wonder Uranus has a reputation for the unpredictable and unforeseen.

Another type of attraction is that of people with the same kind of charts—that is, the planets fall in a similar arrangement, with the same kind of emphasis of a single planet. A young man has all his planets in the east (left side of the chart), with Uranus in the seventh the only planet west. One would immediately surmise a Uranian attachment, a Uranian wife or both. With all the force of nine planets east, within half the zodiac, pouring out through Uranus alone in the west, in the marriage house, a Uranian marriage situation was practically inevitable. That is what happened.

His physical interest in women was very late in developing; when it did, it was of juvenile intensity, as might be expected in a late blooming. However, he contracted a relationship with a woman—he was then in his thirties—which was most strange and entirely platonic. She was old enough to be his mother, had children of his age; but he was more helpful to her than any of her offspring, did everything he could to make her life easier, borrowed money for her, etc. Without her date, which was not available, the attraction could not be analysed. That it was a fascination, he himself admitted and also that it took him a long time to see that he was pouring out without getting very much in return. Inevitably, this realisation brought the end of the relationship.

Sometime later, he met a young woman with whom he fell deeply in love; he was then past forty. They are almost entirely alike, astrologically speaking. She too, has all her planets in a bowl, in the east, with Uranus standing alone in the west. It was as natural for her to attract a strongly Uranian person as for him. Both require considerable taken-for-granted freedom in their relationships; and since they both have the emphasized

Uranus, it is something in which there is mutual understanding, no need for explanations.

There are planetary harmonies, other than the similiar pattern and singleton Uranus. Their Suns are in the same element, as are their Moons, indicative of basic temperamental harmony. Strong house emphasis is the same, which means both are interested in and influenced by the same circumstances (houses). It is the coming together of similar Uranian temperaments, each of whom is interested in the unusual, different and original. It is a good marriage because both have the same life interests. They met when both were ready for marriage—he with progressed Moon in the seventh, she with progressed Moon in the fifth of romance opposite the Sun (Oppositions are marriage—seventh-house-aspects).

Readiness for marriage often projects in peculiar ways. One man who had been out of circulation while travelling all over the world on business came back to his home town. He found he knew no one. He had decided that he had been alone long enough and wanted to marry. In practical Virgo fashion he joined the church and other groups where meeting a prospective mate was possible. But he wanted a wife who would let him alone to follow his own interests which were philosophical. This made finding the proper wife a bit difficult; but after a time, he married a girl with whom his strongest and only contact was Saturn on her Sun—a peculiarly fitting astrological tie. It is rather unusual to find a man who knows exactly what he wants in a wife—and resists being sidetracked. With his Saturn within two degrees of her Sun, she could scarcely be the dominating factor; so he got what he wanted.

There are no other ties between the charts. Her Mercury, within five degrees of his Saturn, is a wide mental link. Without her birth hour, I do not know her ascendant; but she looks Virgoan. If true, then his Sun and her ascendant, in the same sign, are the only compatible links.

Yet from what he said, they were compatible; and when I saw them together, there seemed to be a deep tie. But recently his wife became so depressed that she needed treatment, and that was one of the reasons he sought advice.

When I pointed out that the only strong link between them was his Saturn on her Sun and then asked if he had been severe with her, he said that perhaps he had left her too much to her own devices, since he was always busy with his. So here Saturn stood for neglect—not blatantly, but through too much absorption in his own interests. At the moment of her breakdown, her progressed Venus exactly opposed Saturn, simultaneously with a progressed Full Moon. I explained what this sometimes means. He admitted that he had made a mistake. It was a genuine concern, not realising that she was emotionally depressed and undoubtedly had felt unwanted and unloved.

She had been very active before marriage; then with no children, no keen interests of her own except reading and with a husband deeply absorbed in his studies, she gradually had lost touch with reality. She seemed cheerful when I met her; and from her chart, the worst is over, with some fine progressions ahead. But this is a strong case of “seek not your desire, lest you get it.”

In the beginning, during the discussion of the first case of the young lady who had met “Prince Charming in the supermarket, I said that many marriages take place based on astrological factors that are passing or ephemeral, but often between those with similar backgrounds, training, religion, etc. By this, I mean that the strength of social likeness, the same standing, same aspirations, can be a strong cohesive force even in marriages which astrologically have little to hold them. People marry at the usual marriageable age—sometimes younger, sometimes older—but propelled by the idea that marriage has social sanction and social privilege—a couple is a social unit. If time passes and the ideal desired does not appear, then the usual way is to settle for what you can get if you cannot get what you want.

Now, this thought probably is seldom conscious, but a natural development. When all your friends are married and you are not, you are a loner—and men feel this as much as women, if not more. So when kind friends set about making matches and the one concerned is ready for marriage, it is the social custom that wins, not the person primarily. This does not mean that the marriage is not good: wanting to get married is certainly as good a reason for marrying as any other.

In such cases, it is the social group, the common customs, ways and hopes that support the union even when the basic emotional and temperamental ties, astrologically may not be strong—or even of the passing type denoted by short-term ties through progressions.

But when the ties are of the above type and the basis of common experience and background is entirely different, then, unless each person is determined to make marriage work, it is not likely to endure or have real value. A cohesive force, either temperamental or mental, or a similar background and aspirations is needed. Most really good unions have both.

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The Retrograde Venus and Mars

What follows here will not be found in any textbook on Astrology that I have ever read. It takes up a rather "touchy" subject which most writers would rather avoid even if they do know about it.

The investigation of the retrograding Venus and Mars started back in the early 1948's and I have the opportunity to test the effect of these two planets in hundreds of cases since.

Not so long ago, when a famous actress became involved in a murder, the circumstances in the case suggested a retrograde Mars. On examination of her horoscope, I found that such was the case. In a police case (molesting) recently, I found the man to have a retrograde Venus in his birth-chart.

A famous singer who was known as a deviate died suddenly several years ago; the papers gave his birth year as 1883. Knowing about him and at that time in the midst of this investigation, I called up his only surviving relative and asked about his year of birth and found that she had in confusion given the wrong year to the newspapers; it should have been 1882, the year when his birth date showed Venus retrograde. Many such instances in subsequent years have proved my theory that a retrograde Mars in a woman's horoscope has a profound effect and a retrograde Venus in a man's chart can bring on marital troubles not shown by anything else in the chart. It might be added that the singer just mentioned never married; the reason, of course, should be obvious.

In the case of a retrograde Mars in a woman's horoscope, I am acquainted with a person who is a graduate of a university and very proficient in her profession. She says she had never

had any desire to get married and is now past the half-century mark in age.

In another case, a young woman in her early twenties came to me the night before her scheduled marriage and posed a serious problem. She said that she was not sure if she should marry, and she could not understand why she was not thrilled at the idea of marriage, as her girl friends seemed to be. She was a college girl and had made a study of psychology but could not figure out her own case at all. She was born with Mars retrograde. Today, although she has two children, she still wonder why she got married—and her husband wonders why he is not appreciated.

Another case of a retrograde Mars in a woman's horoscope was typical of the havoc which such a Mars could cause in marital relations. This woman was a teacher in a university, as was her husband. She had reached an age when she should have settled down to a routine married life. Her children had married and she sued her husband for divorce. Mars was slow at the time of her birth, but turned retrograde about her fortieth year. After the divorce, she took up with a young fellow almost young enough to be her son and was forced to give up her teaching career.

It seems that a retrograde Mars causes a woman to become frigid or go to the other extreme. There seems to be no middle course. A middle-of-the-road course would be normality, so they skip that point.

Another woman who was successful in business, divorced her husband and took up with a fellow twelve years younger than herself and in the end lost her business. These women seem to be easy marks for any scheming young fellows they contact. In their search for something in the line of romance, they usually get themselves into trouble.

The effect of Mars retrograde in a woman's horoscope is not taken from pure speculation but is the result of hundreds of cases which have come to my attention in the past twenty-five years. Women with a retrograding Mars have actually told me dozens of times that they detested any intimate relations with a

man, especially their **husbands**; while the others seemed to be going wild over sex with **younger men**.

Mars can retrograde sixty to eighty days; of course, that is sixty to eighty years in a horoscope progression. Before it starts to retrograde, its motion is very slow for at least two weeks; it does the same after it starts direct. During the slow-motion period, it produces the same effect on the personality of the woman.

I have found that if Mars was **retrograde** during the gestation period, it marks the person more definitely. I do not believe that the woman ever feels passionate love during her life. She may get married and have children; but marital relations are not enjoyed and in some cases, cause disgust. Most of them think they are the same as other women; but if they are married, their husbands tell another story.

Many of these women complain bitterly that their husbands are running around with other women. They just cannot understand why their husbands are not content to live a brother-sister life with them.

I would advise all students of Astrology in cases of marital troubles to look first at the wife's horoscope to see if the chart shows this retrograde Mars. Not all marital troubles stem from this aspect; but if it is there you can rest assured it is the main cause of the trouble. The majority of marital troubles stem from sexual maladjustments. Any marriage that is based on the idea that one must be married just because it is the thing to do is surely doomed to failure sooner or later.

One of the greatest contributors to marital discord is the retrograde Venus in the horoscope of the husband. Venus can be retrograde for forty-two days. If a man was born when Venus started to slow up, he could have this retrograding planet in his life for forty to forty five years. This would cover the usual time of the marriage period if one considers marriage to take place in the early twenties as the usual thing.

The effect of this Venus retrograde is usually disastrous to a happy marriage. As in the case of a retrograding Mars in the horoscope of a woman, it works it to over-emphasise sex or to

nullify it entirely—and, in some cases (if the rest of the horoscope assists), turns the victim into a homosexual. This may occur if the retrograde Venus is adverse to Uranus, Neptune or Mars. Even an adverse Jupiter can make matters worse.

It must be remembered that there are hundreds of methods employed by the homosexual, ranging from complete lack of feeling for the opposite sex to dangerous and vicious acts. It is when the latter type does something that the public reads about it in the papers. It usually is the non-vicious type that the Astrologer and psychiatrists hear about from wives of these men.

The most baffled wives seems to be those who married, at eighteen or nineteen, men five or six years older than they were and whose common complaint is that after five years, their husbands seem to have lost all affection for them and are running around with other women.

In many of these cases, I have found that Venus had started to slow up in their charts after a year or two of marriage and then had turned retrograde. Perhaps you might think that the man would not run after other women, but he usually does for a while. At first, he blames his lack of interest in his wife on her; and it is common to hear him say that his wife does not stimulate him as she once did. So he goes out after other women. For a short time, he may find that he is more potent. Then comes the awakening—he finds that he is as impotent with his girl-friend as he has been with his wife; so he tries another woman, but it ends the same way as Venus slows up more and more. I am not theorising, I know from actual cases! By that time, his wife has divorced him, or is about to divorce him. She is glad to let another woman have him.

The man himself becomes completely bewildered about his condition, and I know of several cases where the men have taken to numbing themselves with alcohol or drugs. Others become vicious.

On the other hand, men who are born when Venus was retrograde for several weeks before birth will find Venus turning direct perhaps in their thirties. A peculiar thing in this respect seems to motivate them to seek other marriage partners after

the direct movements of Venus commences. To me, this indicates a complete change of the personality; and the woman they were satisfied with during the retrograde phase seems inadequate for them after Venus has turned direct in their charts.

The commonly accepted reason for marriage is the propagation of the species and any deviation from this line is frowned upon by society. But one wonders sometimes why the harmless types of deviates are treated cruelly at times. Of course, I do not believe that they should ever be married. But why does the retrograde Venus produce this type of personality? Psychiatrists who have delved into the problem believe that something happens before birth which gives the person the type of mind different from his (her) physical characteristics. But again, why when Venus turns direct in the person's horoscope does the person assume a personality consistent with his physical appearance? Why does the man change his personality to that of the opposite sex when Venus starts to retrograde in his horoscope?

I know of one man to whom the above happened when in his late forties. Another had it happen to him in his early thirties, and still another in his late twenties. All were absolutely potent in their younger years. All are looking for the fountain of youth and are prey to every peddler of "vitality" pills. Dozens of bottles of pills have done them no good to date. Some doctors claim to have helped them with hormone injections; but I have never seen any who were in any way helped by the treatment permanently. I suspect that those who were temporarily helped reacted psychologically, which like hypnosis wore off in time.

In summing up, I might say that it makes little difference in which sign the retrograding Venus is found. All signs seems to work alike.

The degree of deviation seems to depend on the aspects in the horoscope. It is only the violent type which gets in the papers. The violent type would be violent anyway, without the retrograde Venus; but it would take other forms of action.

In the aspects, Neptune and Uranus cause the most trouble. Saturn and Mars, particularly Mars, in adverse aspect to the

retrograding Venus are usually found in the charts of those using violent means to satisfy their desires.

As a rule, only wives are witness to perverted acts and seldom tell anyone until they can take it no more. They would not tell me in many cases if I did not point out this personality fault to them. They usually give other reasons for their marital troubles. You seldom hear about the real reason in the divorce courts.

Often a father and his oldest son will have Venus retrograde in their horoscopes.

I strongly urge all students and practitioners of Astrology to give the greatest consideration to what is written here. It is a "touchy" subject, and no judgment should be made unless one is absolutely sure of the birth date of the person whose horoscope is being delineated. A different year than the right one is not likely to show Venus retrograding on the same day.

I have been given birth dates of husbands by wives who claimed deviation in their husbands and which dates showed no retrograde Venus. This always raised a doubt in my mind as to the justness of the accusation.

There are entirely too many who are known deviates that have this retrograde Venus to lay the cause to mere coincidence. Twenty-five years of careful research and hundreds of such cases have convinced me that the retrograde Venus is significant and is the source of much marital discord—likewise, the retrograde Mars in the case of women.

I could tell some weird and sordid stories told me by wives, but they would be too lewd to appear in print. So I will have to let others find them out for themselves, which I am sure they will if they investigate the actions of these two planets when retrograde in the natal chart or when they by progression turn retrograde.

But bear in mind that each individual reacts in a different manner, according to the other planetary aspects in his or her horoscope.

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Hints for Would-be Brides

An out-and-out romanticist would undoubtedly shudder at the idea of choosing a husband on any basis except the strong, mysterious, ecstatic, emotion called love. It would be wonderful if the romanticists were right—if we could serenely go our way today, secure in the knowledge that tomorrow, or under the next Full Moon, we would meet our own true love and live happily ever after. Unfortunately, this happens more frequently in novels than in real life.

In real life, the fortunate woman is the one who knows how to single out the right man *for her* and then put heart and soul into building a strong, ecstatic love. So if you have definite ideas about the kind of mate you want, good for you—*provided your ideas are based upon a knowledge of your own inner nature.*

Even so, knowing yourself is only the first step. You cannot fall in love and tap the man on the shoulder and say, "Darling, I will take *you*. You are the one I want." *He* may be wishing you would go out and get lost. The thing to do is to start at the point when you realise you are attracted toward a certain someone who shows signs of liking you. The next step—*before* falling too deeply in love—is to decide whether or not he might be "Mr. Right." How are you going to judge? How keen is your insight into the mysteries of love?

Falling in love by way of the senses is natural—and wise, up to a point. The senses should never be ignored, but they should not have all the say either. Love is not a thing apart from the stress and strain of daily life. Love is only one of a number of psychic urges in a psychic whole, as the heart is only one of a number of physical organs in a physical whole. No

matter how strong love may be at the start, how can it thrive and survive the years if it is surrounded with gnawing hungers that claim most of your attention? If you set love apart from your psychic (deeply rooted) urges and thereby force it to go on by itself, short of a miracle, it will starve, grow puny, be crowded, clear out.

There are numerous psychic urges. The desire for security is one. There are the urges to create, to have children, to be a leader in a community or business and the urge for the companionship of friends. As far friends, now and then you find a woman who can forsake all others and be happy living a wither-thou-goest sort of life. But no woman with strong social urges could possibly find happiness under such conditions. It all boils down to the strength and intensity of a given urge. What is important to you may be quite inconsequential to another and vice versa.

Security. If you are the carefree type, you give very little consideration to security in the usual sense of the world. But are you certain you are *really* carefree? Or is it only that you are young and your knowledge of yourself is incomplete? Of course, age in itself does not necessarily bring wisdom; senior citizens, too, sometimes start a marriage with a roar and end it with a whimper. They, too, may be handicapped by an incomplete knowledge of themselves. The strength of the desire for security ranges from intermittent twinges (even the care-free are subject to these) to an obsession that dominates the life. If Saturn is noticeably strong in your horoscope, it indicates you are far from being a carefree type. The desire for security of one kind or another will always be with you.

If your Saturn is in the fourth house, you will probably hunger to own your own home. In this case, if you marry a man who hates the responsibilities and duties that go with home ownership, one of you is going to be unhappy. How could it be otherwise?

If Saturn is in your second house, your idea of security may be possession of a "nest egg" to carry you through troublesome periods. Without it, you will feel as if you are living on the edge of a slippery precipice. The slightest wind of adversity

could drive you frantic, and you would do well to face the fact that an optimist who believes in living up today and letting tomorrow take care of itself just is not the mate for you.

With Saturn in the tenth, you are very likely to crave for an established position in the community. If you marry a man with a gypsy's itch to move from place to place (or one whose vocation requires it), one of you is slated to be miserable. Since misery and happiness simply cannot travel hand in hand, in the end you would *both* be miserable.

Looking at it the other way, let us say you do not have a strong Saturn and you truly are the carefree type. Then it becomes important to think twice before you lean too far toward a man who *does have* a strong Saturn. With you wanting to go with the breeze, he wanting to put down roots, love is much too likely to get lost in the scuffle. It is just such conflicting desires as these that break up marriages and swell the divorce rate. Each year thousands of men and women go into court for divorces. In addition, hundreds of thousands merely think about it and go on living unhappily ever after.

Fortunately for us, it is not a case of finding a mate who has exactly the same urges as we have—it is more a case of finding someone whose strongest urge does not *conflict* with ours. This requires some delving beneath the surface because during the “*romantic*” years, the years when you are looking for a mate (regardless of your own or your prospective mate's age), personalities are more or less distorted. It is as if the basic urges were under a light anaesthesia. When this wears off and the true temperament emerges, *you* won't want to be one of those who say (correctly) that “he is not at all like I thought he was.”

Granting that you have found your urges do not conflict, the next step is to determine whether or not each of you has it in you to go on from there—to understand, sympathise with and respect the other's urges. Taurus, Virgo, and Capricorn are practical, earthy, possession loving signs. Although signs do not map the basic urges, they do map people's point of view, their approach to life, their way of doing things.

Ambitious Capricorn, for instance, does not sneer at or be little financial security, even when his or her strongest desires

lie in a totally different direction. Capricorn may or may not have the gypsy's itch. It is a 'movable' sign, but the Capricorn signature may very well stand for movement toward establishing a desirable position in the community.

Those born in the sign Cancer like nothing better than a permanent base. Moon ruled people are also natural home lovers, but being anchored in the same home from down payment to payoff is usually not for them. Such fixity is a Taurean quality. A Taurean loves to have and to *hold*—whether it is a house, a bank account or some other tangible possession.

Companionship. There are several types of companionship. First, there is companionship in the home—rarer than you might think. Many husbands and wives do not have it. They may be "nice" to each other, but true companionship is ever so much more than this. It is an above-and-beyond intimacy that comes with sympathetically shared experiences (half of which may necessarily have to be shared through the telling) the interchange of ideas and ideals and a respect for each other's "differences." However, if the ideas and ideals of you and your chosen are too widely different, there is more likely to be wariness and reserve than the warmth of companionship between you.

The fourth house of your horoscope outlines the type of problems you may run up against whenever you share a roof with someone else, be it with a friend, your family or your husband. If you do not have afflictions to the fourth, your under-the-same-roof problems will be trifling. If possible discard is indicated, you are way out in front of those who do not know their own horoscope because *you will* be forewarned and, therefore, in a position to *prevent* discord from rearing its ugly head.

The thirst for companionship outside the home is quite different from the desire for companionship in the home. If your Venus, which rules the social urges, is in a key position in your horoscope, you are scarcely apt to be the fireside type. True, Venus does not map the gad about complex, but it does point out a nature that seldom blooms without the fertilisation provided by frequent and pleasant social contact. If you marry

a fireside-and-slippers man who squirms when you have company, who ducks visiting and other social activities how can you keep the gay, flowering warmth that probably attracted him in the first place? You know what happens to flowers that are struck in a vase—they wilt before their appointed time.

It is not necessary to hold out for a husband who also has a powerful Venus. In fact, such a combination might prompt a dizzy whirl of social activities that leaves no vital energy for the sterner side of life. Gemini, Libra and Aquarius (in order of their importance) are breezy, social-minded, companionship-loving signs. They will go along with your Venus and love it, but they will also keep their eyes on other things. Mars and Neptune are social in a different way. They do not exactly give a burning desire for companionship as such, but both like plentiful contact with others. Live-wire Mars is happiest when on the go, and fanciful Neptune enjoys an audience.

Finally, an extra word of caution is in order, since Venus so dearly loves beauty. On judging another appearance, take a lesson from the merchants. They have found that shoppers reach for attractive packages, but they do not stay with a brand when the merchandise does not match the package. *It is what is inside that counts in the long run*—and marriage is a long run, to be sure.

Leadership. A powerful Sun indicates a desire to be a shining light, a leader. There could be danger in this. You might find yourself trying to wear the pants, and a man with gumption won't permit it. Anyhow, you could not keep on loving him if he did, because you cannot respect the "Casper Milquetoast" type. The most logical mate for you is someone on your own level—one who also has a prominent Sun or a strong Leo influence. He will need a strong ego for two reasons: to keep from knuckling under and to understand *your* particular need to shine.

There is usually a special sympathetic response between "executive" types, provided they are not in competition. Admittedly, competition is the life of trade, but it is a king-size disaster in marriage. Leadership is a quality best exercised *outside*

the home. Then its *fruit* can give a mutual joy, a heart warming pride in each other.

A concrete statement of how you could achieve this is not feasible without your individual horoscope, but there are numerous standard outlets for any wife. You could become the head of an enjoyable neighbourhood clique, but it takes real leadership to *keep* such a clique enjoyable and constructive. You could dig in and become a leader in civic, church or social affairs, in youth movements or betterment programmes. If you plan to be a working wife, there are supervisory jobs on every vocational level.

However, in choosing your outlet, remember it *is* only an outlet, a secondary thing in relation to your husband. Naturally, it should be of a nature that creates no conflict between you. The whole purpose of the outlet is to remove conflict, to strengthen and cement the love between you. When you get right down to it, creating a happy marriage (even when you have chosen the *right* mate) is just about the greatest challenge there is and brings the greatest fulfilment.

Freedom. If Uranus is the strongest influence in your horoscope, you are likely to have a don't-fence-me-in complex. Your opposite, a strong Saturn, dotes on sturdy, protective fences; so you two are not made for each other. There is a common belief that "opposites" get along well in marriage. This obviously cannot be true when the oppositeness involves the strongest instincts and by its very nature is antagonistic.

When it comes to personal relationships, Uranus and Venus, for example, are opposites. But they are not antagonistic. Let us say your powerful Uranus gives you so much independence that it is difficult for you to feel close to others. You can be the loneliest person in the world, even when you are with your loved one. In contrast, a Venus nature gives out warmth, clings closely, melts impersonality and creates a feeling of togetherness.

As a Uranian, you are not the easiest person in the world to live with. When one of your unpredictable enthusiasms erupts, you are all for jumping overboard without further ado. A husband with similar traits is not the answer. More than likely,

he would get the urge to soar about the time you are poised to dive. You would be better off with someone who has a streak of practicality, a sense of timing and a reasonable amount of adaptability.

The earth signs give practicality, each in a different way. An average Taurus native likes to stick to routine, but is not a slave to it. Too strong a Taurus influence could have a ball and-chain effect on you. Virgo is mutable—therefore, adaptable. At the same time, it is the most analytical (and critical) sign in the zodiac ; and you might be bombarded with reasons why you should not do this or that. You being you, a few such cold-water treatment could prompt you into jumping into things without *any* notice or reflection. Fortunately, it is easy to spot which Virgoan criticises for the sheer sport or bringing you down to size and which one devotes his analytical abilities to finding solution.

Capricorn is the most adaptable of the earth signs. Like dust, Capricornians go with the wind when necessary ; but they are always on the lookout for a chance to land.

The ability to get back to a solid base is sometimes conspicuously absent in a Uranian. Another Capricorn virtue is an uncanny ability to understand human weaknesses and strengths. When they are interested, they are sufficiently tactful and cunning to get around the weakness much of the time ; and they seldom miss a chance to capitalise on the strengths. Uranus and Capricorn could be a good combination.

Activity. If yours is essentially a Mars nature, you are not one who likes to kick off her shoes and watch TV night after night. You would rather do the living than be a spectator at the game of life. As far as you are concerned, life is a do-it-yourself affair.

In view of this, choosing a Pisces or Cancer mate with only an average Mars would be an invitation to a marginal nose dive. Pisces, for instance, seldom stands when he can sit and seldom walks when he can ride. In contrast, Aries is naturally active. Gemini likes to be on the go and is a good companion. Even if he is not personally active in sports, etc., he loves the

excitement. Mercury people may or may not be physically active. Sometimes their activity is all mental.

If perchance your Mars energy goes into creativity rather than physical activity, your needs are quite different. Pisces—the sensitive, self-sacrificing, armchair mate—might be ideal for you if you do not permit your temper to wound him, your aggressiveness to flatten him out, your ambitions to belittle his.

Although Cancerians are home bodies, they like the feel of a close domesticity, which creativity is not likely to give unless it is poured into creating beautiful home with a peaceful air.

A mate with a Mars as strong as yours would be wonderful for the accomplishment of almost anything, provided your marriage did not turn into a sparring match; and it easily could unless you saw eye to eye on almost every important issue.

A Leo person could be the answer to your prayer—Mars energy mated to the Sun desire for glory, Leos are not overly sensitive either and can take a flare-up now and then.

Abundance. If you are the out-and-out Jupiterian type, you love the good things in life—and do you love to splurge. Not necessarily in everything, nor all the time. What about actual tight-fittedness? You heartily despise it at any time. This is because you yourself are prone to giving out—giving out with money, friendliness, speech, enjoyment and affection. The latter may even get you into embarrassing situations at times—be mistaken as a search for lovers rather than love.

You are not apt to find enduring happiness if you team up with a suspicious nature. For instance, some Scorpions are jealously possessive: you would do well to steer clear of them. Chronic jealousy is not flattering. It eats the heart out of he, who is riddled with it and she who is its victim. However, jealousy is fairly easy to detect; so do not cross *all* Scorpions off your list. They can be very faithful, sincere and ambitious—and they will do the jobs you shrink away from.

Men with a powerful Mercury are usually easy to talk things out with, and this could be a great help to you in distinguishing between an extravagant impulse and a true desire. Since strong Mercurians are not noted for warmth and geniality,

this is where you can contribute a valuable quality to the partnership. It is not that they are *cold*, only that they think first and feel second—and sometimes get so involved in mental processes that they do not get around to feeling unless someone else sparks them. You have within you enough enthusiastic warmth to do just that.

You might get along extremely well with Aquarians. They are sociable, and they are as generous as you Jupiterians in a different sort of way. They try to help humanity en masse, whereas you are more interested in individuals. Each of you could learn from the other and have a richer life.

Painful Slips. The foregoing examples do not begin to cover the subject of choosing a husband, but there are enough of them to emphasise the desirability of looking beneath and beyond the haunting spell of a romance-coated personality.

Marriage is as challenging as a flying trapeze. Trapeze artists fly through the air with the greatest ease, but none are more practical than they in the choice of their partners. They cannot afford a slip.

A slip of any kind is painful. Some people let many slip through their fingers. Others let opportunity slip through their fingers. But choosing a husband who will slip through your fingers is the most painful slip of all.

Memo to Marriage-minded Males

Fellows who may wish to marry their choice, rather than being another's. Widowers and youngish men are eyeing the benefits of a home of their own. This setup of planets has brought many bachelors to a startling viewpoint that possibly they are on a by-pass. It can be labelled merely *karma*. Nevertheless, man is a free agent—until exchanging "I do's."

During the past several years, transiting planets have been focussing partings. Many couples have separated in a variety of manners. In sequence, there is much interest in remarriage for those who were happily wed before. Those whose former marital experiences were not particularly satisfactory look to a bright new future.

Currently, Astrologers are helping to provide understandings of the personality of new contacts. The reactions which held a Scorpio mate prove repulsive to a Geminian, and on and on. Thus, consultation of a professional Astrologer is a wise investment. However, in the over-all blue-print, the following can furnish insight.

ARIES. For pioneering, self-sufficient Aries, remarriage is vital for a rich, fulfilling life. Yet in this field, she does not rush in as one might expect. She is hesitant, almost shy; at the same time, she yearns for attention. Oddly, in this instance, she seems unable to be sure of her ground for taking the initiative. Possibly in her longing for love, and fearful that you may not be of as serious intent as she would desire, she may not respond to you as graciously as you expect. She is tired of home and would enjoy going out to dinner. She likes to eat and going where there are bright lights and gaiety. A little

sentimental music might help your cause. Recently, life has not been easy for her. Be a pal. She thrills at being in places where there are important people. But she shuns the flashy or tawdry.

Show her personal attention, but do nothing to make her or yourself conspicuous. Flowers are nice, but a box of candy is better to keep you in her mind when you are not together. Do not bore her with recitals of details. Results are what count with her. Remember that she likes to talk and that she loses interest if there is rote or routine. She wants things done exactly, but without comment. The latest gadgets are as intriguing to her as to her Aries brother.

Her honesty is as refreshing as an April shower and often as blunt as a tax statement. She longs for companionship and demands security. She is intolerant of deception or two-timing. You can rest assured that life with her would never slough into the common place or lack the unexpected.

TAURUS. Venus, planet of love is Taurus ruler. She is elemental in her acceptance that love is essential in her life. She wants to get married. If her work is such that she has few male contacts, she will set the goal of meeting an eligible. She has an extreme capacity for enjoyment. She appreciates almost any form of entertainment. Many things that others take for granted are sources of much pleasure to her. She loves friends. She values gifts both for the gift and the thought. She likes things to be "prettied up." In all probability, she eats far too well to be wise. Just the same, she continues to consume candy and hearty calorie-filled meals.

Never make a disparaging remark about any of her relatives or friends, for loyalty is part of her fibre. A sense for wordly security is essential to her—"security" means real estate, bonds, bank accounts. Regardless of how tactful she may or may not be, when crossed she is so determined that you could make the mistake of calling her stubborn. If she has a pet project or club or conviction, you had better go along with her ideas, for she is an unexcelled crusader.

In her desire to amass money, she may often be penny-wise and pound-foolish, as she fosters do-it-herself measures with

intricate saving devices that may in the long run be on the expensive side. She is an indefatigable worker. She enjoys picnics and is aware of the beauties of nature, whether at the mountains or seashore. She has a knack for getting artistic angles when taking snapshots. She creates attractive flower arrangements and gift packages. Possibly she sings, if not, she is a patron of music, art or a splended judge of plant, animal and food values.

GEMINI. Don't be fooled by Gemini girls. Actually, they are neither helpless nor scatterbrained. They are as practical as vitamins, and money-minded. They are handier at doing minor mechanical repairs around the home than is the average man. They want things cheerful. Circulation is essential in air and in the affairs of their lives

Do not bore the Gemini lass with routine; yet be exacting and meticulous. She is ready for fun, enjoys going places, is a swell pal. In reality, she both values the freedom of singleness and also wants to get married. Do not try to pin her down to accounting to you. You might as well accept the fact that she is not to be understood. Never take her for granted. Being a natural flirt, she may not consider your intentions as seriously as you do. She is a splendid housekeeper and accomplishes more in less time than the average. She will not tolerate a griper, all of her grib talk is not to be taken too seriously. However, you must be a "live wire" to follow her pace. To her, home is a nice place to come home to, but not to stay in.

Oddly, she is sentimental—not in a tenacious way, but rather as a matter of propriety. "To experience" is her tenet. That means the living of life as abundantly as possible. Whether or not she likes everything she experiences is inconsequential. What is important is that she has seen and heard and tasted. She has a smattering of information on practically any subject and with her keen wits is able to talk intelligently about nearly everything. While she may not brag about it, she probably is an above-average cook. Yet she is not one who wishes to spend too much time in a kitchen. She can keep life interesting for you.

CANCER. The charming Cancerian lady is an enigma. Actually, her greatest desire in life is for a home of her own.

Yet due to circumstances, fate or her own yen for more and yet more money, she perhaps works away from home. Few indeed are the Cancer natives of either sex who experience the fulfilment they crave in a home. But despite what the past has been, the Cancer woman will try again along the marital line. Hope springs eternal that this time there will be true love. With her terrific imagination, she can be deluded into forgetting that where the husband element enters, there is no perfection. Even while aware of its being what it is, she will lap up flattery.

Capable of considerable tenacity, and possibly calorie-conscious, she is not of as rugged a constitution as one might believe. It is vital to her make-up to be loved. Under adoration, she blossoms. Kindness, sentiment and a love of growing things appeal to her. Like her Cancer brother, she is overly fond of food—rich and delicious. However, she has the will to diet; so, often these girls fluctuate in weight. After proving they can lose and getting a new wardrobe, they usually again succumb to the lure of food.

Whatever her moral tenets, they are deep rooted; and anything averse to them actually shocks her.

She uses a circuitous route for attaining her goals, so do not be fooled into thinking she is procrastinating. True, she is willing to change her methods or her mind is such as is shown to be for the betterment. She has a genuine love of children. Often her backyard is the rendezvous for neighbourhood children and pets. She will take over care of toddler twins when a next-door mother goes to the hospital for another increase of family. She is capable of extreme enjoyment. Encourage her to use her imagination in constructive outlets.

LEO. You may find this regal Leo lady active in fraternal or club circles. She is aware that her best adjustment is in use of her graciousness. As the queen, her benevolence may be radiated out to earn her homage. Like her fixed-sign sister, Taurus, she recognises the elemental and craves another mate. However, she will be extremely cautious about remarriage. Whether or not you do, she is apt to consult an Astrologer for chart comparison. She likes things to be permanent and openly

faces the fact that you might be more interested in her worldly assets than her as a person.

While she delights in the bright and going to gay and swanky places, she values financial security and is practical as an electric blanket. Quality and quantity are her rightful heritage. Let her know that she shines and is superior. Her vitality can stand the pace of a grand rush. But she does not compromise on quality. With Aquarius in her solar house of partnership, she is acutely group-conscious. If she considers your matrimonial intentions seriously, she will relinquish time so you can be a grand high officer of a service club, though preferably of a fraternal order. She would entertain the inner sanctum for you in a manner befitting such an elite clique.

She is not especially interested in being intellectual but prefers the limelight as hostess par excellence. Her home is a must, but equally as important is attendance at the theatre and being a member of bright entertainment. To win her, take her to places. She is repelled by the morbid or by details or by a "fuddy-duddy."

VIRGO. Virgo ladies seem to be one extreme or the other, but not a happy medium. Natives of the first half of the sign are out for a husband, definitely, but with a reticent, coy mien and their eye on the financial status. Those born in the latter degrees of Virgo have a tendency to chasteness, not being especially interested in marriage unless their Mars is in Scorpio. Whether they remarry or not apparently is of little concern to them. They have charm but are more or less erratic about using it. Of a mental turn, many of these latter-degree Virgoans never marry even once.

In part, their very capability awes the male sex. The Virgo gal does not believe in sham, so does not hide her brains. She is intelligent, knows it and uses that mentality. She is prim and proper. She likes her good times cultured and refined. She enjoys the wide-open space. Practical jokes are disgusting, abhorrent or cheap to her. Get her away from talking shop, whatever her "shop" may be. She can be a clever conversationalist. Many are good amateur actresses. All are adaptable and proficient whatever they do.

Cooking, housekeeping, darning socks, ironing shirts are taken for granted, though she may not particularly care for the chores. But she is a worker and accepts what is at hand that is to be done. Since she is prone to worry, keep her stepping and her mind on pleasure rather than problems. She is loyal, dependable and assumes more than her share of responsibilities. Do not impose on her. Her wants are frugal. She is discriminating and appreciative of quality, though she does not care for lavishness. Efficiency and attention to minutiae are part of her nature. Her world is as good as her bond.

LIBRA. In her genteel way, the Libran possibly glamorizes sex more than other native of the zodiac. Appreciation of her artistry and of her opinions helps to put you in good grace. This is easy to do, for an original touch identifies her grooming, clothing and home decor. Conscientiousness stamps her consideration of the pros and cons of any measure.

Often these ladies give an impression of fragility, of a Dresden china quality. Actually, they have an extreme tenacity and endurance which surpasses that of their more rugged sisters. Regardless of their station in life, they have a graciousness and culture and value of the aesthetic. Feed this female heartily but not heavily. As with the other departments of her life, she wishes meals to be balanced. Perhaps she enjoys the ballet, musical comedies, waltz music, sentimental remembrances, Scout Courts and Honour, and weddings, whether or not she knows the principals. Oddly, many of them like to walk in the rain. They have the ability to attract to themselves the contacts and assets they desire. In turn, in their suave, charming manner, they ruthlessly and without qualms cut away and discard from their lives anything they dislike or for which use to them in past. Remember that in their own mind they always are right and act correctly.

Not specially broadminded or tolerant, she will vindicate herself on minor details or inconsequential incidents even if it takes years. Objects of art intrigue her particularly in pair—matched vases, lamps, prints; candlesticks. She amasses, is a collector. The backing of a mate is essential to her equilibrium, though she may be an executive or in other capacity to make decisions. She is a splendid leader, for without being bossy or

nagging, she magnetizes others into wanting to assume chores and obligations. She makes an exceptionally superior wife and home-maker.

SCORPIO. Faint heart never led a Scorpio woman to the altar. Be positive; she will be possessive. Do not play her with questions or probe into her affairs further than she volunteers. In turn, she is a regular sleuth. She is interested in knowing what makes the world tick and is one who dares to make investigations and to visit foreign quarters. Know that a secret is safe with her, for she can keep her own counsel. She enjoys rich eating. If she has been married before, she will make every effort for another marriage to succeed.

Never laugh at her, though she revels in playing practical jokes and in telling as well as hearing hearty stories. Never underestimate this gal. She will tackle anything, and will master it. After the drubbing she has taken in the past few years, she is ready for fun and fulfillment.

Fixed-sign fellows of Taurus, Leo and Aquarius will build for greater serenity and harmony to let someone else woo Lady Scorpio. However, when Scorpio weds Scorpio, all can work out well. One has the dynamic energy to keep up with the other. There is mutual respect of personal privacies and reserves.

She is perhaps the greatest "who-dunnit" fan of the zodiac. Too, she is interested in music and medicine and the alphabet bombs, possibly wrestling or the fights. She has an intuition that x-rays through insincerity. Scorpio always has a backlog of assets and will expect you to have the same. While she is sympathetic and benevolent to the underprivileged, she is intolerant of weakness in a mate. She will demand that you be the family provider even though she probably is skilled in a profession. She is aware of her own worth and will not sell herself short.

SAGITTARIUS: Optimism colours the Sagittarius woman's thinking. She believes in living abundantly, in play as well as work. Hers always is one of the cars that take school youngsters to a game or other activity, not so much from a love of youth as of giving pleasure. Sports of all kinds, good movies,

dining at exclusive places, having an abundant snack at a drive-in rate with her. Pettiness and miserliness have no place in her make-up, nor will she be bothered with others who display these traits. Do not try to possess her or her assets. If you marry and she so much as thinks it is for her material belongings, she will not hesitate to sever ties, despite love. While she will make great effort for marriage to be success, she will have no brief with deceit.

She is generous in attending benefit performances or sports contests. She will gladly entertain your family by a former marriage but will expect you to pick up the check when you are out. She will want to look over your family members, too. Her philosophy inclines to the acceptance of others at the value they place on themselves until she may find out differently. Be thoughtful of the little things and courtesies. She is open-minded to the new but expects the proprieties and for all to be done properly.

On the average, she is not against marriage by a judge. She lives her particular form of religion rather than being a stickler for what to her are unimportant details. The over-all view is hers. Be a pal. If picnics, long drives, spur-of-the-moment fishing jaunts or the theatre are not to your liking, better cross her off your list.

CAPRICORN. Ambition stamps the Capricorn female. Remember that she builds on firm bases. She likes to be seen with persons and to go places which enhance her prestige. She enjoys attending parties and going to church and being present at family reunions and civic recognition banquets. Feed this lady substantially and often. If you have travelled, that will have value, as will the fact you may have ancestors who participated in a historic event or who were government officials. Let her see that you are both budget-wise and fun-loving. Fine wrought silverware, genuine leather and zany jokes attract her.

Build up her ego. Her talents and accomplishments are terrifically important to her; yet she fully cease to belittle herself. Meanwhile, she is fully cognizant of the fact that she does excell in natural endowments and in expressions. If you like to have your own way, you had better drop her because

she will have the final say. Once her imagination is working, she can feel as slighted or as mistreated as can her opposite, Cancer. She is a worker and superb organiser, though apt to be slightly too egocentric for comfort of co-workers who do not want to be "yes-men."

Rather than flowers, bring her a plant. When it is candy, make it plentiful. Your date-bait car will have merit in her eyes, as will anything else that makes a showing, even though the finance company may be the major stockholder. Red often is the favourite colour of Capricorn persons. She like to go camping and also appreciates the conveniences of a modern kitchen or the comfort of a stratoliner. She is allergic to moving, preferring to establish a permanent home in the community of her choice. She will relish presiding at functions beneficial to your position.

AQUARIUS. If you would win the Aquarian lady, you must be casual, non-possessive, alert to the needs of the underprivileged, discriminating, financially on the up, gallant and have a sense of humour. Place friendship before food. Develop finesse in the art of talking—both in holding up your end of the conversation and in allowing her to express herself. Quality before quantity is her motto. She may or may not be one of the few of her sign who eats too well, but even then she does not lower her standards regarding quality.

She is appreciative of the florist's box around flowers. The note or poem chosen especially for her is received with full value to repay your efforts. In all probability, she enjoys good music: the opera, vocal or instrumental concerts. Do not bore her with routine. If she has been married before, she will probably marry again. While she would like to be informed about your background, perhaps meet your family, yet she is not desirous of becoming a member of a clan. She likes parties and people, but will prefer an occasional twosome at a secluded or unique place. Spontaneity delights her electric, mental nature. Freedom and variety appeals to her. Do not exhaust topics or issues. Do not pursue her, though she will want you to do the courting. But her interest will lag if you become overly insistent in your own cause. If she does accept your proposal, do not procrastinate in getting her to the altar.

Marriage is one time she desires to observe the proprieties, have a wedding where she is in the limelight. Possibly it is due to a love of drama and pageantry. While she is adverse to "doodads" and dust-collecting trivia, she does want pictures. Never ask her for an accounting of anything. Remember that if ever she is through with a relationship, that is it, period.

PISCES. If a Piscean lady is interested in you, you are as good as married. You will find yourself being worked on ; rather than resenting it, you will feel honoured to be so privileged. She is charm, femininity personified. However, she knows exactly what she wants and precisely how she will achieve her aims. Her changeableness and dilly-dallying will be maddening; but you will adore her for it ; excusing in her what you would not begin to tolerate in others. She is extremely sentimental. However, she feels that the wealth of the world was created for her pleasure and that you should provide abundantly.

While not especially strong physically, she is capable of working hard if she sees any reason for doing so. Once engaged, she can be miserly to save for your future home. However, remember sweet words, flowers on all occasions, possibly a dog and goldfish. She will expect to be taken to the best restaurants. She enjoys her ailments or injuries. The latter may be a splinter or a wee cut. But you must make much of it and give her due attention and sympathy. In turn, she will shed tears for you—though they may be only crocodile ones. She dotes on movies that make her weep, or on slapstick. If the listed attributes seem contradictory, you are so right in your reasoning—for that is your Pisces lady.

Oddly, for what one might expect from her sign, she prefers the mountains to the seashore. Probably she enjoys trout fishing. However, on the average, she chooses spectator sports to participation. If you are invited to her home, know that you are favoured indeed, for her home is her castle. She wishes all to be her friends, but only a select few receive the hospitality of her home. With her, sentiment continues after the "I do's." Her vivid imagination aids in keeping life intriguing if unpredictable. She will be a gracious hostess to your business associates, as well as personal friends.

For Brides Only

Let me whisper a word in your ear, a secret important to you for your entire married life and containing the basis of all your future happiness. You have married a man, and that word *man* contains meanings and implications of which you are as yet totally unaware. It will take you a lifetime to learn the meaning of *man*.

In your former maidenly association with him, you probably thought a man is somewhat like a woman, with a few differences. This is true upto a point. He is more physically active and impulsive; but he is built on approximately the same pattern, with two arms and legs, similar eyes, nose and mouth; he eats the same kind of food and used the same words when speaking.

Outwardly, he appears to be more or less similar to you; but the resemblance stops right there. Underneath the surface, deeper in his real character and temperament, there are major differences which can partly reveal themselves to you as time goes on. The basic astrological chart symbolises the contrast between you. The fire sign Aries portrays man's aggressiveness in action; the air sign Libra, standing diametrically opposite, portrays your own feminine flexibility and powers of adjustment. The two signs, dynamic and harmonic, oppose each other, the union of the two being that conflict in harmony which is the basis of all creation in Nature and in life.

A little example shows this clearly. Look at your two hands; they are built on exactly the same pattern; thumb, fingers, palm and so on. Lay your right hand on the table and draw a light pencil line around it. Now try to fit your left

hand in that pattern. It cannot be done ; but put them palm to palm, with the two hands facing in opposite directions, and the hands match exactly. In this, you can easily see the similarity of opposite poles that is the relationship between a woman and a man.

If you had been a bride centuries ago, the first time you saw your husband would be at the wedding. When he removed your veil, your expectant eyes might see a Prince Charming or a fat, ugly old man. Your happiness was not considered ; you had no choice. Consequently, you had no responsibility for what happened after marriage except to follow your husband's orders.

As a bride of today, you have made your own choice. Of all the men in the world—the tall and the short, the bright and the dull, the eager and the lazy, the trained and the unskilled—you have selected this man to love and cherish for as long as you both do live, as he has promised to love and cherish you.

This puts a greater responsibility upon you. As a modern wife, you must, of course, make a nice home in respect to comfort, food and all the other standard requirements of living. You will make your home a centre of contentment and happiness for yourself, your husband and your family.

But over and above all this, you have an even greater obligation. You must really understand your husband and the inner meaning of his nature. Without this, many of your other work and efforts may be wasted ; you would have a house and living place but not a true home. It is only when you get below the surface of his nature, when you become aware of his masculine qualities and discern the elements making him the man that he is, that you will be able to form a true home, a family unit bonded in love and affection lasting through the long future years, you will be together.

You have a large-scale job of study on your hands to understand this man who will play such a leading part in your life. This is not like a school course lasting a few months or a year. Fifty years from now, you will sometimes look at him, wondering why he acts the way he does. He is far more intricate and different from you than you realise ; so put your mind to the

job and try not to decide any point about him too quick until you have had time to think, check and observe.

Man in general is peculiar blend of imagination, childlike naivete and an aggressive desire to dominate. He is calm and strong, yet restless, impulsive and violent. He is cautious and practical, yet capable of throwing everything overboard in search of some visionary idea that you might class as foolhardy. Man has invented the wheel and the lever, the machine and the cybernetic brain. He has overrun the world, from continents apart to make the canals and dams he desires, climbed the highest mountains at the risk of his life and plumbed the depth of the sea.

Now he is in process of tearing the very foundation of Nature itself apart, the atom, and bending it to his will. Nothing in Nature withstands man's desire, and there is no limit to what he will yet accomplish in the years and centuries to come. Man is cooling dove and a bundle of dynamite wrapped in one vital packing.

Your husband is one of these men ; and your efforts to understand the deeper meaning of his nature, recognise that there are three major levels for you to consider. Let us take each one of these levels in order, so as to simplify the pattern for you.

The first level on which you must consider his nature is that of his natal zodiacal sign, with the various elements of mind, emotions, passions, restraints, working skills and other indications shown in this natal chart. Because of space, it is not possible to list the qualities of the various signs and aspects here ; in any case, you can read about him in more detail in the other chapters of this book.

His birth-sign qualities form the apparent level of his nature as a whole. It is this sign level which determines his education, his working job and earning power, the general pattern of his health and physical well-being, a large part of his affectionate response to you. It includes his early training and the qualities derived from his parents and family. The various birth-sign position and aspects form the man as you generally see him.

It is most important that you know your husband's birth-sign and the different mental, emotional, practical and other qualities contained therein, as it is on this level that you will have about three-quarters of your ordinary dealings and maintain your relationship with him. This is the side to which we responds as long as things go approximately the way he wants, in his association with you, in his work and income, his practical activities, hobbies and pleasures. Know and study carefully this side of your husband ; on it rests a large part of your happiness together.

But note this, after a time, your new husband is going to say or do something taking you completely by surprise. It may be he will want to throw up his safe job to take a new, risky one or move to a far part of the country where you have no friends. Whatever it is, you will be shocked and astounded, wondering just what sort of man it is you have married. You may even think you have made a mistake, that you have been deceived by him.

This will be a critical period for you. If you become either tearful or angry and argumentative, you will be able to settle the question between you in one way or another. But if you stop and think, you will realise that your husband is revealing a new aspect of himself, a second and unexpected level of his nature that so far had been hidden deeply within. If you now make the effort to understand this level of his nature, you will be able to become much more sympathetic to him, forming your marriage bonds into a truer and more harmonious union.

Your husband will respond, broadly speaking, to one of the major planetary groups. Astrologically, these are classed as the planetary ruler ; of these, there are eight. These are the Sun, Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus. There is a ninth the Neptunian ; but the true Neptune man is rare in numbers and so exceptional in himself that no woman could or would want to live with him.

The Sun man is proud, superior and dominant, ever desirous of being the leader and in the forefront of things. His enthusiasm and personal magnetism cause almost everyone to like him and defer to him ; so they follow his lead whether it is in business, politics, military life, sports or games.

Having a great store of vitality, he is healthy ; if he ever falls ill, he recuperates quickly. This vitality manifests itself in all he does, and he has little regard of sympathy for those weaker than himself. He can be tolerant and paternal to those in need, but not if it is too much trouble. He prefers to keep moving ahead to new and bigger goals, spurred on by his powerful ambition.

If you are married to a Sun man, see that his home is as rich looking as possible, filled with life and colour. You also must always be full of life and colour, looking your best, praising and flattering him, ever ready to maintain your position at his side as queen to his king. Support his ego, supply him with that affectionate warmth that contributes to his self confidence.

Don't ever fall behind or you will find yourself alone, but if you can know and keep in step with your Sun husband, he will carry you to the heights of power.

The Moon man is a combination of lethargy and restlessness. In many ways, he is content to take things as they come, satisfied with the same meals, clothes and other things he has had before. Yet he may suddenly want to move, take a trip, change his residence, meet new people ; he may release this restlessness by moving his hands and feet, talking from one subject to another, puttering with a series of apparently useless jobs.

Though many of his activities may appear aimless, the Moon man is deeply intuitive. Almost everything he does is for some ultimate purpose, whether he is consciously aware of it or not. His intuition is of great power when dealing with other people; he often knows what they are thinking, or about to do, before they know themselves. He is apt to understand you better than you do him.

For a Moon man, you will need to be not only his wife, but a mother to him as well. Personal contentment and ease of living are very necessary for his physical health and mental well-being. Whenever he is discouraged, find a new interest for him; keep him out of a rut. Always let him know that no matter how harsh the world may appear to his sensitive nature, he will

always find a loving haven at home where he can rest and recuperate his inner forces. Direct him to an occupation allowing an outlet for his restlessness, where he can meet and talk to many people. Affection is very necessary for him. When you really understand your Moon husband, you can achieve a mutual sympathy known to none of the other groups.

The **Mercury** man lives in and through his nervous system. Having an intensely active mind, he is continually thinking, weighing, judging and learning something. Quick in speech, alert in ideas, he is never at a loss for an opinion, no matter how complicated the subject may be. His occupation will probably be an intellectual one—teaching or writing, accountancy or science of something else using his mind.

Be aware that your Mercury husband's health is closely bound with his peace of mind. Ill health can cause him to worry and fret, while the pressure of problems could make him physically ill. Whenever he is unwell, always look to see if some problem is disturbing him.

To keep up with a Mercury husband, you must stay mentally awake. Be ready to play bridge, attend meetings or follow whatever other activities interest him. More important still, aim to learn a subject on your own account; know all about cooking, join the school board or learn drawing and painting so he will respect you not only as his wife, but also as a capable person in your own right. He may not always be dependable in little things; but if you keep up with his keen mind, you can lead a highly interesting life.

The **Venus** man responds only to the pleasant side of things. His nature is built on beauty and harmony, and he seeks this in almost every phase of his life. He always dresses neatly, in the latest styles and colours that match. He will go out of his way to avoid conflict and argument, which he considers ugly; but he searches for beautiful women, colour, music and harmony in all things. He can be a charming husband, friend and associate, but can suddenly become either angry or quiet and withdrawn if his rather delicate feelings are disturbed.

Married to a Venus man, you must be completely feminine at all times. Never criticise, quarrel or disagree with him; but

this does not mean that you must submit. Learn how to guide him firmly but gently. He will not succeed in any working occupation unless it pleases him and in some way uses his artistic, sympathetic and emotional qualities. If you really understand yourself, you will understand him and will then be able to make your marriage one of tenderness and mutual harmony.

The **Mars** man is filled with physical energy. Vigorous and active, he keeps going at something, anything, as long as it keeps him busy and uses his surplus energy. Rarely downcast, never despondent, he looks to the future with complete assurance that can fight his way through.

Yet he is impulsive, acting before he thinks ; and this means a job for you. Aim to keep your thoughts one jump ahead of his so that the minute he finishes one job you have another waiting, one that leads him to a constructive goal. Never flatter him, but always praise real results. Set high standards for both of you so his work will be of personal, family, financial and social benefit. With him, you will have to be on your mental toes every second ; life will not be peaceful, but it will be exciting and as dramatic as you wish. With him, never look back, only to the future.

The **Jupiterian** man is invariably lucky—in business, with money and people. Good fortune and opportunities come his way, often without his working for them. Because of this, he often tends to take his luck for granted, sure that the future will be even better than the past. However, life does not always work out this way. As his wife, you should see that no matter how fast he is moving ahead, you are laying aside a backlog of assets as insurance against the future.

With him, always be cheerful and hopeful, yet with a sound and practical judgement. Occasionally, you may need to guide his impulses and control his carelessness with money. Yet if you can absorb some of the cheerful self-confidence of your Jupiterian husband, you will strengthen and enlarge your own nature and will be much more capable of controlling and overcoming whatever circumstances life brings to you in the years to come.

The Saturn man is, above all things, practical. Slow and steady, quiet and conservative, he changes little from day to day or year to year. There can be times when his quiet disturbs you and you feel you would like him to show more energy and fire. Never forget that the fire is there, but it is controlled like a banked furnace which burns slowly and steadily for a long time without burning out in a short burst of heat.

You may miss some excitement, but you can rely on a Saturn husband for long years ; he will never let you down. Deep within and hidden from the world is a tendency to melancholy. Whenever he is unusually quiet, you will know he is disturbed about something ; so do your best to encourage and support him. Though he may never say so, he needs your support.

He is a practical man, planning his life step by step and following them one by one to the end. His pleasure lies in work. In time, he is sure to rise slowly to a position of responsibility. You can put all your troubles on his shoulders. Though your life with him may not be adventurous, it will be dependable. The longer you are with him, the more you will respect and love his admirable qualities of strength and continuity of purpose.

The Uranus man is rather erratic. Impulsive, idealistic, hopeful, always looking to the future, he is apt to devote his time, energy and money to some idea that might turn out to be crazy in the eyes of others or an exceptional invention that dramatically changes a major segment of our life and living standards. It is Uranus men who have wasted their time on useless perpetual motion and who also have produced the remarkable new inventions of our time.

True Uranus men are not common ; but if you are married to one, it may take you years or decades to find out his true qualities. All you can do is wait, have faith in him and trust in the future. He is searching to fulfill some ideal—and, in fact he may find it. In the meantime, look after him like a baby, manage his money, cheer him through failure or success, cherish him, devote your life to him ; he is a major responsibility placed in your care. He is a visionary ; he might be a genius ;

you must be the sound foundation upon which his vision can rest and be responsive to earthly reality.

In nearly every phase of his life, your husband primarily responds to his natal zodiacal sign, whichever it may be. Behind this, equally and perhaps more important, lies his dominant planetary ruler, which is his inner guide and stimulus.

Yet behind these lies still a third level of his nature. This level is not that of him as a personality, but as a man, on the male side of the human family.

No matter what sort of person your husband may be—whether he is calm or impulsive, materialistic or intellectual, a business man or a scientist—deep within him lie present the basic male qualities of aggression, violence, ruthlessness and anger, as well as the constructive forces of ambition, imagination, creativeness and high idealism. You only have to know some of the events of war or read the papers in peace to be aware of the tremendous heights of accomplishment and self-sacrifice to which some of the most apparently peaceful men can rise in time of stress.

Man is capable of literally anything, from dealing with the infinitely small electron to flying at incomprehensible speeds through the air. Now having landed to the Moon, man is daring to conquer outer space itself. Nearly anything man sets his mind to, he can do.

Your husband is one of these men ; and no matter what he may appear to be outwardly, he is potentially capable of the most dynamic expression, creative and otherwise. Our modern industrial life, the pressures of living, early training and personal inclination all combine to hide and repress a major part of these forces. Law and religion help to guide these wild and elemental qualities into constructive channels. Yet as his wife, you would be wise never to forget that they are within him, waiting to burst through to the surface when the right stimulus presents itself. What stimulus would trigger your husband's own forces no one knows, not even himself, yet there is one for him as there is for all men.

Man is a manifestation of the vital force springing from the dynamic sign Aries. Woman has her source in the balancing Libra, making her man's civilizing and harmonising counterpart. As your two hands match exactly yet are opposite, so you and your husband match in reverse polarity.

As a woman, it is your duty, your responsibility and glory to guide him so that you develop his positive and creative qualities to the full. To do this, you must know and thoroughly understand him, not only superficially, but to the very depths of his character and temperament as well.

As a bride, be aware that you have a major job on your hands lasting long years into the future. Tackle it with high courage and confidence and with intelligence as well; then hand in hand, you both can enter a future bright with promise.

For Bridegrooms Only

Allow me to congratulate you on your marriage to the girl of your choice and to extend my best wishes for your personal happiness.

Leaving behind the free and irresponsible years of bachelorhood, you are now at a major turning point in your life. You are assuming responsibility for the life and welfare of another person, a woman; together, you are entering a future which will bring many duties and opportunities, obligations and potentialities in the years to come.

Some of these will be onerous and even a source of worry; others will be a source of great joy. Yet you are a man, fully prepared to accept your share of the duties of living; you do not expect life to be all "bear and skittles." You wish to live life to the full and ready to meet the events of the future with eager courage.

Your marriage will heighten your perceptions and draw upon every element of your character. The twelve basic qualities of life, represented by the zodiacal signs, will be intensified and raised to a much higher pitch of action and expression within you. Now, on the threshold of your new life, it is time for you to consider these signs and the twelve rules for marriage so you can meet the events of life as a man and not merely yield to them like the child you have been in the past.

Here are the twelve basic zodiacal rules for a constructive, creative and happy life for you and your bride.

The Aries Rule. Be yourself with due restraint. You were born with your own temperament. Perhaps you are restless,

prefer loud colours, yet are very cautious with money. Whatever your qualities may be, you are yourself and up to now have been free to respond to your own inclinations. Now you have a wife, and you must recognise that she also has her own temperament. She also has been free to respond to her own inclinations.

Living together, personal differences will quickly reveal themselves. Some of these will be small, others major. Neither of you should insist on your own way; that will wound the other. Neither should yield completely; that will create a lasting inner disappointment.

Learn to guide your impulses, inclinations and desires so you can fulfill them reasonably, yet leave room for the fulfillment of her desires also. If you always insist on your own way, you are setting up a condition that might wreck your marriage. For example, if you prefer a vacation in the woods and your wife wants the seashore, find a lake near the woods which allows each of you to enjoy yourselves in your own way.

Adjusting your wishes to hers, yet still finding gratification, is the key to successful marriage. When each of you learns this, you will have gone a long way towards mutual harmony.

The Taurus Rule. Work for your living. This may appear to be an obvious rule, but it is not as obvious as you may think. It means not only earning money, but also how you earn it and what you do with it.

You must find an occupation suitable to your temperament and training, one that enables you to earn an honest living for your family. Your wife may like the idea of wealth, but she will not insist on it if you are happy in work producing necessities and reasonable luxuries.

Do not insist on spending every money yourself, supervising every outlay. Your wife is as capable as you in spending money—perhaps more so! Lay aside a due proportion of funds for such matters as taxes, insurance, food, clothing, savings for the future. Then see that each of you has a sum to spend purely for pleasure, without accounting or explanation. If you spend on smoking, beer or betting, let her squander something on perfume or other frills without arguing about it.

Arrange mutually satisfactory basis for handling money right at the start. Then stick to it. This not only helps you to stay out of debt, but also eliminates a source of conflict that has disrupted many otherwise happy marriages.

The Gemini Rule : Think intelligently. You were born with a brain; use it! A major part of the problems of life are caused by men responding purely to impulse. A man acts without any thought of consequences; then he, and sometimes someone else, pay the price.

You are going to be faced with many questions—some troubling, others containing opportunity for progress. Before deciding, always take time to think, study and weigh one answer against the other. Talk things over with your wife for another point of view; she will often see points you may have ignored or overlooked. Come to a mutually agreeable decision and you will have a double chance of being right.

Man is the only being in the known universe with an intellect, so do not waste your spending long hours hypnotised before a TV screen. Read the newspaper so that you know what is going on. Read new books to broaden your understanding. Continue to study, both in your occupation and for your general education. Develop new ideas; may be profitable in business. Listen to others and learn. Practice the ability to speak clearly and to the point; you may later use this in business, political, social or other activities.

Without knowledge, man is only a **workhorse**. Your brain is infinitely more valuable than either your muscles or your money, so use it profitably.

The Cancer Rule : Make a good home. Your home is going to be the basis of all your future family life. Decide with your wife whether to live in the city, a small town or the country; whether to rent or to buy. Talk everything over so you will both be contended.

Your wife will spend much more time at home than you; so let her have the last word as to the kitchen, workroom and various utilities she will use. If she wants fancy curtains and you want an ugly but comfortable chair, have both; give to her

on such points and she will yield to you. Never mind whether decorations are latest fashion; fashions change, but you and your family will go on through the years.

Watch home finances; do not become a slave to mortgage payments, taxes and other outlays. You will be doing right if you get a home as good as you can afford at as cheap a price as you can find. When planning a home, think of an increasing family, job prospects, future resale value, the general location, your nearness to friends and relatives, and so on.

A home is not merely a residence. It is the place where, after facing the hurly-burly of the external world, you can return to relax, recuperate and rebuild your energies. It is the centre of your wife's existence, but you should have a hobby room of your own. Aim to make a home that puts family comfort and harmony before wordly show.

The Leo Rule : Guide your children. Children will be a major problem and a major joy to you, perhaps both at the same time. While raising children, never forget one point : you were a child once yourself. You, thus, owe a debt to your parents, which you will repay to your own children.

You must raise them to be healthy and wholesome, ready and able to lead constructive lives of their own. You cannot leave their training entirely to schools and teachers; you must supervise every stage of their development. Make your home a centre of happiness so the children will prefer to stay close to you. Educate them according to their individual needs; train them in morals, ethics, to be honest and right thinking. When you are sure it is necessary, punish them with firmness. Support them through the problems they will meet in learning the meaning of life.

If you can instill in your children love and respect for you, in equal parts, they will grow up to be a credit to your name.

The Vigro Rules : Keep healthy. You have been younger than you are today. In those earlier years, you had more energy and vitality, stronger powers of recuperation. You could eat and drink what you **wanted**, stay out late, play at strenuous sports and take **physical risks**.

With the future of a wife and family depending upon you, you cannot afford to risk yourself and your health, for their sakes as well as your own. Therefore, watch yourself and your health. Eat a proper diet ; have sufficient sleep and rest ; relax with a hobby. Your body is a physical machine which will break under stress ; keep it healthy, with the long future years in mind

Observe the health of your wife and family. See that each has a regular medical examination. Supervise their diet, sleep and rest.

Physical health needs mental health. Be sure that all family quarrels and conflicts are settled harmoniously. A happy family contributes greatly to a healthy family.

The Libra Rule : **Know your wife is a woman.** This is complicated, and it will take you a lifetime to learn the whole meaning of it—if then ! You may consider, without actually thinking about it, that a woman is like a man except for a few physical differences. Do not make that mistake. While a woman is similar to a man, at the same time she is his complete opposite.

When you are strong, she is weak; where you are weak, she is strong. Where you are logical, she is impulsive and emotional. Where you are impulsive, she can be coldly logical. You exert ; she responds. You act ; she loves and absorbs.

Your wife is your equal and your converse. If you attempt to treat her as if she were another man, her contrasting nature could turn to antipathy and even antagonism. As long as you treat her as a woman, the union of your opposite poles can strike that spark of fire which is the essence of true love.

Being a man, you will never really understand her nature. All you can do is to try your best. As she will understand you more than you do her, you will reap the reward of her boundless love.

The Scorpio Rule. **Be unselfish in love.** Your wife's love nature can be compared to a piano. This musical instrument stands apparently soundless ; yet the strings are constantly

humming in response to every small vibration. Played upon, the piano answers to the touch of the player, producing anything from clashing discords to soft music to the full, rich chords of the great symphonies.

Your wife's emotions similarly respond to every touch of your nature. She jangles to your careless words or deeds, harmonises to your affectionate attention and will reveal the full-toned richness of her love if you are capable of rousing the depths of her inner being.

You are the composer ; she the orchestration. Your secret lies in being aware of her potentialities, sensitive to her feelings, unselfish in your desires. Discord or concord, noise or harmony, conflict or complete understanding—the choice is yours; you are the player.

The Sagittarius Rule. Cultivate your imagination. Your imagination is that elusive quality which can move you from the materialistic humdrum of everyday living and open to you the gates of fancy, inspiration and invention.

Do not ever allow yourself to settle in a rut, either of thought or of action. No matter how silly some thought may appear to be, let your fancy roam far and wide occasionally. Look at things from a different point of view ; be alert to new ideas, receptive to some change. If you let yourself become mentally srodgy, your wife and everyone else may become bored with you. Play with thoughts sometimes, as you play with your hobby.

Read books and gain ideas that may seem useless, now. They will keep you alert. Who knows, out of them may come ideas valuable to you in practical terms. The man with an active imagination is never bored ; life is always interesting for him.

Physical change is necessary also. Travel sometimes to new scenes and places, meet new people, see how others work and live. Your wife will need occasional change also ; explore at least part of the world together.

The Capricorn Rule. **Be practical.** Be logical in relation to the materialistic elements of the world of action. As you cannot lift a heavy weight by wishing, so you cannot expect to accomplish anything in the real world by merely wishing, hoping, waiting for luck or the breaks to come your way. If you want something—such as a better job, more money, the respect of others, more prestige and authority—be ready to work for them step by step until you have achieved your goal. Do not expect something for nothing ; be ready to give equal value and you will find your achievements are solid and lasting.

Whenever you give your word, be prepared to stand by it, even to your loss; men will respect you. Pay your debts. Expect and demand your rights, but no more. Be ready to face the world, secure in the knowledge of your own integrity. Do no man wrong, and let none wrong you.

If you are honest with yourself, you will be honest with others. Your wife and the world will respect, honour and trust you.

The Aquarius Rule. **Be tolerant.** Every man has within him potentialities for great evil and great good, and this applies to you also. Man can be viciously selfish, yet capable of the heights of self-sacrifice ; for an individual man, it is not always his own fault or his own virtue that bring one or the other to the surface.

With a few exceptions, no man can be entirely blamed ; nor can any man be entirely credited with whatever he may do. Before you condemn or praise, seek to understand the nature and motives of the man himself. By doing so, you will better understand your own strength and weaknesses.

Be ready to protect yourself and your family from deceit and evil of the world. But be aware also of the good that is in the world ; guard against intolerance and self-righteousness which would ultimately harm you and limit your understanding.

The Pisces Rule. **Have faith in yourself.** In the years to come, you will form many plans, have many hopes and ambitions. Some will fall by the wayside and be the source of

disappointment. Some of your hopes will succeed, leading you on to wider horizons and greater things.

No matter what comes your way—good, bad or indifferent—in the face of discouragement and in the light of hope, always hold true to an inner faith in yourself. Without faith, you have nothing ; with it you have a perpetual, inexhaustible source of courage and strength.

In reading over these twelve rules, you will quickly see that some of them appear to be mutually contradictory. You may ask, "How can I be tolerant and unselfish—and also be practical ? The former implies yielding to others, the latter looking after my own interests first."

Life itself is contradictory ; there is no one single, simple answer to the events and experiences that will come your way. Being married, assuming the responsibilities of your wife and your family-to-be, will bring you events, changes, difficulties and opportunities that will test you to the utmost. Each of these rules will be applicable in your life at one time or another, and you will rarely make a mistake if you follow them with common sense.

It is through the experiences you meet that your inner nature will grow in stature. You will broaden your understanding and awareness of the meaning of life. The zodiacal circle, divided into the twelve basic signs, symbolises the whole life. It is only when life is wholly lived that man can achieve his full dignity.

The twelve rules given here derive directly from the twelve zodiacal signs. These rules are not something to be read, then tossed aside and forgotten ; they are to be remembered and lived by all your life. The meanings and implications contained in them carry an answer to all the ordinary, and most of the unusual and extraordinary, events you will meet in the years to come.

You are a man, one of Mankind, which is the most intelligent, the most advanced, the most powerful being in the Universe. By marrying, you have come to full stature as a

man. Within yourself lie enormous potentialities ; it is for you to draw upon them to your maximum ability and to apply them in wholesome, constructive and creative terms for your own sake and the sake of your family. Look forward with confidence ; if there is one key rule you wish never to forget, it is this : **have faith in yourself.**

Living by these rules, there is one other guide to remember. In the ordinary, everyday events of living, you will be dealing with yourself, your wife and family and the remainder of the world. You will make decisions, lose your temper, talk things over with your wife, spend and save money, work at your job, play and carry on all other business of living a full life. In all these there is the danger of going too far, acting to excess. Remember also, therefore, one of the oldest and greatest sayings handed down from the past. It is this : "*Nothing too much.*" Due restraint in all things is always a wise policy.

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Marriage is a Co-operative Affair

Without a doubt, the highest form of cooperation is the marriage partnership, for it necessitates getting along together daily in the most intimate relationship that human beings know—that breakfast-in-the-morning relationship, when both may be sleepy-eyed and a bit grumpy.

It is "*togetherness*" during the dinner hour, when both husband and wife are tired out from the day's problems and everything just seems to go wrong; when children are ill and the bills pile up; when pressure of various kinds pull on the nervous system and both are at their "wits' end" to know which way to turn.

It is at times like these that understandings turn to misunderstandings and a pair of normal people often turn to warring in their own domicile.

It is said often that marriage is either cooperation or war; but the parties to the marriage contract hold it in their own hands to say which it shall be. This, of course, is only a partial truth, as many of the sayings that we so often treasure are. There are two parties to every marriage; if one tries to cooperate and the other refuses, then there is trouble for sure. But, just surely, if both parties try to work out a cooperative marriage, there must of necessity be a harmonious or, at least, a workable operation.

We will find the cooperation of the conflict indicated in the seventh house of the astrological chart, as well as an explanation why there is cooperation or why there is conflict. The aspects to the other planets by the rulers of the seventh and the first zones are also very helpful in throwing light on this.

True, the seventh house symbolises other things than marriage ; but whatever matters relate to the seventh house that are up for solution, the answers will be found in the same way. This is : if a person cannot get along with marriage partner, he is liable also to be in difficulty with a business partner, have trouble with lawyers if he has to deal with them, have open enemies. As a general rule, he will have difficulty getting along with those who are not symbolised by other house and their rulers in the chart.

The difficulty lies in the lack of ability of the native to cooperate with others—or, should I say, other individuals—in any close personal relationship. Many times, while the seventh house may be afflicted, if there is a harmoniously aspected Pluto, the individual may get along beautifully in groups of people, while he will have trouble getting along with some one person.

Life is a give-and-take affair, something that some people never learn. Some prefer to do the giving, and some make it a habit to take all they can get. There is bound to be difficulty in either case, in the long run. As there is a time for taking, there is also a time for giving—a balancing of the scales between the first house, one partner, and the seventh house, the other partner. In this way, harmony is reached and cooperation becomes happily the rule.

The sign of the natural seventh house is the balanced scales, Libra—symbolised as a woman with the scales in her hand. Blindfolded, she knows only that when they balance perfectly, justice has been attained. Thus, one side must hold as much giving as the other side does taking ; otherwise, justice is forfeited and there is trouble in the balance of life, love and happiness.

Perhaps, for marriage, we should put the woman on one side of the scales and the man on the other. As soon as one dominates, there is a shift in the balance—one side goes up ; the other side, down ; it is no longer a cooperative affair. While they may live together, there is, in some part of their lives, war—cold or hot, as the case may be.

The old idea of marriage was possession. It is the clash between the old and the new, the striving cooperation, for full

partnership by both parties, against this old idea that has caused—and will continue to cause—so many divorces.

Until such time as man and woman can learn the desirable cooperative ability of dealing with each other, difficulty will continue. Real cooperation is, of course, the ultimate to be desired; the topmost rung in the ladder of evolution, where two partners are in perfect accord and the balance holds even.

The pathway lies through the fifth house—love and children—or the seventh house—friendship and ideals. Either of these two houses makes a natural trine and sextile aspect to the first and seventh-house opposition, producing cooperation rather than problem or war aspects.

An understanding of the operation of these houses can help anyone in working toward a more cooperative understanding with another, toward the building of a more harmonious and happier accord with any partner.

Just as no life on this earth is perfect, so no chart of a native is perfect. There must, of necessity, be stresses and strains in the chart, just as there is in the life; but the stresses and strains need not be in the seventh house. If they are not then there is generally a happy marriage, unless the ruler of the seventh is afflicted. If the rulers of the seventh and first sectors are in harmonious aspect to each other, there are very good chances for a marriage that will last, even though other indications are such that there may be trouble and difficulty.

I remember one chart where the rulers of the first and seventh houses were in close trine; but the ruler of the seventh was badly afflicted otherwise, being in close square to Mars and Venus. Over the years, the couple were often in close session with the idea of divorce; they quarrelled continually over small sums of money (Venus); yet as they moved up close to separation, they would make up and all would go well until the next quarrel. They lived together for forty years, at which time the husband passed away.

In the foregoing case, you see, there was a lack of balance.

He held the purse strings tightly in his hands and gave grudgingly for small needs. In other words, he dominated her

with the power of money—not an unusual thing in rich families which this one was. This was a war between the old and the new, the idea of possession by the man, for a wife bought and paid for, to do with her as he saw fit. He had not evolved to the point of partnership. In his mind, he owned her. He could give her what he pleased.

A Taurean by Sun-Sign, the sign of possessiveness, his tendency to possess reached into the realms of possession of human beings, a condition that has been in common practice for thousands of years and still is deeply imbedded in the subconscious mind of many.

She was struggling for freedom, freedom for domination by the power of money through the mate. She would gain a measure of freedom for a little while only when she threatened to leave him. Thus, the balance moved up and down. First, he dominated with money; then, she dominated with threats of divorce. So it went for many years, the periods of harmony coming only when the scales reached a balance as they moved up or down.

As she learned through Astrology what caused the trouble, she gradually learned to handle her side of the partnership so that he was more reasonable, more understanding and more amiable. One party can do a great deal in an affair of this sort if he has an understanding of the condition and is willing to do his best to make life happier.

He was not a bad person at all. He had many good qualities ; but he was a hysterical, jealous, much older person than she. He belonged, really, to the old order of things—a time when woman was a possession. He was the kind of person who would have been perfectly happy to have owned and ruled slaves with an iron hand. He operated in this fashion with his employees and never could understand why they did not like him. Born into a changing world where, in his lifetime, women began to get their personal freedom as well as the vote, he was constantly frustrated and up against regular misunderstandings with his wife and others.

She had a brilliant mind which he was continually dousing with the cold water of his own misunderstanding ; yet, he was "proud as Punch" that she held a Ph. D. from University.

His difficulty was the same as a great many males in our present era—thousands years of male domination of woman in the subconscious mind, plus the fact that he was born and raised through childhood in that belief. Hers was the struggle of many of our still-dominated women of today ; trying to make a place for herself as a person, even though this was a subconscious push, born of the changing era in which we are all participating.

A understanding of this evolutionary process gave her a comprehension of part of the difficulty and helped her to move more slowly and intelligently toward more harmonious relations between herself and her husband. So, at least, those last years of the forty were much more harmonious and happier than the earlier ones.

These evolutionary conditions are so in need of understanding. For instance : what evolutionary pattern are you moving through; how about those around you and with whom you find it necessary to live, work and relax ? Their evolutionary pattern may be different from yours if they are much older or very much younger than you. So often we hear about the difficulty of one generation to understand or cooperate with the other. They are in different evolutionary eras. To understand this gives an insight into the personality of each other.

It is the large, heavy planets in the chart that characterise the era of change that one's pattern outlines. It is of value to know also the history of the evolution of a people so that you may understand what is in the subconscious mind or what is often spoken of as the unconscious race pattern.

This is true of nationalities as well as of races. The unconscious as well as sub-conscious of a German person would be different from that of a Japanese, a Hindu or even an Englishman. Any of them would be different from the unconscious and subconscious of an American, although it would make a difference even in Americans, depending upon the race and nationality pattern preceding the American pattern.

The marriage pattern in all of these peoples and races has been different from each other for generations ; even in India today, the pattern is changing, just as it is changing in other countries.

The man referred to previously, for instance, had been born with Neptune in early Taurus. Neptune is a slave planet when under affliction and in his chart, it was partly afflicted. Taurus is the sign of possession. To him, she was a slave, or should have been ; but she did not react that way at all.

His wife was born with a conjunction of Neptune and Pluto in the second decanate of Gemini in the sixth house inconjunct Uranus and Saturn in Scorpio. This was the signal for sex and money freedom through revolutionary change. Adjustments were to be made in the social order in Scorpio affairs through Gemini channels—talk, writing, the vote, written documents. The second decanate of Gemini is Libra influenced : this added changes in law and partnership.

With the position that she held as a rich man's wife, giving her free time because of servants, her brilliant mind and education made her a devoted worker in this evolutionary change of the status of women.

It was bound to bring trouble unless the two of them could come to some common ground of understanding. That they reached those ground during the latter years was a tribute to both of them. Marriage did finally become a cooperative affair, as it should be. Then and only then can it be a happy partnership.

Many, however, do not end so well. A high-placed male, when asked why he did not get into the swim and write his own biography, replied : "Because I would be ashamed of it. I have been married four times, and it took all those marriages before I could learn to get along with others."

Here was an unusually honest man but one who had, after many mistakes, as he put it, learned to cooperate with others—or at least one other, as he and the present wife are getting along rather well.

He was learning what cooperation with another can mean in terms of happiness and companionship. Often those with an afflicted seventh house have this problem to learn in this life. If they learn it, they often do find happiness, even though that learning may be late in coming.

Many times, too, some conditions in the seventh house or aspects to the ruler of the first and seventh zones change over the years. A progression may bring a more harmonious aspect into being. In empty seventh house many have a good progression move in or a heavy slow-moving transit may set off a good aspect for a time. In these cases, though, the marriage may not last long, being good only for the duration of the aspect ; but it is often more to be desired than no marriage at all.

I have in mind one that lasted only six and a half years. True, his sudden death was a stark tragedy ; but she made the remark afterward that she would not have missed those years with him as a husband, even though it was a short time. They were not always happy and they had difficulties in their adjustments to each other, for they were close to middle age when they married, but they were certainly much happier together for those few short years than they were in their original single state.

In this particular case, it was a Uranus-Neptune eighth-house inconjunct that foretold the result in her chart. She had Neptune in the seventh house sextile Venus in the fifth but inconjunct Uranus by eighth-house aspect in her first.

Progressed Uranus moved backward and progressed Neptune moved forward over the years, making just over six degrees between the aspects, while the progressed Mars moved up to conjoin natal and progressed Neptune, then moved far enough along to make just over a six-degree difference in a sixth-house inconjunct to the natal Uranus. The marriage lasted just that long. When transiting Uranus moved up over the progressed Mars and was squared by transiting Mercury, it was over so fast that there was no time for help.

Another chart with Neptune in the seventh trined by Mercury had Saturn inconjunct by sixth-house aspect. This marriage lasted almost thirty-six years.

As progressed Saturn moved backward and progressed Neptune moved forward within a degree of an exact inconjunct, the progressed Mars moved forward to inconjunct by eighth-house aspect to the south node (Ketu). As the transits aspected these progressions, the husband passed on.

In neither of these marriages was there a really cooperative partnership. It was a case of balance moving up and down, as each one gained an advantage over the other for a short time; still, they endured. As time passed, the cooperation became more and more in evidence.

I doubt that in either of these cases one would have left the other for they were genuinely fond of each other; but the old idea of man's possession of woman and the new idea of woman being a person in her own right was at the bottom of the difficulties in both of these cases. It is at the bottom of many such marriages and often the cause of unfaithfulness, drunkenness and immorality, where the parties, not understanding the basic concept of a partnership, find it impossible to live in peace and happiness with each other.

Transiting Uranus moving into the seventh house, even the solar seventh house, can bring about separation or divorce unless the seventh-house aspects can hold through the exaggerated idea of freedom that this planet often brings. This kind of an aspect can produce such a surge of emotion toward the idea of doing as one pleases that all commonsense seems to fly out the window.

One has the same tendency to cut loose from the old that a well-fed, well-housed and normally happy child may have in running away from home. There is an urge for freedom. How serious this may be, of course, has to do with the individual chart; but married couple who get this kind of a feeling should stop and check their ideas, their lives—and, most of all, their charts—to see what goes on.

They may find that they really do not want their freedom at all or that getting it would not be the best thing for them; that if they get, they would not want it after all. A little common sense, a little try at cooperation, a little looking into motives and an understanding of the difficulty, as well as the realisation that in many cases they will marry the same kind of person that they married before, can be helpful in finding out whether they should live separately or learn to give a little and take a little to gain a happy married life.

Can Success in Marriage be Foretold ?

The horoscope of the average human being reveals sufficient energy for a normal application of the general attributes of human nature. While this generalisation implies the existence of necessary energies for the biological fulfilment of an average love life, the potentials are of a basic and fundamental nature only. The choice of a mate, the acquisition of a shelter and the rearing of progeny may be considered as the fundamental biological attributes of human love life.

Just as the average individual is not too much concerned with whether he will eat regularly or not—he accepts this fact as a forgone conclusion—but rather with how *well* he will eat, so he takes for granted these fundamental biological attributes shall be his. However, he is desirous to know how far beyond these bare fundamentals his grasp may reach.

He would like to know how attractive and intelligent his mate will be, whether there will be a “meeting of the minds” to make for a fuller and a more uninhibited love life. He is interested in knowing about his prospective mate’s social characteristics. Will she be single-hearted or will she openly attract the attentions of other men ? Will she be affectionate or cold ? Will she possess sufficient managerial abilities to run the kind of a home he hopes some day to be able to provide ?

Thanks to modern Astrology, it is now possible for each individual to find the answers to these and other questions concerning the prospective mate by a study of his or her natal horoscope. To study the natal chart is to understand the

capacities of the individual; since it is impossible to express or to appreciate feelings or intelligences beyond our depths, we can determine the mental and spiritual capabilities of the individual by this systematised study. To know the capacity of a human form in the field of a certain intelligence is to understand the latent capabilities in that field. Capabilities need to be developed, and we develop abilities in the fields in which we have the greatest capacities.

So often we place the cart before the horse in our thinking. We normally admire a man who has successfully concluded an enterprise, while we look down on the who has failed. We believe that if we will study the steps that led to success in the life of this admirable creature and emulate his precision in our own lives, we will be similarly successful. This is the natural conclusion reached by this type of reasoning; but it is, nevertheless, a delusion.

Opportunities are rarely attracted by two different individuals in exactly the same manner. Somehow, similar situations do not develop in the same way, are not timed to the same degree; our efforts, consequently, are doomed to failure. Events occur—as successes or failures—not to much as a result of our own efforts, but as a result of our capacities, and abilities in a particular field of endeavour. By our natal capacities, we *attract* to ourselves events that make either for success or failure according to our latest potentialities. To know our own capacities and to make the most of our own abilities in those fields that promise the most fortunate attractions is the far wiser plan than to attempt to mimic the successful efforts of another individual.

The basic pattern by which we study the love life of an individual is threefold. First, we study the hyleg planet. In the chart of female, the Sun is the hyleg planet; in the chart of a male, it is the Moon. The placement by sign of this hyleg planet and its strength by aspects determines the general attraction the individual will have for members of the opposite sex.

The house in which the hyleg planet resides gives us another fact through which we can examine this opposite-sex attraction. The Sun in Aries located in an angular house in the

horoscope of a female shows a strong attraction for men of Martial type. The Sun exalted in Aries and placed in an angle of the chart makes this attraction for men of Aries influence particularly strong. She will be attracted by men of a Martial occupation : pioneers, explorers, business executives, soldiers or leaders of some type depending on the sphere in which she lives. The closer to the cusp of the angular house that Sun resides, the higher will be this leader whom she attracts. The farther away from this cusp that it lies, the lower will be the degree of the leader.

The Moon in Taurus in the horoscope of a man shows that he will attract women who possess a Taurean influence. He will attract women who are conservative by nature and who live according to established customs, who are sociable and of good disposition but conventional in their expressions of these attributes. The Moon is exalted in Taurus : therefore, the best side of Moon nature will be attracted here. The distance of the Moon from the angular cusp determines the social degree of the one attracted and has little or no indication of her other qualities. Because this is an earthy and fixed sign, he will attract women who are associated with land, houses or old established businesses, one who has or stands to inherit these things.

The hyleg planet is strongest in the sign of its exaltation and has, because of this placement, a comparatively fortunate influence. In signs of its debilities, it is less fortunate that is, it will attract less fortunate individuals. The Sun in Libra, sign of its fall, in an angular house, will attract to a woman the kind of man who has a taste for science and the fine arts, music, painting or poetry ; he may show some degree of excellence in this direction.

This position generally brings about an early romantic attachment or marriage but there is likely to be some trouble caused by disappointment or disharmony that will bring the matter to a dissolution and an unfortunate termination. The hyleg planet in Gemini will attract persons of intellectual or literary capacities ; in Cancer, folks of a homesy turn of mind ; in Leo, individuals of position and rulership, etc.

Aspects made to the hyleg planets indicate the special flavours that are added to the sign characteristics of the persons attracted. An aspect from Venus shows above-average affectional expression, while a strong aspect from Saturn indicates a lack of affectional expression. If the aspect from Saturn is fortunate, a constancy of feeling is indicated. An aspect from Uranus shows an erratic element in the nature of the attracted that will likely to come to grips with conventional ideas and may bring separation from friend and kin.

An aspect from Mars indicates above-average generosity, but it also denotes a crude manner of affectional expression. Neptune in aspect with the hyleg planet brings a flavour of the visionary and the possibility that schemes or plots will play a part in affairs of the heart. Mercury shows fickleness or extreme intelligence, depending on the sign in which Mercury is placed and the nature of the aspect it makes with the hyleg planet. Jupiter indicates that there will be an abundance of what it represents in the horoscope and that the attracted will be of a jovial disposition.

The kind of aspect made to the hyleg planet determines the fortune or misfortune of this special flavour. Under average conditions, the trine and sextile show that these special flavours are fortunate and compatible additions, while the square and opposition indicate that they are unfortunate. The conjunction is a different matter entirely and should be delineated according to the sign and planets involved.

A conjunction of Uranus with the hyleg planet in Aquarius shows that unconventionalities will take precedence in the character of the attracted, Aquarius being a stronger sign for Uranus than for the Sun. On the other hand, in Pisces and with Venus, the conjunction will have a benign quality—and its influence will definitely strengthen the affectional ties. Should the aspecting planet be stronger by sign than the hyleg, its influence will override the hyleg's influence and will become fortunate or unfortunate in accordance with the sum total of its multiple aspects,

When the hyleg planet is unaspected, the qualities of the person attracted will coincide exactly with the sign characteris-

tics of the hyleg planet. When many planets aspect the hyleg, more facets of human nature are open to attraction; and it is possible for any one or several of these special flavours to gain recognition. Of all the persons who are attracted, the one who will be chosen as the prospective mate will be the one who most completely exemplifies the composite of these influences shown in the horoscope. This does not mean that all gentlemen who pay their attention upon a young lady exemplify all the hyleg characteristics in her chart, but those whom she regards as suitors and as a possible mate do display these characteristics.

The hyleg planet shows the general types of the persons who will be attracted and gives us a clue as to whether the number will be great or small. The stronger the hyleg is by sign, aspects and chart placement, the greatest will be the number of persons attracted. The weaker the hyleg is and the fewer its aspects are, the smaller will be the number attracted. When many planets aspect the hyleg but one of them is outstanding for its strength, that planet will stamp its qualities indelibly on the individual chosen as the prospective mate.

In my files is the chart of a young lady whose Sun was within aspect to all of the planets except Pluto. A naturally attractive girl, she had beaux by the carload; but she carried off each individual episode with such a degree of flamboyance as to preclude the possibility of a lasting attachment. In addition to the other aspects her Sun made, it was conjunct Uranus and Mercury in Virgo in the seventh.

The prominent Uranus gave her a natural flare for many beaux, but the closer aspect of Mercury added a discerning and intelligent appraisal of her many suitors—Virgo is a very discerning sign. She later married a college professor of literature and very naturally accepted her position as a model wife contributing her full share to the success of the union.

A person will, therefore, attract the kind of members of the opposite sex whose characteristics most closely match the attributes of the hyleg planet and will choose, from among those available, the one who most nearly exemplifies these characteristics as the prospective mate.

There are, however, other matters that give the astrological student further insight into the love life of the individual. Sign position and aspects of the planet Venus show the amount and kind of affectional expression an individual will demonstrate. A Venus that is debilitated by sign, cadent by house and lacking in aspects denotes an individual who lacks the ability or the desire to express affectional matters demonstratively. On the other hand, when Venus is well placed by sign and prominent of house, making many and strong aspects with other planets, it shows the person to have a many-faceted nature for affectional expression.

The more essentially dignified Venus is by sign, the higher will be the quality of this expression. Inversely the more debilitated Venus is in the chart, the lower will be the quality of affectional expression and the cruder its demonstration.

Venus is one of the planets that possesses considerable latitude because it rules two signs in the zodiac—Taurus and Libra. It is exalted in Pisces, is in its fall in Virgo, in detriment in Aries and Scorpio. These signs, six in all, have a definite affectional expression. The highest quality is reflected by Pisces, the lowest by Virgo, with all the other expressions scattered in between these two extremes.

The houses in which Venus is placed gives us a clue to the part that affectional matters play in the life of the individual. Placed in an angular house, close to its cusp, it denotes a person in whose life affectional matters play a very prominent part. Placed in secondary or cadent houses, affectional expression plays a less prominent part, being superceded by the characteristics of planets lying closer to an angular cusp.

There is one effect of the house placement of Venus that you can check readily in the lives of those whose charts you have compiled. When Venus is strong and is located in a public house—ninth, tenth or eleventh—the native is given to public demonstration of affectional matters. He likes to kiss and fondle the object of his affections in public. When Venus is located in a personal house—twelfth, first or second—the native insists on making this type of affectional demonstration in private and is definitely adverse to a public display. The old

codger who fostered on an unsuspecting public the "*No Kissing*" signs in railroad stations of several decades ago undoubtedly had an unsuspected Venus posited in the twelfth house.

The affectional matters indicated by the planet Venus are flavoured and coloured by the planets that aspect it. A strong aspect from Jupiter brings abundance of affectional expression, while an aspect from Saturn produces a scarcity of expression. Uranus causes the affectional matters to be expressed in unconventional ways, while Mercury makes for fickleness and vacillation. Neptune's influence is both visionary and scheming, the stronger the aspect, the more involved are the schemes.

The influence of Mars is one of crudeness and aggression. Much has been written about the influence of Venus-Mars conjunction on the love life of an individual. Certainly, *any* Mars influence on the love life will result in a cruder expression than would be the case without the Mars influence; but in the case of the conjunction, a great deal depends on the sign and house in which the aspect occurs. Falling in a sign that is more favourable to Venus, the softer Venus influence predominates; in a sign that is more favourable to Mars, the rougher and more aggressive Martial influence takes precedence.

Fundamentally, Venus and Mars are the two social planets; and the stronger the two are in the horoscope, the more gregarious is the native—he seeks and enjoys the company of others and dreads being left alone. When the Mars influence is strong, however, and Venus is weak—as would occur with a conjunction in either Aries or Scorpio—there is danger that the expression of affectional matters may bring trouble to the native.

Fortunate aspects between Venus and other planets tend to bring benefic results to the native along the pattern of the two planets' influences, while unfortunate aspects tend to bring the opposite. When there is a scarcity of aspects to the two social planets, the native is inclined to be a social bore; but when the two are strongly aspected, he is the life of the party. Venus represents the passive influence, Mars the aggressive. A strong Venus influence in one of the opposite sex is the perfect foil for a strong Mars influence in the other. While certain

aspects to Venus are better for the native than others, so far as the expression of affectional matters is concerned, any aspect is better than no aspect at all.

For other romantic influences that determine the native's actions and reactions, we study the fifth house of the chart. The sign on the fifth-house cusp, its influence on romantic matters, planets in the house and house and sign placement of the cusp ruler give us a further insight into the type of romantic attachments the native will attract to himself. The six signs previously mentioned that catalogue the essential dignity of Venus affect the romantic interests more poignantly than do the other six, though each sign places its definite stamp on the romantic nature.

List the general characteristics of the sign ruling the cusp and then consider each planet in the house as reflecting its influence from the sign in which it is placed, remembering to visualise each separate influence as you did when we studied the affectional attributes of Venus : such as Mercury's influence is vacillating and fickle, Saturn's is restricting and confining etc.

When Mercury and Uranus are both prominent in fifth-house matters, there is a strong tendency for the development of duplicity in romantic affairs; the native is capable of carrying on two or more romantic affairs of equal intensity at the same time. This becomes more certain when the Venus influence is also involved.

Because people actually change houses in each other's charts when they get married and cohabitation begins, the influences that prevailed during the courting period sometimes change rather abruptly. When the attachment is still one of romance, the fifth-house influences are dominant; but when marriage takes place, the seventh-house influences are brought directly into play.

When seventh and fifth-house influences are similar, the transition from romantic attachment to marriage is a simple one ; but when there is a great deal of difference between the influence of the two houses, the adjustments required will be difficult. Whenever you hear someone say, "He was so attentive to her when they were going together ; but now that they are

married, he pays her no attention at all," you know that this is a case where a great deal of difference exists between fifth and seventh-house influences.

A strong first house influence bearing on the fifth house shows the native's desire for personal gratification in romantic matters at the expense of the partner's. When an adverse aspect exists between the signifiers of the second and fifth houses and the second-house signifier is the faster moving of the two, romantic affairs will be weighed on a monetary basis. When a strong aspect comes to the fifth from the third, brothers, sisters or neighbours will influence the romance of the native; fourth-house aspects show the influence of the home or father; tenth-house aspects denote an influencing mother or business etc.

It is wise to catalogue all the fifth-house influences, to study them separately, to weigh them as to their importance based on their individual strengths and to correlate them as a composite whole. Each separate influence will find expression, though that expression will be clothed and coloured by all the other influences brought to bear on the fifth house in the field of romantic matters.

The Astrologically uninstructed individual blindly follows the stronger influences of his horoscope, good or bad, much as an animal follows its instincts until, by trial and error and much loss of time and effort, he learns to choose the path that is best for him. The application of simple astrological advice early in life can avert many a trouble spot and can save years of aimless and fruitless searching by helping the native to choose to follow only those influences that his chart shows to be of a benefic nature. Actually, the great difference between an animal and a human is that the human has the ability of choice.

Your love life is an integral part of your entire being. An attempt to minimise its importance could be fatal to your best interests. Understand yourself thoroughly and allow only those influences to control you of which you have astrological evidence of their beneficial promises. If you will make this decision early, you will add years of usefulness to your life—and you will find it to be freer, happier and fuller.

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How Astrology can help You avoid Marital Pitfalls ?

Religion and civilisation have for centuries tried to make marriage a permanent contract ; but, to-date, the injunction of staying married "until death to you" part has not worked out so well. To get around the breaking up of a marriage, some religions instituted polygamy. Thus, when a man gets tired of his wife, he could take another without divorcing his first wife, but today polygamy is being abolished throughout the world, except in some few places. However, if I am to judge by the letters I receive, I must say that although polygamy is against the law, it is still being practiced unlawfully. One thing that is very difficult for the average woman to realise is that almost all males are by nature polygamous. Even Nature seems to endorse polygamy by producing more females than males.

Marriage is the most difficult of all partnerships ; it should not be entered into blindly because some persons were never by nature made for marriage. Others came from families where the early training made marital success almost impossible.

Love alone does not guarantee a long and successful marriage because one's love can change from one person to another as he meets others during his lifetime. I have seen many who were, as they said, "desperately" in love with a certain person ; then, in a year or two, they were "desperately" in love with another. This is all too common where sex is the basis for their "love" and is found in horoscopes of those who have strong configurations between Mars and Venus in the fire signs. Basing marriage solely on "love" is a method used by

most teenagers and explains why so many teenage marriages end in divorce.

In India and many other Asiatic countries, marriages are arranged by the parents of the bride and groom. The selection of a marriage partner is left to the more mature judgment of older persons. Some couples never see each other before marriage ; yet the record shows that the degree of contentment in marriage is higher than it is in the West. It must also be taken into account that Astrology is used to determine whether or not the couple will be compatible.

Disillusionment after marriage is the result of the building of a false ideal about the loved one. This also could be eliminated by a complete analysis of the loved one's horoscope *before* marriage. No person is perfect ; however, some people are obnoxious but are able to hide that side of their nature during courtship. If after an astrological analysis of the horoscope one finds that the intended marriage partner is not all that one expected, at least the degree of disillusionment will be lessened. Perhaps some way can be found to take care of personality faults. But this is risky at best if those faults are serious.

The best marriages are based on reality and commonsense. Always be certain that you love a person for what he (or she) is and not for what you think he (or she) is or on the idea that you can change his personality completely. Again, I must repeat that the horoscope shows the *real* person.

Sometimes a girl gets along in her late twenties, sees all her friends getting married ; then some soft-talking slicker comes along with a nice "line" and proposes marriage. Usually, he is younger in years but wise in the ways of women.

Women in the late forties and early fifties seem to be most susceptible to the wiles of these young charmers. Especially is this the case if they are widows who have inherited some property or money. Had they consulted an Astrologer before marriage, they would have been given a warning which would have, if heeded, saved them from the loss of all they owned. The horoscopes of these human male parasites always show what they will do after marriage.

One case in particular comes to my mind. About twenty-five years ago, a girl in her late twenties—who held a very important job with a large transportation company—gave me the birthdate of a man who seemed interested in her to the extent that he had proposed marriage. She wanted me to meet him personally, which I did. Knowing what his horoscope showed, I observed him carefully for an hour or so and left.

The next morning, I called at her place of business and told her that his horoscope showed incarceration in some penal institution and that after meeting him, I felt that the horoscope was not wrong. Not that he was not very affable—because he was and a very neat dresser, too. I can still hear her gasp when I mentioned the term in prison. She told me to keep quiet about that because she did not want her folks to know and wanted to see me personally as soon as possible. It turned out that he had signed other people's names to cheques and was sent to prison for several years for forgery.

I asked her how much money he had gotten from her, and she admitted letting him have several hundred rupees. He took the usual way out—he took off for parts unknown. Two or three bad aspects to Neptune and other twelfth-house compulsions spell trouble in any chart.

A short time ago, a young woman aged twenty-two came to see me regarding a love affair which seemed at the time to have come to an abrupt ending. It was plain to me that she wanted me to tell her that she and the young man with whom she had been associating would eventually be married. She came from another city and was staying at a hotel. Her erstwhile boy-friend was going to college and for about a year had completely forgotten her, so it seemed. She knew he must have another girl in this city or in the college, or, at least, so she thought.

Her horoscope showed the Sun, Moon and Mercury all tied up in Scorpio. The progressions showed Sun square natal Jupiter and Mars progressed to the opposition of Saturn (fifth to eleventh). These were very bad aspects, and the young lady showed the extreme tensions which usually accompany such progressions. Tragedy often is coincident with such

configurations, so I was looking for some way to calm her. I thought I had found it ; I was wrong.

Looking over the horoscope of the object of her affections, I found some significant indications. Mars and Neptune were in conjunction. Venus was moving but twenty minutes at birth and rapidly going toward retrograde motion. The retrograde phase started when the young man was seventeen years of age and, of course, got slower in retrograde motion as the years advanced until, when he was twenty-two, the motion was retrograde thirteen minutes per year. It will not resume its direct motion until he reaches his fifty-eighth year.

I asked her if she expected to live the life of a normal wife, with children, and she said she did. Then I told her that she had better forget all about the young fellow and seek other male friends. When the boy was eleven years old, the progressions in his chart were the same as the girl's natal planetary position, she being eleven days younger than he was. It was at that time she informed me that she had become fascinated with him. This often happens and is specially true when the girl is from fifteen to twenty days younger than the boy. Her Neptune is exactly on his Mars. Her Mars reached the opposition to his Saturn, and I fear some tragedy. Her progressed Mars is also in opposition to Saturn in her natal chart. This adds more danger. I had just started to tell her about this when she paid my fee and departed suddenly, without leaving her name. Her last words were a threat that if he would not marry her, she would see to it that no other woman would have him.

After spending more than an hour trying to convince her that he was not a good candidate as a husband for any woman, she still wanted him. If she told the truth, she had not been in his company for almost a year ; so there was no reason to believe that there were circumstances which compelled their marriage. Anyone wanting to set up these two charts may use the following statistics.

Female (9.00 p.m.) Sun 1° Scorpio, Venus 4°20' Sagittarius, Mercury 10°26' Scorpio, Moon 21°35' Scorpio, Saturn 13°20' Aries, Mars 29°54' Virgo, Uranus 16°25' Taurus, Jupiter 22°28' Aquarius, Neptune 22° 19' Virgo.

Male (Solar) : Sun 19°29' Libra, Moon 11° Gemini, Venus 29°51' Scorpio, Mercury 21°40' Libra, Saturn 14°12' Aries, Mars 22°35' Virgo, Uranus 16° Taurus, Jupiter 22°27' Aquarius, Neptune 21°56' Taurus : (Any astrologer can easily determine the dates from these planetary positions).

Marriage with anyone of this type is a risky business. The young lady based good judgment in having the man's horoscope analysed before she married him. I wonder if she took my advice.

Slightly similar was a recent case of a young man who came to see me about marriage to a girl quite a bit younger than he was. I saw that she was born a neurotic and told him so and that she was likely to remain that way the rest of her life. A look at the chart of her mother showed that the girl inherited her neurotic personality. This young fellow waited until the interview was over, and then it was that he told me the rest of the story—the girl was pregnant, and he was the cause. Under the circumstances, there was but one thing to do—and that was to marry her as soon as possible.

A few days after the interview, I received a letter saying that the young lady was in a hospital and seemed to be suffering a nervous breakdown. A psychiatrist was called in ; he confirmed what her horoscope indicated. She was in a bad way, and I advised him to marry her at once. They were married ; and although the young man has a problem on his hands, I believe that he is equal to it and cope with her eccentricities.

The disturbing aspects in the girl's horoscope were Sun and Mars in the twelfth square Uranus in the tenth house. At birth, the Moon was but two degrees past the square of Neptune. By progression, the Sun, Mars and Mercury were all tied up in the first house, each less than one degree apart. Saturn and Jupiter were in the ninth in conjunction. Mars and Saturn were parallel at birth ; Mercury and Uranus were also parallel. With that kind of horoscope, one's life would be so filled with obstacles that it would be a herculean task just to keep out of trouble. This is a perfect example of mixed-up emotions.

I believe that the high divorce rate in present days is caused by young couples entering into marriage with little or no idea

of the responsibilities which come with marriage. Today the material needs of marriage require a sizable income. Good mental health is also necessary if the couple is to cope satisfactorily with the numerous problems which will surely arise. "No matter what I do, my wife says it is wrong," said one of my clients. Her horoscope showed some very trying aspects to Uranus (including the Moon), and, of course, she was in a state of discontent most of the time. I told this client that he would have to make the best of it if he wanted to stay married to his wife.

A wife wrote, "We have had nothing but trouble for the last two or three years. I have caught him running around with other women, etc." They did not have any trouble before that time, she said, so I believed that there must be something in the progressions. Checking into the two charts, I found that the husband had the opposition of Mars and Saturn in his natal chart. Mars was at 28° Gemini and Saturn at $29^{\circ} 30'$ Sagittarius. The wife's progressed Sun had progressed to $27^{\circ} 30'$ Virgo three years ago; and by last year, it had reached 29° Virgo. That had brought her progressed Sun first square his Mars and then square his Saturn, thereby activating his Mars-Saturn opposition. My conclusion was that this was a temporary feud only and that divorce would be ridiculous. Divorce now would very likely be regretted latter.

This case shows how the progression affect marital affairs. Had this been pointed out to this couple several years ago, I would never have heard from this wife, I am sure. She would have been prepared for the situation and would have been able to cope with it. No doubt, the petty argument led to serious trouble and grew worse as the aspect neared culmination.

Here is another case which was the result of ignorance. The wife writes as follows; "My birth date is January 19, 1929 (approximately 4.30 p.m.). My husband was born April 5, 1931. I have been told that we are not in the right signs for a happy marriage, but I did not believe it. Then for different reasons, we slowly drifted apart. (We have been married about eight years). After two years, the light suddenly dawned on me that things were going from bad to worse. My husband began seeing other women. He knows I know, and he told me he did not love me

anymore. He told me that if I wanted a divorce, I should go ahead with the idea. However (and this puzzles me), in the last few weeks, he seems to be interested in me again. I wonder if that is only act. We have a three-year-old child. Has he really changed ?”

The first thing which stood out was the fact that she was older than her husband, with a retrograde Mars which was exactly opposite Saturn. Her Venus was in the double sign Pisces, and his Venus was in the same sign. This is one of the indications for plural marriages. His Jupiter is square Uranus, falling in her fourth and seventh houses—certainly not good for her domestic tranquility. She also has a double sign on the cusp of the seventh, another indication of plural marriages. His Venus coming to the conjunction of his natal Uranus in two years could mean divorce and another marriage. Was it supposed to be this way or could it have been avoided ? Would either have listened to an Astrologer nine years ago ? They would have been wise if they had.

Here is another case where competent astrological advice would have saved a woman many hours of misery. It seems that her husband is a truck driver who drives between two large cities and, of course, has ample reason to stay away overnight. She did a little checking on him some time ago and found that his overnight absence were the result of his staying with a woman in another city. Further investigation showed that he had a few-month-old baby by this other woman. This was after ten years of marriage to the driver. She has had four children by her husband. When the husband discovered that his wife knew about the affair with the other woman and the child, he, according to her statement, beat her up so badly that she had to have three stitches in her face. What should she do ?

Looking over the two horoscopes for the cause of his action, the first thing I saw was an applying square of Venus and Uranus and a square of the Sun and Uranus. Yet the usual indications of violent temper were not in the birth-chart of this man ; so I assumed that when he found himself caught in a trap, he fought back. He did follow the Venus-Uranus and Sun-Uranus urges in his birth-chart and had been caught in his

self-made trap. Other than the possibility (she did not send her birth hour) of the Moon being in opposition to Venus, there were no adverse aspects in her birth-chart. Anyone wishing to check on this case may take into consideration that the husband was born June 26, 1928 and the wife December 21, 1934.

Had the wife in this case been informed as to what to expect after marriage from a man with both Venus and the Sun square Uranus, she could have refused to marry him—or, least, the shock would have been appreciably lessened.

When I get cases like this, I often wonder what these wives would say if they lived in the Orient, where such things are tolerated—in many countries, they are encouraged. In some of the older countries, women are allowed more than one husband. Morals seem to be, to a great extent, a matter of geography. In a country where polygamy is practiced, Venus in adverse aspect to Mars or Uranus would be an asset.

In making judgement of a horoscope, the Astrologer must take into consideration such things as racial background and environment (both present and past). What the Astrologer sometimes thinks is right or wrong may not be what the client thinks about it. What the client's course of action will lead to should be pointed out to him. This is the Astrologer's duty; and if the client does not heed the advice and suffers; then the Astrologer is not to blame.

One of the most difficult things for the Astrologer is to try to convince a person that he (or she) should give up the idea of marrying a certain person. Of course, if one waits until he finds a person with a perfect natal chart, he may never get married; but, at least he will know what to expect, even though the birth-chart is not perfect. It takes a lot of courage to tell a person that his intended marriage partner is a hopeless neurotic or a psychopath, but all psychiatrists are faced with that problem; yet they cannot shirk their duty.

Even the doctor of medicine has times when he must inform his patient that he has an incurable cancer. Had the patient gone to his doctor before his condition became hopeless, he might have been saved. So get astrological advice as early as possible—*before not after.*

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Surmounting adverse Marriage Aspects

"We all never get along ; his Sun squares my Sun." "Her Mars is square my Saturn, and you know what that mean." The Astrologer nods his head in complete agreement—and we have fallen into the same old trap.

It is very true that afflicting aspects between those entering marital and business partnerships are often very difficult to resolve unless the people involved want to find a common meeting ground where these adverse planetary energies can work themselves out. If they lose the battle, they divorce and seek someone more congenial. In the change, they may find themselves with the same old problem in a new person, for people have distinct tendency to seek their own personal diffractions in another.

Marriage is an emotional partnership with physical over-tone ; as such, the afflictions are given much greater play than in a business relationship, where the persons are related only upon a specific plane. The man with Mars trine Saturn may relax the whole afternoon with his feet on his desk, pulling ideas out of his brain like rabbits out of a hat. Eventually, these ideas are passed on to his partner, whose own Mars is opposed to our executive's Saturn. As this is an outward mutual aspect, he shapes those mental fancies into workable form. The Mars Man, once he gets into his own stride, does fine—until he goes home, where his wife, whom he loves in most of the aspects of her nature, has a Saturn that squares his Sun. This means that if he tells her that he has been shaping up H.J.'s newest brain-child, she will promptly ask him why he is not smart

enough to think up a few things on his own that would pay him more money. Therefore, he says nothing. The next day, he takes one of the typists to lunch ; she has her Jupiter conjunct his Venus and thinks he is the intellect of the century.

The adverse aspects between charts are those where the heavy planets—Mars, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune and sometimes Pluto—are in conflict with each other or with the luminaries, especially the Sun, for that is the spark of individuality in every chart.

Afflicting aspects—square, opposition and inconjunct—between the Suns of prospective partners have always been delineated as distinctly unfortunate for material happiness. Naturally, by this reckoning, only those with favourable Sun to Sun aspects are harmoniously married ; and all others are either divorced or fighting like cats and dogs. Any two Sun-Signs can get on if they sincerely make the effort to do so, although when they know that for some reason they are *not* supposed to, often they will make a determined effort to fight so as to bear out the prediction. We will take those aspects of the Sun that are supposed to be inimical to each other and show where the unfortunate effects can be at least pared down, although they may not be entirely eliminated as a source of discord.

SUN-SQUARE-SUN. A square of the luminaries means that the couple involved are basically of a different elemental background. As an example, we can use the Sun in Aries square the Sun in Cancer. We assume that the Aries native is the epitome of the sign in character, as the Cancerian is of hers. Her need to protect and establish permanent foundation in life will conflict with his desires to experience new situations—a march across the Rockies or establishing a fruit stall in the Arctic. She must endeavour to reroute these actions on the basis of commonsense rather than allow him to seek the new only because it is unfamiliar ; but she must do so without injuring his ego.

We can say, therefore, that the square acts as an aspect of restraint ; and whether the discipline is valuable or not can only be predicted on what the other person needs for his development. It certainly need not be a coercive relationship

on either side, as all one partner needs to remember is the final denominator of the other and how to utilise it to the best advantage in the union.

SUN-INCONJUNCT-SUN. This aspect often occurs where the partners are so widely divergent in goals as to be somewhat ludicrous upon close examination. As the inconjunct is also a health aspect, one of the partners may have a problem in this respect. We may use Princess Margaret and Antony Armstrong Jones to illustrate. His Sun falls in her solar eighth house ; and her Sun is in his solar sixth. He had polio, as is well known. The sixth, as the house of work, also comes into play, in that only recently has he been allowed to go to work ; and it seems to be a position where he cannot collect a salary for his labours. Thus, his Sun in her eighth house does not in this case lend to her financial support. This is an extreme case ; but one can find other examples in which the persons concerned are in some very important way unequal, and the inequality is one of basic issues and cannot be adjusted on a superficial level. The one must accept the innate difference, and the other must not presume upon it to crack the whip. Let us say that Taurus had the gift of making money or prospering materially in diverse ways while Libra has the art of making beauty or holding others as friends. These potentials are inherent in the individuals, and one can learn from the other ; but they cannot disdain the accomplishment because the one considers his gifts the more valuable.

SUN-OPPOSITION-SUN. This aspect is primarily a partnership relationship and really should not be considered unfavourable ; however, there are times when it manifests in an unfortunate manner. A young woman whose Sun falls in her tenth house has a chance to marry. She is not domestically inclined and has no wish to give up her career, at which she is a marvel ; but she feels that she can handle the two together without too much trouble. Her potential husband agrees that she can do this without damage to the union, at least in the beginning.

He was born with his Sun in his fourth house of home : and as they both share the same ascending sign, their Suns oppose each other from the fourth to the tenth. Basically, he wishes

to be the ultimate voice in his home, which also means that his dependents are *dependent* in no uncertain terms. The fact that she shines in her own sphere begins to annoy him and finally to arouse his feelings of inferiority, for she has more dominion in the outer masculine world; this leaves him with rulership in the home, which is essentially female. Thus, the opposition results in a struggle for position and, if continued, will break up the union. The Sun opposition the Sun holds this kind of threat unless each partner can understand that the qualities of each are complementary.

There are in addition other outside influences that can have a damaging effect on a marriage. The phenomenon of a third party menacing a going relationship is well known; it may be a friend, in-law or relative who is the potential interpolator. There may be no ulterior motives of any kind, or the person can be deliberately destructive. In any case, something in his or her planetary make-up sets off a chain reaction of doubts and distrust between the partners.

A married man with his Sun in his seventh house of partnership has a close square aspect to his fourth-house placement of Saturn. We can readily see that this partnership will suffer from his severe and limiting attitudes in his home life. His brother, an exceedingly successful man in material matters, deposits his Uranus on our man's Saturn. With the best will in the world, he wishes his brother to enlarge his home, tearing out a few walls here and the purchasing new luxuries for the benefit of this sister-in-law, who is becoming a drudge. These radical procedures anger the Saturn man, who takes it out on his wife when his brother leaves. Thus, the brother must either cease to call or keep his mouth shut. If the wife wakes up to her home situation under the stimulus of the brother-in-law, the marriage will begin to crumble, not because of trouble in the marital relationship itself, but due to lack of affection in the home.

This young woman has just married. Her husband's Venus is conjunct her fifth house Sun placement—the domain of love and children. They get on very well, although her husband's Neptune in his seventh is square his wife's Sun, thus square his own Venus, an emotionally deceptive aspect. His mother

arrives for a visit and deposits *her* natal Mars on her son's Neptune. When he was under her dominion, she subtly came between all of his potential partnerships, with insinuations and implications ; and she now uses the same technique against his wife. She succeeds temporarily in sowing doubts of his wife's love in her son's mind. It is touch and go for a while. However, she leaves ; and the Sun-Venus conjunction reasserts itself, as it is the stronger of the two aspects ; but the wife must be on her guard each time her mother-in-law visits them.

The Larger Planets Exert a More Lasting Effect

SUN-CONJUNCT-SATURN. The bane of the ancients was that old dragon, the Sun conjunct Saturn, between partners in marriage and business. When we find in an individual chart the Sun square or conjunct Saturn, depend upon it that any potential partner will have a similar Saturn affliction in his or her own chart—first, because like goes to like ; secondly, because Saturn conflicts thrive on difficulty. They will do it the hard way every time.

The Sun conjunct Saturn in marriage assumes that one will supposedly discipline the other ; usually, Saturn dominates the Sun. Yet in the final analysis, the Sun may be the restricting factor in shunting Saturn into paths favourable to the Sun. The burden of Saturn on the Sun is the fact that it will not move without assurance that it is going in the right direction. The dependency grows at a monstrous rate if the Sun happens to be a naturally authoritative person ; and if the action should turn out badly, as it sometimes does, Saturn will hold the Sun responsible. Fortunately, the Sun usually will accept the so-called burden of Saturn without murmuring ; but if he decides to drop it, he will do so.

SUN-SQUARE-SATURN. This is a different matter entirely ; it seems to be a case of frustrating behaviour on the part of Saturn. Saturn always wishes to be safe ; unfortunately, his usually happens at the expense of the Sun. Unless Saturn is considerably developed, it throws obstacles in the path of the Sun, from a security aim, and at the same time tosses cold water on the Sun's ideas and projects. The Sun then devises its

own plans without consulting Saturn, and this naturally leads to quarrels and recriminations on both sides.

Saturn for some reason demands so much of the Sun that it is impossible of fulfilment ; and the Sun sooner or later begins to realise that it can never measure up to these requirements. Saturn is primarily at fault in this combination and must do the most spadework on its faults—which are shown as excess materialistic ambitions. The Sun needs to put down its foot and keep it down against Saturn's demoralising tactics.

SUN-OPPOSITION-SATURN. This aspect is really a hindrance between charts for the simple reason that it pulls away the vitality of the Sun or renders it impotent by the artless process of inertia. When it is working on its full debit side, all questions and problems run up against a wall of indifference ; the Saturn does not even take the trouble to fight, unless it is with sarcastic remarks or pointed comments to which there is no possible retort. The favourable angle of this position is that it does save the Sun from many headlong actions by just not going along with them. The clue to this problem is that Saturn must utilise the gift of sympathy and understanding ; it lacks the emotional approach, and the Sun needs this to function usefully in the world. At the same time, Saturn will find itself expanding under the solar rays—if it will only accept them.

Sun aspects to Neptune work more directly upon the emotional plane and do not have very much to do with material circumstances, except in situations where there is deception in that particular area.

SUN-CONJUNCT-NEPTUNE. This, if there are other harmonious indications between the partners, is a strongly psychic tie and one of great spiritual strength. Other people are not likely to understand these people, so it is best that they seek their companions among those like themselves. The partners are very much alike in temperament ; and if they are going down a thorny road, they do not in the least mind going together. It is often found between musicians or painters ; any couple both active in the arts will have close aspects between the Sun and Neptune from chart to chart.

SUN-OPPOSITION-NEPTUNE. This aspect is a sort of lower level of the Sun conjunct Neptune. It lifts the Sun into a more rarified sphere of the mind—one may even say mystical—but it is not easily sustained. It is quite often found between partners with an extreme difference in age ; and it is Neptune who is the younger of the two. It cannot be the sole holding point between people, however, since it is subject to a considerable amount of outside interference.

SUN-SQUARE-NEPTUNE. Neptunian squares have the reputation of being treacherous, malefic. Certainly, the rewards of their manifestation seem to be dubious in value. It is by and large a very confusing aspect between partners, solely because of the inability of the Neptunian individual to keep to a mundane level in his or her dealings with the Sun. Neptune will not limit itself, even for its own good ; thus, the Sun feels insecure in its company and proceeds to try to fence it in. This only succeeds in provoking a long course of elusiveness on the part of Neptune, who evades and retreats. It is better if Neptune is the female, for men expect a certain amount of feminine subterfuge in emotional relationships. Its worst effects are a lack of trust between the partners and the possibility of deception because of previous unsavory experiences in life. One should always know as much as possible about the prospective mate before cementing the union.

Sun-Uranus Aspects are more Explosive and Outward in effect

SUN-CONJUNCT-URANUS. The Sun conjunct Uranus is more than unstable, although the energies of the planets are in many ways very similar. It presupposes that the partners will be put out of the ordinary in some manner, since it inclines toward the unusual in taste. It is a yoke indicating originality and new ideas and does well for enterprises where new methods and somewhat eccentric processes are required. Unfortunately, it is violent and holds the threat of sudden dissolution of the relationship. The partners walk out on each other, sometimes with blows accompanying the departure ; and the union is marred by the most erratic changes. The only solution is to allow each participant much independence and freedom and to remember that the partnership cannot be static at any time.

SUN-OPPOSITION-AND-SQUARE-URANUS. While the aspects are not similar, the effects are just as drastic. The keyword is freedom. The persons possessing this kind of interchange will not work together if they feel in the least any kind of challenge to their ultimate domination of their immediate environment. Uranus of itself is not inclined towards partnerships ; to behave in concert with others is galling solely because more than one person seems to be conforming to something. The cry of the Uranian is—and we have heard it—“*I am consistent in my inconsistencies.*” Unfortunately, this clarion declaration is usually proclaimed to empty air, since by this time, their audience has evaporated in the direction of more “consistent” signs.

The square is the much more destructive of the two aspects; but the clue to getting on with it is to be prepared for the very swift changes of the Uranian partner. The Sun will always stand rather four-square, while Uranus runs around it. We found that this combination parts and comes together with regularity ; but if Uranus shows continually that it resents the Sun natural position as the fulcrum of the union, the relationship will disintegrate.

There are a series of aspects that are regarded as particularly unfortunate when found between potential mates.

MARS-CONJUNCT-SATURN. This one is considered one of the most potent for mischief ; but only when it is found between really undeveloped people, does it incline toward personal violence. Saturn has a facility for knowing the vulnerable spot of Mars and quite often eggs it on, only to rein it in suddenly. The ultimate is that Mars, not quite sure of its powers, yearns to demonstrate them concretely, sometimes by the simple expedient of a blow in the teeth.

It does have a constructive side that is readily apparent to those who are able to appreciate it ; and that is a sure foundation in action and planning—Saturn to plan and Mars to execute. It is finally, a case where collaboration at the same speed is a necessity. Once that is established, the union is assured at least on that level.

MARS-SQUARE-SATURN. We really find this one a tooth-grinding aspect, and it does bring out the very worst in

the people who share it. Neither seems to want to give in to the other in the most elementary issues, mainly because the desire of each is to retain power over the other. Saturn frustrates Mars by insisting on a slow digestion of any and all problems and at the same time infers a distrust of Mars motivations, which cannot help rendering the partnership one built on quick sand. Unfortunately, Mars, in the bursts of enthusiasm, does not mean all that it says; and Saturn insists on holding it to its promises and statements. In marriage, its portents are dire unless Saturn can be less rigid. Mars must be more given carrying out its actions without leaving out essential parts of the pattern, which it is very prone to do, for its sins are those of omission and carelessness.

MARS-OPPOSITION-SATURN. We have a much more flexible meeting ground in this mutual inter-change, for an opposition implies that some qualities lacking in the one may be found in the other. In this instance, Mars brings Saturn out and dissolves its fears about the course of the actions that Saturn is engaged in planning. Saturn provides a bulwark for Mars to return to, when it is tired of going about in the world. On the debit side, Saturn must not downgrade Mars, dreams and desires as wishful thinking; and Mars cannot regard Saturn as a rectifier of mistakes he may make because of his habit of cutting corners. It is bit more favourable if the Mars belongs to the feminine member of the union.

MARS-CONJUNCTION-URANUS. There is a considerable body of evidence to substantiate that you cannot get on for long with someone whose Mars afflicts your Uranus, and it is borne out in the majority of cases at hand. It does not produce explosions as much as it gives rise to a long series of irritations and annoyances, quarrels and sharp words that in time kill the union. The more time persons possessing this conjunction spend together with nothing to occupy their energies, the more dangerous the ultimate result. They must be out and around others, as this act as a leavening to the relationship. This is the pair who spend hours thinking up the next sharp retort. Whether there is a quarrel in view or not, they store up ammunition. Unless something from the outside intervenes to head it off, they will provoke a fight so they can use it.

This conjunction does well in any undertaking where speed and motion are required, as well as in any pioneering endeavour ; but it needs the shoft answer continually and room where each can retire and take a deep breath when the battle threatens.

MARS-SQUARE-URANUS. While this is more violent than the conjunction, it has the saving grace that one of the partners is usually unable to keep the battle going at a sustained level—as a rule, the Uranus—and leaves the scene. Quite often though, the decamping member keeps on going—and that is the end of the marriage. One of the partners, usually Mars, cannot seem to count on the continued good-will or support of Uranus and continually insists on testing. Uranus resents having to give proof of anything at any time, and the war is on. This is really an adverse angle unless there is a Venus or Jupiter influence to calm it down. If not, then the only solution is to realise that there is such a thing as fighting constructively and learn the art ; otherwise, the partnership is destroyed—often between people who are really meant for each other, barring this one conflict.

MARS-OPPOSITION-URANUS. This is a short-circuiting aspect in that it manifests as a sort of "I will move-if you will move." Most of the time, no one moves ; so it ends as a stalemate. This aspect is not in any way as violent as the preceding ones, although an extraordinary amount of manoeuvring is possible from Mars, in which case Uranus just steps out of the way of the stratagem and pursues the course it was on when so rudely interrupted. Uranus tries to dominate by a kind of horrible unreasonableness, which only stirs Mars to wrath. Discussion is the only answer, and it works quite well when both partners will agree to it.

MARS-CONJUNCTION-NEPTUNE. This aspect is by reputation unwordly, weird and psychologically detrimental between marital partners. We would think that much depends on other planetary factors in the two charts. It is almost completely predominant in the emotional area and has the effect of stimulating the Neptunian individual to sometimes unsafe heights. On the other hand, Neptune can hold Mars in a vise of sensationalism, which keeps it from seeing the depths to which it may sink. It is fortunate, though, for people who

desire to work together on some really uplifting project and who also have some more hard-headed contacts ; but it does drift and, if not kept on a high level, may eventually degrade the relationship.

MARS-SQUARE-NEPTUNE. Deceit rears its head here because of a certain amount of false emotionalism between the persons. Neptune very often does *not* feel what it professes to feel but, for purposes of its own, pretends ; and Mars believes what it wants to believe and, in most cases, is the one who possess the point. It is not good between partners precisely because it produces a nebulous kind of tie that cannot seem to ground itself in the emotional realm. Business may be wonderful, the home resplendent and all outward things seemingly in harmony ; but, inwardly confusion reigns. Unless some outside help is forthcoming, the partnership is doomed on the level of feeling because of its spurious nature, for neither partner has enough insight into the nature of the other.

MARS-OPPOSITION-NEPTUNE. This is more of an aspect of temperament than emotion. Neptune finds it difficult to make up its mind about Mars' interests ; and Mars wishes to pull Neptune out of its limitless concerns, where it has a propensity to travel around in a circle, into an active situation. Neptune always fears the light of day on his enterprises unless he knows the Sun is ready to go in the moment he comes out. This aspect is much more easily resolved than the others, as there is just a need for Mars to realise that an oblique rather than a direct approach will ensure Neptune's eventual response. There is a school that persists in allotting a supreme degree of subtlety to Neptune, when in the majority of instances it is only confused.

Saturn in aspect to the larger planets has a long-term effect; and for this reason, the damage is not seen until it is too late. It chips off a bit here and a bit there so imperceptibly that the structure is worn down without anyone noticing that the building is crumbling until it fails.

SATURN-SQUARE-SATURN. This is the most limiting of these aspects, for the individuals concerned are both right in *their* way. It is not the situation of one being slipshod and

the other perfection, for they both arrive at the goal but by different paths ; the method is what provokes the strife. It is, on its most malefic side, a fight to finish, with each intent of reducing the other, come what may. This impasse of the emotions can only be resolved on a basis of live and let live. Should there be a Saturnian afflictions in the individual charts, then the person involved will press their points because of a feeling of inferiority. Finally, the couple can live together in a reasonable amount of harmony if they realise that the trick is for the one to do what the other has not the inclination or the talent to perform.

SATURN-OPPOSITION-SATURN. This aspect is frustrating between partners because one assumes that there is an appreciable difference in age between them. It is especially so if one of the pair has Saturn in his or her seventh house at birth, for he is already restricted in partnerships, marital or otherwise. There is not too much emotion in this alliance, although there may be a considerable amount of protectiveness in the relationship. The danger is that each partner may be so contained within himself that the union takes more of the air of a business arrangement than a marriage, and indeed this aspect is often found between people whose marriage is one of convenience.

SATURN-CONJUNCTION-URANUS. Saturn tends to feel circumscribed by the independence and unconformity of Uranus but all the same respects its freedom-loving ways. Uranus, when it is working on its best side, is quite good for Saturn, for it is the master of quick action and in material matters is an aid to Saturn, who might otherwise delay too long and loose the prize altogether. In marriage, it is an inspiring contact ; but care must be taken that Uranus does not push Saturn just to show its strength, for there are times when delay is just as valuable as speed. It is somewhat more fortunate if the Uranian is the female half of the team, as distaff intuition is very useful on behalf of Saturn.

SATURN-SQUARE-URANUS. Marital concerns suffer, under this aspect, from an excess of Uranus freedom coupled with Saturnian restriction. There are times when freedom falls to license, and Saturn's ultra-restraining capacities seem to come out more so in this combination than in any other. The

capricious attitudes of Uranus manifest in a deliberate attempt to shock Saturn ; for this reason, the alliance is in perpetual hot water. If Saturn can turn a blind eye to the Uranian behaviour and ignore it as one overlooks the attention-getting tactics of the child who is holding his breath continually to bring you into line, the relationship has a chance for survival.

SATURN-OPPOSITION-URANUS. This aspect is interesting from the viewpoint of discipline, for it is quite often that Uranus will beg or otherwise indicate the desire for Saturn to keep it in line, realising that it *has* to be checked occasionally. Uranus never wants to restraint itself ; all the same, however, it knows that one cannot always be changing, most of the time to no purpose ; there has to be a boundary line somewhere. Frequently, Saturn is elected to draw the ring-pass-not ; and Saturn in this role by request is much more successful in fulfilling it than it would be if inspired by its own exclusive inclinations.

SATURN-CONJUNCTION-NEPTUNE. While such a combination between marital partners occurs with regularity, it is not likely to be too important unless one of the partners has an exclusively Saturnian approach toward life that is basically material and the other one is Neptunian to excess in its emotionalism and psychic attitudes. It is a negative aspect and promotes a certain indifference to feeling in both.

SATURN-SQUARE-NEPTUNE. Saturn in this combination can scarcely restrain itself from stamping almost literally upon Neptune, who retaliates by evading Saturn altogether. It is not a good angle between partners in money matters, for Saturn will use the withholding of material benefits as a punishment, and Neptune will then plot ways and means to get it away "by hook or crook." It is a true aspect of deception when found between individuals of low moral calibre; for the union is usually consummated with visions of monetary gains as the ultimate advantage. It often turns out that each finds the other is not what was represented. Another facet of this aspect is that of seeing foolish and very gullible occult ladies give large sums of money to "masters," who need it to get in touch with "the forces." Neptune may be very inept in handling itself, and Saturn has no hesitancy in appointing itself guide and mentor. There is a need for stronger and more fortunate placements

between charts to mitigate the deplorable manifestations of this one.

SATURN-OPPOSITION-NEPTUNE. Unless the aspect is very close in degree, the general effect is a rather diffused difference of opinion upon life's spiritual or material values. If the aspect is close, then Saturn takes the reverse view of the Neptunian philosophy of trust in the Unseen and trusts in his gilt-edged bonds. Often Neptune becomes a bit more practical and Saturn a little more reverent, which is all to the good. It is much better than the conjunction in effect and can never be as frustrating as the square is apt to be.

I have not included Pluto because of that planet's subterranean consequences. I know that it has an effect on marital relationships, but it does not enter into the unions contracted on those planes that I am concerned with in this present delineation.

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Should I Get A Divorce ?

This is probably the most serious question put to the Astrologer and one that should never be answered until the horoscopes of all people concerned are studied very carefully. Where there are children involved, the situation is more complex.

With divorce becoming more numerous each year, this has become a serious problem. Many divorces can be avoided if both parties will consult a competent Astrologer. In these days, when there are several million working wives who work alongside men in the office and factory, temptations are also more common than they were in past years, when wives had only the job of taking care of the home and her children. Today, many working wives are becoming tired of doing both jobs—that of taking care of the home and also helping pay the bills.

Then it happens. Some man where she works tells her that she is doing too much for her husband and invites her to go out and have a good time. At first, perhaps the friendship is platonic only; but sometimes it ends up in something a lot more intimate. My mail is full of such experiences. It is the woman who usually becomes conscious-stricken—the man goes on his merry way feeling he has made a conquest and, as a rule, planning still another.

Women do not understand this difference in the male and the female. Love is serious to a woman, but men can treat it very lightly if it is convenient to do so. This is not a new psychology because it was known even in ancient times, Ovid mentioned it in his "Art of Love," written in the first century A.D. The human has never changed psychologically since the

dawn of history. Why should he when we consider that the same planetary aspects appeared in the heavens then as they do today?

We must also admit that in some cases divorce is the only way to bring peace of mind to the person who has taken on a mate who was psychotic to start with. Alcoholics are in most cases hopeless, and marriage does not change them at all. Many will marry the alcoholic with the idea that after marriage he will change, only to find out that those hopes are groundless. Alcoholics get married thinking that marriage will change their craving for alcohol. This is also an illusion in almost all cases.

Confirmed alcoholics do not care to go any place where liquor is not served. The Neptunian complexes usually found in their horoscopes make them want to live at all times in the dream world of alcohol. This is their escape from the troubles and pressures of life. Seven out of every ten letters I receive place the blame for marital discord on the excessive drinking of their mates.

Then, as night follows day, comes the admission that financial worries are becoming unbearable (drinking costs money). Also come gripes about beatings by drunken husbands. Many wives complain about the husband being impotent. This is one of the results of too much drinking, of course.

What has all this to do with Astrology? The alcoholic, the impotent man and the frigid woman have definite indications in their horoscopes; but if these indications are not congenial, then perhaps it is the progressions which cause them.

Astrology stands at the top of the list when it comes to pointing out the reasons for marital discord, you can be sure.

Here is an example of a case: "Would you be kind enough to answer my letter and tell me what to expect from my mate in the future? He has been unfaithful in the past. He lies to me and is a sneak. I try my best to be congenial. He expects me to act and dress in a way that I will be admired by other men; but if I even as much as treat other men in a friendly manner, he raves and fights with me. At times I wish I could sprout wings and fly away from it all. He is moody and mean

and is always smiling to himself as if he were up to something. I try my best to be a good wife. I have been told over and over that others do not see how I put with him at all. I have seven children, and four of them are married.

"I have covered up many times for my husband's unfaithfulness because I did not want my children to know. My 23 years married life have been a nightmare, and I do not think I can endure it much longer." One of the other things she said in her letter is that although she is a little over forty-four, she is often taken for 32 or 35. That last remark is very significant to anyone who has studied the psychology of the woman in menopause.

Here are the birth dates involved if you want to set up solar maps: Wife—December 10, 1916; husband—May 15, 1916—no birth time given.

The first thing to do, I believe, is to scan the horoscope of the one making the complaint, which I did. Here we have a woman in the menopause period of life. She feels that her charms are fading; hence, she mentions that she is often taken for 32 years of age. Of course, she could have other reasons for saying that; but the subconscious mind is a subtle one. With her Venus in Scorpio applying to the square of Uranus, it is very likely that Nature gave her strong sex desires. She mentions that her many years of marriage have been a nightmare; and when we look at what the husband has in his horoscope, we can believe that.

Although she has had seven children, she has not been satisfied with her husband due to the fact that when she married him his Venus was moving but 12 minutes per day and gradually going retrograde. It is now completely retrograde and will remain that way for many years to come. The progressed Sun in his horoscope is conjunct his natal Venus; so he gets the idea that the pastures will be greener if he looks around a little; but he is chasing a rainbow, which no doubt his experimentation has already shown him. This is made doubly sure because his Venus in its retrograde journey has now reached the position of his natal Saturn.

His progressed Mars has just passed the square of his natal Mercury, which has not added to his enjoyment of life either.

In his natal chart, he has Mars and the Sun square. He must be hard to get along with. Men who have Venus retrograde in their horoscope are always hard to get along with, as many women who have married them will testify.

Before I place the blame on this husband, let us take another look at the wife's horoscope. She has Jupiter and Saturn square, in addition to the square of Venus in Scorpio to Uranus in Aquarius. I have noticed that this has a tendency (or shows a tendency) towards diseases of the sex organs. Many women with this affliction have had hysterectomies or other surgery on their sex organs. Here we also see Saturn in Cancer, which adds to the danger of such health disturbances. In about another year, her progressed Sun will have come to an opposition of her natal Neptune ; and that spells more trouble for her.

Certainly, she has not much to look forward to. This opposition added to her natal square of Venus and Neptune adds up to trouble—very likely trouble of her own making. She married a man who is rapidly becoming impotent ; in fact, he has been going that way for several years. Her Venus in Scorpio makes such a mate almost an impossible one. I have a good idea as to what she will do when that progressed Sun reaches its opposition to Neptune.

I now have another letter which is right to the point : "I wrote you recently about my husband's not working at that time ; you answered saying that I had no need to worry about that, as he would get a good job soon. Since that time, he has gotten a good job but has started to drink and has another woman. There has been a legal separation. Is a divorce indicated and who is to blame?" She sent the following dates: hers—July 20, 1923 ; her husband's—April 2, 1919.

In reply to the wife's question as to whether a divorce is indicated, I would have to say that it is not if the birth dates she sent are correct. She with that square of Venus and Saturn at birth, and he, with his progressed Mars square Saturn, do not exactly spell domestic tranquility. I know of one woman (a Cancerian, too) who divorced one man and then married another one and during most of her second

marriage lived a brother-sister existence. She had that Venus-Saturn square in her birth-chart, too. On the other hand, the husband was born when Mercury and Saturn, Saturn and Mars were trine.

At the time the wife wrote me, Neptune was transiting over Jupiter in her natal chart, adding to her normal confusion. Very likely, she was not feeling too well either. She asks, "Who is to blame?" She married an Aries man. Cancer is too sensitive for Aries in most cases. If he is drinking and running after other women, it does not show in his natal chart—he is doing it to escape from an intolerable condition in his home ; if the wife is creating this condition, then of course she is to blame. The husband's Mercury and Mars in conjunction in his natal chart, coupled with his Sun in Aries plus that progressed square of Mars and Saturn, would make him very pugnacious now ; and that is too much for Cancer. But I do not think they will divorce.

Here is another case where the wife could have gone to psychiatrists, marriage counsellors and what have you and I doubt if any of them would have detected the main reason for her marital troubles. When I read her letter, I suspected the reason. Most complaints are based on legitimate astrological aspects in the horoscope ; and after running down the causes of marital troubles in hundreds of cases, one gets to the point where he can almost set up a chart by what the person complains of. In cases like the following, the wife seldom tells the real reason for her troubles.

"My husband left me about a month ago, and I am eight months pregnant. I was told to have him arrested, but what good would he be to me if he were in Jail? We have a lot of bills and have filed for bankruptcy, but we do not have the money to go ahead with it. When he left me, he was running around with a friend of mine—at least, I thought she was my friend. My husband says I never acted like I loved him, although I have tried in every way to show him that I did. I think that if we had not had so many bills, we would have gotten along and he would not have run away. He says he wants to come back and start all over, but people tell me he just

wants to wait until the baby is born and then he will take off again.

"Do you think that we can get together and work things out now? I have worked for four years. Will he ever stop chasing around. He always said he did not chase around with women, but I know different. His mother always kept him tied to her apron strings, and perhaps that is why he is sowing his wild oats now."

First of all, this young woman has a retrograde Mars at birth which just recently started direct but is going only 3' per year by progression. She did what many women with a retrograde Mars do—she married a younger man, putting her in competition with younger women. Her retrograde Mars made her rather frigid, giving her younger competitors a big advantage over her.

Furthermore, this young woman was born with two strikes on her. In addition to the retrograde Mars, Venus was square Neptune from the seventh house of marriage. Saturn in the fourth was in opposition to that Neptune in the tenth. Neptune has now retrograded to the exact square of Venus in her seventh, showing the trickery and deceit of her marriage partner—something any good Astrologer could have told her would happen if she married this man.

The wife gave her birth time, but did not know the hour of birth in her husband's case. But on looking at the husband's progressions, I find that the Sun will make an exact conjunction with Uranus in his natal chart in about two years; and this does indicate that he will be sowing wild oats for at least five years more. So she has nothing much to look forward to. In this case, I can advise divorce while the wife is still young. I think that it will happen, in as much as the wife has Venus in a double sign and she has been married but once. I hope she knows enough to marry an older man the next time.

The husband has an opposition of Venus and Neptune, and this falls in her fourth and tenth. He also has Mercury square Jupiter, this adverse aspect falling in her second and fourth houses. The sooner she gets out of that marriage the better for all concerned. I would advise all serious students of Astrology

to set up these two charts and study them carefully. The dates are: wife—April 25, 1935, 7-30 p.m.; husband—March 26, 1936.

Marriage falls apart when there is no sexual compatibility, too many bills for the income to take care of and excessive drinking which costs a lot of money these days. The heavy drinker who was born when Mars and Saturn were in adverse aspect is the kind who becomes mean and beats his wife when drunk. Sickness which lasts a long time also contributes to divorce. Mental illness is the worst of all because the real reason is not always known at the time of the divorce. Many divorces should not be allowed for this reason. In some cases, peoples are not mentally capable of marriage and the marriage should not be allowed.

"I have always believed the changing position of the stars affect our daily lives. I am writing this feeling as though I am telling my personal troubles to a psychologist or psychiatrist. I am very troubled. I am 32 years old—born February 11, 1929—and have four children. What I would like to know is whether my health will change for the better soon. I have felt terrible since I had my first child.

"All these years, I have just dragged through life trying to stay with it, always hoping I would feel better some day. Four children in six years have been too much for me. I have never been able to take care of my children, my housework or anything properly because I always feel so bad. Due to many financial difficulties, I have felt that I could not afford a doctor often enough. I went to one about a year ago, and all he gave me were some pills and shots for my nerves; they did not help me at all. I got a bill for over one hundred rupees which we thought we would never get paid.

"I would like to go to someplace if we could afford it. We moved to the town, but that did not do me any good either. If I try to plant a garden, I fall over—must be low blood pressure. The time of my menstrual cycle brings on so much pain that I think I should have a hysterectomy. Do you think I will get better?"

About the first thing which came to my mind on reading this letter was a retrograde Mars in her horoscope. I was partially right about this because Mars at the time of her birth was moving only ten minutes per day in orbit. For three months before she was born, Mars was retrograding and turned direct only two weeks before her birth. Of course, it is still less than normal (24' per day).

When a woman consults me who has had a hysterectomy, I first look for a retrograde Mars in Scorpio and perhaps afflicted by Saturn. In this case, Mars was in Gemini and opposed by Saturn in Sagittarius. Her Sun originally in Aquarius squared Mars by progression two years ago. However, the progressed Sun is applying to a square of Saturn from Pisces. This makes a five-year period between the exact Mars square and the Saturn square, and I have noticed that the adverse period usually lasts until the last square has been reached in cases of this kind; so she has not seen the worst of her case yet, in my opinion.

Her Mercury has not progressed to the opposition of her natal Neptune, and she has become panicky about her condition. Perhaps she is exaggerating her feelings. Saturn is also moving up to the progressed opposition of her progressed Mars. It is no wonder she is in a panic, as her letter shows. If the husband is not told of her true condition, there is likely to be divorce in this case, too.

I advised her to place herself under the care of good gynecologist as soon as possible but try to skip that hysterectomy because the retrograde Mars indicates that there is something deficient in her endocrine glands and the cutting out of something might cause more trouble—which I have seen in many cases such as this.

Women with a retrograding Mars need careful and special treatment. (I have always been a believer in proving theories with facts, and the clinic is the best way to arrive at facts in Astrology as well as medicine.) The combination of the coming adverse aspects could mean suicide in this case. If something happens once or twice coincident with a certain aspect, it does not mean much; but if it happens one hundred times under certain astrological conditions, it does mean something. That is my idea of astrological practice.

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Was that Divorce necessary ?

About half of the several hundred thousand divorces each year could have been prevented if the parties to the suit had consulted a competent Astrologer who understood the stresses and strains produced by Uranus, Mars, Saturn and Neptune when making adverse aspects to Venus, the Moon or Sun. Sometimes Jupiter also enters into the picture.

"Although I divorced my husband two years ago, I cannot forget him and I think I still love him," said one woman not long ago. She said in words what many others have told me by their actions. The one thing prominent in all these cases where divorce is regretted is the fact that they sued for divorce under an adverse aspect of Uranus. Sometimes this aspect was from the progressed Sun. In many cases, the aspect was that of Venus going to an adverse aspect of Uranus in the birth-chart.

Although I have seen Uranus and Venus in adverse aspect in the birth-chart where there has been no divorce, I have found that these people stayed with their mates only by what they thought was extreme sacrifice on their part. The urge to break the marriage ties was always there. Nor have they even been under the pressure of a progressed Sun in parallel or in adverse aspect to Uranus which might have given them the extra impetus to make a break. Believe it or not, I have found that about half of my complaining clients were themselves to blame for their marital troubles. These had to be told the facts regardless of how much it hurt. The doctor who sees a case of cancer must tell his patient the truth if the patient is to be helped.

A person suffering from a parallel of Mercury and Saturn or an adverse aspect of the progressed Mercury or Sun to the natal position of Saturn can usually recite long lists of troubles and abuses coming from others, especially the marriage partner—who, of course, happens to be the closest in association.

In most of these cases, divorce seems to be the only way to end their imaginary troubles. Even suicide is often contemplated. Here is where the Astrologer can point out that their troubles are about over and that divorce will be of no help and neither will suicide. The mental condition must be changed by engaging in some philosophy which makes the person an extrovert instead of an introvert. He must be made to realise that his present troubles are very likely no worse than many of his past troubles were but the adverse Saturn aspect gives him the feeling that all is about over and the worst is to come.

Then there is the woman who meets a man where she works and believes that just because he talks gently to her, buys her a few things and proposes clandestine meetings, he is head over heels in love with her. Look in the horoscope of this woman and you find some Uranian involvement, usually temporary; the whole romance (?) blows up in her face eventually. Her husband hears about it and a divorce follows. Whose fault was it? The answer is obvious.

The same situation often arises when the planet Venus come to a progressed adverse aspect of Neptune. In any case, if the husband had consulted a competent Astrologer, he might have been told that his wife's conduct was only a temporary lapse and that it might never happen again, especially if no adverse Uranus aspects were to be found in her natal chart.

The most tragic infatuation seems to come from adverse Venus-Neptune aspects. When this is found in the natal chart, the native seems to be the victim of misplaced affections most of his life. Neptune in the seventh house seems to bring the same complications in marriage.

The transiting Neptune in opposition to the natal Sun and of Venus may cause temporary troubles in married life. The effect can be of a year's duration; of course, divorce under such conditions should be discouraged. One cannot form logical

conclusion under the influence of Neptune. The mind see mirages. Divorce under such circumstances usually leads to future regrets. One's mind should be clear of all delusions before divorce is decided upon. The victim of Uranus, Saturn or Neptune does not function with a clear and logical mind.

The foregoing is but a brief discussion of the inadvisability of divorce while under the influence of adverse astrological aspects. There are other complications. But perhaps it is better to go on to the cases where divorce is a necessity.

Squares and oppositions tend to create a neurotic temperament and often lead to severe alcoholism. If the alcoholic was born when Uranus and Mars were in adverse aspect, he or she could be dangerous while under the influence of alcohol. The same holds true with the person who has Mars and Saturn adverse, while under the influence of alcohol. Alcohol has the tendency to release the person from the restraint of inhibition. He does many things which when sober he would not do.

A transit over the place of the adverse Mars, Uranus or Saturn brings out the adverse character of the aspect. His or her will-power to control the congenial aspects is gone, and the one to suffer most is the marriage partner. Sometimes the children also suffer from the furious outbursts of temper during the spree. Crimes of violence by these people are matters of police record. Cases where women are involved are usually complicated by severe afflictions to the Moon from Uranus, Neptune and Mars. Such persons should never use alcoholic drinks of any kind.

I have heard hundreds of stories of severe beatings from wives of men with such aspects in their birth-charts. The sooner such a marriage is broken up, the better for all concerned.

But here is the sad part of the whole story. Once the divorce becomes final, the neurotic looks around for another marriage partner; the new partner then becomes another victim of viciousness. A neurotic finds it extremely difficult to live alone. Perhaps he must have someone handy to torture. This applies to the female neurotic as well as the male.

Some neurotics marry four or five times during life. This is not unusual because when inspecting the horoscopes of ex-wives and ex-husbands, it is common to find the same psychological types portrayed in all of them. That may be the reason for the numerous divorces. The neurotic personality is interested only in another neurotic if one's experience is of any value at all.

If the Astrologer finds a well-balanced horoscope tied up with the typical neurotic's horoscope, it is his duty to so inform the client who may not realise the cause for his or her domestic trouble. Being mentally ill is an illness, the same as stomach trouble or any other physical ailment. If the client shows deep neurotic indications, then it is the duty of the Astrologer to advise psychiatric treatment.

In the field of marital troubles, the Astrologer deals mainly with female clients. In many cases, it is the complaining party who really is at fault and should be told so. One doctor in a state mental hospital told me that the value of Astrology is in the ability to diagnose mental illness in a few hours, whereas it took him two or three weeks to determine the extent of the illness. This is a challenge to all serious students of Astrology, who should by all means study abnormal psychology as a valuable adjunct to Astrology.

In these days when there are too many eager lawyers ready to get divorces for any kind of neurotic, based on hallucinatory complaints and injuries, the Astrologer can prevent the ever-rising divorce rate by ascertaining whether or not the causes for a divorce are permanent or temporary only. If there is no hope for a change in behaviour, any competent Astrologer can tell that from a correct horoscope. Above all things, he should be ethical enough to tell the truth and not sympathise with his client if sympathy is not best course. To resort to flattery of a client is the usual procedure of the common fortune-teller and not the duty of the ethical Astrologer who respects his calling.

The examination and analysis of hundreds of horoscopes has shown :

1. Adverse aspects between the malefics create tensions.

miserly, nor characteristically frugal, but during emergencies she knows what to do. She will stretch a meagre income to its limits, and still have something left over for a movie.

TAURUS. Men who have missed the financial boat seldom get very close to a Taurean girl in the first place. If your income runs into five figures—well and good. You have made a happy match and money will never materialise as a villain in your life. But if you are the constitutionally indigent type, you would better have a good excuse ready when rent time rolls around. You Taurean wife will stand off the landlord just once. She won't work all hours over a budget, and won't tolerate one even if you are willing to keep it yourself. What she wants is lavish living and a place in the Sun for you, herself, and the family. Money in your Taurean wife's opinion, is something that should be taken for granted. It should flow in steadily, and there should be no stinting, no stretching, no going without. She will take a job herself, if there seems no other way to beat the high cost of living.

GEMINI. Gemini girl will almost break into tears if faced with a budget that won't work itself out, and it is definitely upto the man in the case to take over where money matters are the big concern. Provide plentifully for your Geminian wife, and never a sad moment will darken the days of your marriage. But if your income falls short, the problem will be right in your own hands. You have married a very feminine woman, one who is willing to do her best to be everything: a wife and mother should be. She can darn your socks and keep your shirt collars whiter than snow—but burden her with a budget that is impossible from the start would be taking an unfair advantage. To be beautiful for you, she will spend a week's pay on a gown and afternoons at the hairdresser, but if you bring up the cost you will leave her floundering because she just does not have the answer. Keeping up-to-date glamour-wise may eat into any income, but luckily for Gemini women they almost always pick men who head for the high tax brackets from the start.

CANCER. Your Cancer wife feels it is her job to be wife, mother and companion. From the very beginning she relegates financial responsibilities to the man she married. He would

better be on the ball. Men who cannot make money, or who cannot seem to climb to solid financial achievement seldom attract Cancer women to begin with. These shrewd Cancer girls are uncannily capable of picking the perfect mate. Sensing their own capacity for devotion and loyalty, and a cooperative spirit that borders on self-sacrifice, they do not dare make a mistake. Try, above all, to get your own home. You could not make her happier. Then, if the burden of meeting those monthly payments keeps you worried, you can bet your Cancer wife will understand. Do not be surprised if the kids are the first to be clothed in the finest or if Junior gets the choice part to the steak. To the wife born under Cancer, the coming generation is all important.

LEO. Yes, during financial emergencies your Leo wife can keep a budget and pinch those scanty pennies—but do not make her do it too long. You have married a woman who looks to luxuries as necessities, and who will take the monarch's palace any day to that rustic little cottage by the stream. A leader in her circle, she will fight to uphold her regal autonomies even if the family budget blasted along the way. Your job—make money faster than she can spend it! Actually, she can be your finest asset in your own climb toward financial respectability. She will keep a hard working husband "in the field" by dragging him out of bed on those "morning after" days and sending him off to his job with one eye closed and the other staring intently ahead. If fiduciary restrictions tighten to the unbearable point she will take a job herself—perhaps as an extra in a TV show or as a fashion expert in a "carriage trade" shop. If her expenses are high, she nevertheless seldom gets "taken" on anything she buys. The furnishings she picks to brighten your home, make life worth living.

VIRGO. She is an ambitious type of wife who can carry on a successful career right alongside her husband. She marries and plans her future consciously, and there is never a moment in her life that she does not know exactly what she is doing. Mercury overlords the sign Virgo, rewarding her with the sort of mentality that men always seem to find surprising in women. And if her personal income keeps her independent, she likes it that way. The man she marries must have not only the money-

making capacity, but intellect as well. She could never live with a conversational dud or an unread rustic. As a hobby, but only as a hobby, she will fiddle with a budget. Conscientiously, she may even try to keep within it. But if she suddenly sees the opportunity to buy out a library she has always wanted, or to take a foreign tour at bargain prices—those black and white figures won't mean a thing.

LIBRA. It is simply impossible to bring the terms "money" and "Libra" together and have them mean anything. Money is a must in the Libra girl's life. A tight budget is killing, and to forestall any arguments on the matter she will hurry over to a model agency the sooner the subject comes up. The Libran wife will argue neither over money nor any thing else. The flurry of words certain to follow any comment on mishandled funds would bring either immediate tears or a nervous breakdown later. No, the Libran woman was made for the world of glamour, romance, love, harmony and happiness. Wedded to a man unable to bring his income up to satisfactory standards, her life could be all but ruined. Husbands have their work cut out for them. Regale your Libran wife with the best that money can buy. Keep financial worries a deep, dark secret. And thank your lucky stars you have won the heart of a woman so attractive that you are an envied man wherever you go.

SCORPIO. Here is a wife who will make a rupee work miracles, but who will start breaking things if the tension keeps up too long. She has the inexhaustible patience of a professional accountant and will search out bargains halfway across town to keep the bank account from shrinking to zero. "Making do" is her speciality. With an ingeniousness that is almost frightening she will turn discarded woollen goods into a patchwork-quilt or trim dad's former Sunday trousers down to junior size. During those blackest of moments (when the man of the house thinks the last paisa has fled), she has a way of slipping five rupees Note from under the mattress or out of the teapot on the third shelf from the left—money concealed there months ago for just such an emergency. But financially speaking, she will stand for just so much and no more. Husbands of Scorpio women hand over enough to live on and comfortably.

SAGITTARIUS. The Sagittarian girl looks forward to at

least one extended tour to some far corner of the earth. The farther the better, and costs come under "incidental expences." She is dynamic, daring, determined. While she does not worship wealth, she knows what money can do and learns early how to turn her bank book to the best possible advantage. The man she marries should be a go-getter. Money may often come up as a problem, but if financial emergencies loom in blackest aspect, she can turn her talents toward speculative market and make her million—with typical Sagittarian insight, while veteran investors argue over the Tariff. She won't be outdressed, outclassed, or outdone in good works. As though a benign fate had charge of her accounts, prosperity is always the order of the day and her financial standing gets better year by year. Religion to your wife sometimes means providential returns in this world and a sure hope for the next. She is an inspiration to those in doubt, and an on-the-spot benefactress to the desperately in need.

CAPRICORN. Some Capricorn wives carry thrift to extremes. Pressed for money in the youthful years, there could be a tendency to turn passionate over pennies, or delay a husband's earned retirement even though the mattress is padded with bills, the family strongbox chokeful of securities. The above would be a case of standard Capricorn caution carried to its wildest extreme. More surely, the Capricorn woman handles household cash with the practised care of a trained broker and lingers over a budget as though she were building a new business. The Capricorn wife may love a bargain for its own sake. Skilled in the age-old arts of trade and barter, she can pack the "extra income" drawer with a small fortune. To the husband who lacks faith, hope, and courage, she is an inspiration, cheering him out of the doldrums with humorous tales—or actually taking charge of the office when he has to travel in search of new contracts.

AQUARIUS. Your Aquarian wife is on the watch for an opportunity to increase your income—or hers. Independent and rather carefree, financial freedom means more time for reading, dreaming inspirational dreams, or just whiling away the day in friendly conversation with every interesting stranger who crosses her path. People who think attract her. She will

give ear to the rabble rouser one minute, the conservative fundamentalist the next, and learn something from both. The daily paper is second only to the Bible. She checks up on top world figures with an eye for error and a chiding word for bad diplomatic mistakes. Saturn, bossing Capricorn, is still somewhat in charge of Aquarius—so if your Aquarian wife turns surprisingly cautious at times, put it down to this tie-in influence. She manages money for the most part sensibly, scrimping when cash on hand is not, living up to the better income during boom periods. Whether fortune smiles or frowns, she keeps life exciting for the man she married.

PISCES. Your Piscian wife takes life as it comes. She won't howl over a pay cut or go into hysterics over a nickle raise. When times are tough she can make the old hovel look like a king's palace, aided by nothing more than a twenty-five paisa paint brush and an imagination that knows no limits. Given the initiative, the time and the funds she will change a drab kitchenette into a dream as modern as tomorrow. But even when cash is something, neither of you have seen for a long time, she can do wonders just by rearranging the furniture. Colour, drama and cheer are the watchwords of her home. Struck by another mood she will rob the retirement fund (if she must) to buy the gown that was made for her. Scrimping, stinting, bargaining and dickering won't wear her out as long as she believes her man is really doing his best to get ahead. The man's job here is to make that million in a hurry.

How Thrifty is your Wife ?

Prospective husbands ought to give this some thought. Budgeting and shopping well are more than matters of luck. Some women are inherently more capable of handling money wisely than others. Some are naturally extravagant. Some never buy anything without forethought. Some know quality better than others. Some are apt to live for today, some to save for tomorrow. Some find economy difficult but their own earning power great. Some are apt to splurge on luxuries, others on food, still others on the things that show prosperity to their neighbours.

Before you hand over your pay-cheque to her, better consider her aptitudes and possibilities as manager of the family income.

ARIES. If you can train the Aries wife to keep you posted on purchases—before, not after, financial transactions are closed—she can be a fine manager. She has an extravagant streak, it is true ; but usually the budget comes first. Furthermore, when opportunities are lacking, she has a knack of creating them and can do wonders with the family income.

Just keep an eye on her whims. Remember, she craves luxury and is inclined to buy expensive items on the spur of the moment. Never over-estimate your capabilities as a provider to her.

She is apt to consider today first, tomorrow when it comes. Extremely optimistic about the future, she is not apt to save for a "rainy day." This may be upto you.

She shops well, particularly for machinery. When purchasing a car, she is often more interested in what is under the hood

than she is in the style or paint job. Then she keeps it in good repair.

TAURUS. Practical in all things, the Taurean woman is an expert shopper. She knows quality and gets more for her money than those born under other signs.

She prefer to buy the best, feeling that such articles will give longer and better service. But she knows a bargain when she sees one and does not hesitate to take advantage of such.

In food, she buys top quality and choicest pieces and is usually an excellent cook and connoisseur of good food.

Rest assured she can be trusted with the budget. She has more than her share of commonsense and will cooperate with you fully in all matters pertaining to the family's welfare. She is not apt to gamble, and she would much rather spend money on home and children than on herself.

Thoroughness and concentration are the keynotes in everything she does. She will help you get ahead and collect your share of the rich material things of this world.

GEMINI. A combination of the two preceding signs, the Gemini woman is an excellent planner and can draw up a budget much better than she can follow it. She can plan for tomorrow, but she is apt to live for today—thus, the capacity for regular saving is not apt to be one of her strong points.

Unless compelled by necessity to adhere to a budget, she faces the ever-present temptation to fritter away money on any of the small expenditures which happen to strike her fancy rather than concentrating on saving for big things. If you can curb her tendency toward extravagance and limit the number of charge accounts she can have, you can improve her capacity for home management.

CANCER. The house-wife born under Cancer is naturally very economical and conservative, despite the fact that the family food bill seems high. She never discards anything unless she is positive it is absolutely beyond repair.

She likes a bargain and usually knows where she can get one. There are many instances in which she will never buy the best if the second best is a bargain.

She can be very sacrificing and go without many things that she would like to have. To her, that is usually far more preferable to having to work outside the home in order to make ends meet.

She is apt to be satisfied with whatever you can provide so long as basic comforts are achieved. The showy side of prosperity is not something she hankers after.

With her fine reasoning power, she can draw up an ideally workable budget. She can save money—and will!

LEO. The typical Leo wife is a wonderful home manager and a great help to her husband. She plans well and more than makes ends meet. She often expects her husband to have better-than-average earning power, but she just as often helps push him up the ladder of success.

She nearly always buys the best and is sure that nothing is ever too good for *her* family. Then she takes good care of things. She likes a bargain if one comes along but is not apt to look for one. Quality is ever important, and she chooses a name brand every time. But by economizing on some things, always deciding intelligently and by being highly industrious and eager for prosperity, she does tend to help you attain it.

VIRGO. The Virgo wife can be economical; she can be extravagant. It varies with your means, her age and with the logic of the situation. Also, like Leo, by being thrifty in some things, she is able to spend freely on the things she considers important—practical things like fine, durable furnishings, good clothes for the family and college education for the children.

Quantity is of little importance to her—it is quality she seeks in everything. She has excellent taste and shops well. Before making a purchase, she compares and ascertains all the facts and details pertaining to the desired object.

Some Virgo women carry thrift in small things too far and appear actually parsimonious. But you can detect this type.

LIBRA. The Libra wife has exquisite taste and buys lovely things—but you would do well to go shopping with her or at least help plan purchases because she tends to buy on the spur of the moment and then return merchandise. Sometimes this is

because she reconsiders values, sometimes because her varying enthusiasms are unpredictable, even to her. By next week, she may have lost interest in what she would have given her eyeteeth for yesterday.

If she insists, you might let her attempt budget managing ; but perhaps after the experiment, she would rather delegate the job to you. She wants to save and tries, but wise handling of money is not usually one of her talents. Remember, some of her impulsive purchases cannot be easily refunded, especially if she invests money in losing stock.

If you handle the savings and let her manage the household money, her thrift will show up in better management.

SCORPIO. The fact is the Scorpio wife likes to spend money. It gives her a feeling of power. But unlike Libra, she is shrewd about it and spends after deliberations.

She would prefer to buy cases of canned goods at whole-sale prices and store them until needed rather than shop piecemeal.

She informs herself well about desired merchandise prior to shopping. She makes comparisons and decisions silently, knows what she wants and likes to buy the best. Because of this, she gets some very good buys. In shopping as in other things, you can bet no one is going to deceive her ; she can drive a sharp bargain.

However, do not let her invest your money (or her own if you can help it). Chances are, she will lose it. She is apt to invest without asking the advice of those in a position to help her.

SAGITTARIUS. It is almost impossible to predict to what extremes of either thrift or extravagance a Sagittarius wife will go, for this sign includes both the most industrious and thrift of women and those who are more at home at the racetrack and roulette wheel than in their own homes. However, these are extremes and the average Sagittarian wife is industrious and prospering.

Like the Scorpion, she likes to spend, for it gives her a feeling of opulence. However, if her birth date falls on or near

the Sagittarius-Capricorn cusp, she is more inclined to save money.

The Sagittarian wife can usually figure out a pretty workable budget, one which allows large amounts to be spent on food and luxuries. Her natural economy in small things makes this possible. Furthermore, she usually has a happy-go-lucky attitude and is able to work hard, perhaps outside as well as inside the home—then she attracts money easily and saves it.

CAPRICORN. The Capricorn wife is a wonderful planner, and manager. No matter how great and unavoidable the expenses or how small the family income or household allowance, she will save slowly but surely toward the goal of a desired appliance, improvement or situation.

She is never wasteful. In fact, she is the type of girl who may one day hand over a surprise bank book—one in which she has been saving for years, always with the anticipation of pleasing you some day or perhaps coming to your rescue in case of need. You may wonder how it has been possible; but being naturally thrifty, she was never tempted to burn the candle at both ends.

She shops well, looks for well-known and guaranteed products and plans her purchases in advance. She rarely buys on impulse. She would do a wonderful job of managing the family budget.

AQUARIUS. How sensible the Aquarian wife is with money depends to a large extent on her age and degree of maturity. Once she has outgrown the recklessness of her youth—the free-spending, free-lending ways—she begins to understand that money means security, comfort, better living and sometimes even increased health for her family. Then she becomes sensible about money and can be utterly relied upon. She never becomes quite shrewd, but she manages to save money steadily and never incurs debts, she is not sure she can easily handle.

She can be trusted with the budget because she pays every bill when due. She hates to be indebted to anyone. She is inclined to save for appliances and improvements before contracting for them—not after.

PISCES. Finances are often a problem to Pisceans, and the average Piscean wife is not naturally thrifty. She is not shrewd, and chances for responsibility for managing the family budget would only be a burden and an enigma to her.

She is too extravagant and generous one day and then has to scrimp and save for days to make up for it. She is further inclined to let opportunities slip her by and lose even more of them because she does not make decisions quickly enough.

Think twice before you hand your pay-check over to her. However, if you can enforce systematic savings, you can probably depend on her to handle the rest of the family income wisely.

Wives in the Pay Line

Until the turn of the century, there were very few desirable jobs open to women—and fewer still to married women. Since then, the standard of living has changed. Attitudes have changed. The amount of time and labour required to keep up a home has been slashed. Job and career opportunities for women have snow-balled.

Mrs. Bernice Neugarten, assistant professor and executive secretary of the University of California's Committee on Human Development says, *"Today, it is accurate to say that a woman, at various time in her life, will be both a homemaker and career girl. The average woman grows up, works, marries and has children—then works again at the same time she keeps her home running."*

Obviously most wives work because they want that extra paycheque. The amazing part is, they rarely want it for mink coats or diamonds. They want it for such things as a radio, a TV, an automatic washer and dryer, vacation trips, adequate insurance coverage, dental and medical care, a rainy-day savings account, a reasonably reliable car—to say nothing of buying a home of their own.

Now and then, wife goes to work for the wonderful feeling "my money" gives her—money she does not have to account for, penny by penny, to a book-keeper-type of husband (or, rarely, a stingy one). Frequently, the amount involved has little to do with the problem. It is more a case of differing attitudes toward money.

A wife may have a strong creative ability that does not lie in the direction of home-making. She needs an outlet to avoid the tensions that are built up through frustration. Without an outlet, first thing she knows, she is taking it out on her

husband and children—seldom deliberately. In these instances, the marriage is usually far happier when the wife spends her days working at whatever it is she craves to do. The pay-cheque is just an extra bonus.

Some wives (especially Gemini natives) tend to get fidgety, irritable and rebellious when they are too confined. By nature, they need plenty of contacts with other people. If these wives are drawn to women's clubs, neighbourly visits or bridge parties, fine. But some of them crave the hustle and bustle of the business world. This is an emotional need rather than a financial one, but that does not make it a less-important need.

Some wives work to escape loneliness. Their husbands are the type who do not talk much, seldom want to go anywhere and whose idea of the perfect evening is watching TV with their shoes off. When these wives join the payroll, they make friends, chat at lunch-time and coffee breaks, get things off their minds. They then, too, can be satisfied to sit and watch television.

Whatever the reason for working may be, Mrs Francis Feldman, associate professor of social work at Southern California, has found that women actually do a better job in their role as wives when they have an outside job. There must be something to it because ten million wives have gone to work—and approximately three million of these wives have children under six years old.

Intensive studies by the Family Service Association disclosed that one-fifth of the delinquents surveyed had working mothers and one-fifth of the *non*-delinquents had working mothers. No statistics have appeared to indicate that working mothers have more delinquent children than other mothers. James Scull, Director of Public Relations of the Family Service Association, believes that in some instances a mother may do more for her child by going to work ; but he also says :

“However, she will then have to accept certain facts. One is that her child will develop a firm relationship with the adult who takes her place. She cannot, reasonably be jealous of this. The person she chooses should be a warm, sympathetic woman with a life of her own. That person's major concern should not be to keep the house clean. It should be to give her attention

to the child. The working wife's home may not be the perfectly clean place as it was—if it was—but her child will be secure."

The statistics are suprising. According to Professor Neugarten, "Of all women aged 45 to 55, 40% are working. For the first time in history, more than half (60%) of all those who work are married. Of all women workers, 25% have children under 18 ; two out of five mothers with school-age children are in the labour force. The chances are about even now for a woman of 50 of working as a woman of 20. So, to work at some—and probably several—times during a life is not the accepted expectation of women themselves and of society."

Here is something else to think about : "Horizon" reports that half the "new" jobs created in the next decade will be filled by women.

There are husbands and husbands. Some appreciate the extra income that permits a better life. They pitch in and help with the household chores in true togetherness. Others get a feeling of belittlement when their wives go to work. Their masculinity is insulted. They feel their prestige has been lowered. They would rather get along in a pinch-penny manner and remain lord of the household.

Then there are the husbands who feel guilty about their wives working, no matter how much they rationalize, simply because they cannot altogether shake off the almost outmoded belief that a man worth his salt should be able to provide the good life single-handedly. It is especially hard for these husbands when their wives earn "caviar" paycheques.

If you as a wife are vitally interested in making a go of your marriage, you should consider your husband's attitude toward a working wife. You should carefully weigh the pro and cons. If either or both of you have your horoscopes, study the second, seventh and eighth houses carefully. If not, your husband's Sun-Sign will indicate his general attitude toward a working wife. Although you cannot logically expect to put your finger on specific problems from a Sun-Sign alone, it does furnish a good bit of valuable guidance.

The decision to work or not to work should not be made lightly. Once an additional income has been enjoyed for a

while, it is quite a shock to give it up—and some wives have found themselves trapped by a higher standard of living. Once the family has had it, they cannot give it up. Also, if you have small children, you may find that your wonderful, glorious paycheque melts down to about 25% of its original size after you pay for the children's care.

However, if this is what you really want to do, consider your husband's attitude first of all. The way the trend is going, future generations won't have this problem ; but it could easily be that *you* have it.

ARIES. If you have an Aries husband who so far has taken it for granted a wife's place is in the home, he may explode at the first hint of your desire to join the payline. So ? Relax and enjoy the fireworks—*just don't set off any of your own !* Your Aries mate will soon simmer down and feel a bit of sheepish. *Then* is when you ruffle his hair and make your pitch. *Then* is the time to talk things out quietly.

Of course, you may be treated to additional fireworks from time to time when earning that extra paycheque does not seem as important as a temporary something else. Again, your responsibility will be to keep from setting off fireworks of your own. Remember, an Aries man is forceful and impetuous and explosive by nature—and deep down, you *like* him that way.

TAURUS. Once you arouse a conservative Taurus husband's stubbornness, you are in for a bad time. However, if you will remember it is natural for your mate to stick to opinions picked up from the older generation, you won't get off to a wrong start. As Senator Margaret Chase Smith observed, working wives are still often considered an oddity.

One thing is certain—Taureans are not the least but stupid about money. If you will plant your seed gently (day, disguised as a passing through or wish) and then quietly feed him the facts about working wives, if you will give him time to get used to the idea—you will find he will soon be thinking along the same lines you are. If you are intend to work for a limited period only, better make this unmistakably clear and keep it that way.

After a little while, working wife will seem natural to the Taurean. Unless you keep him reminded you are working

temporarily, the idea of your quitting would come as an earth-shaking event—not because he is greedy, but because he tends to establish habit pattern.

GEMINI. A Gemini husband could easily be entranced with the prospect of a double income. It may never occur to him that you might be planning a nest egg instead of more money to gad about with. Whatever your objective may be, outline it clearly ; but do not take it for granted that, that ends the matter. What if your *are* swerved from your course now and then ? There are worse things in the world than that. At least, your lively Gemini mate won't let you get stuck in a dreary rut.

The chances are your beloved is not the fussy spic-and-span type; and if your housework is not always open to close inspection, it won't bother *him*. It may bother you, but be slow to cut down on social activities and gad about time in order to keep the house the way *you* like it. You may find he will run along and play without you.

CANCER. You wives with Cancer husbands are on touchy ground. It is difficult to know what will and what won't hurt his pride. Much depends on the crowd you associate with—what *they* think about working wives. However, your sensitive Cancer husband likes the comforts, opportunities to entertain and security that come with an extra paycheque—especially as related to his home and loved ones. So there is your cue. Above all, do not rush him. He does not like to plunge into things ; he would rather sidle upto them.

After you are all set, do not slip—not even once—and say “my” money. A Cancerian's memory is forever, and his resentment can be as deep and dark as the Grand Canyon. It would be most unfortunate if your job became a bone of contention. It would be quite apt to put a brake on *his* progress—and before long, the two of you together might not make as much as he might have made alone.

LEO. Your Leo husband is no doubt fondly indulgent ; but it would not be wise to parade your earnings, even though he is not the sensitive type in most things. Let *him* do the parading in his inimitable Leo way. He will make you queen of the parade, of course, and that is more fun than a marital version of the Trojan War.

If you have a special talent for a certain type of work and your Leo husband can be proud of your achievements and brag about them, you are all set. However, it is not likely to be in his nature to permit your accomplishments to dwarf his. Since you obviously love the royal touch (you married him for that, did not you ?) ; do not cramp his style. Talk up the virtues of making a big splash—the kind of splash you want, of course, whether it is the best gadgets or the fastest growing savings account or the most enjoyable parties or being the best dressed couple.

VIRGO. Your Virgo husband may take the fine edge off your enthusiasm with a detailed analysis of the situation : the extra clothing expences when a wife works ; the small but numerous added costs stemming from a tight timetable ; Uncle Sam's cut ; the effect that your working would have on your personal lives. After he gets through, at least you won't be setting out with heady illusions about your net gain.

Your husband's ability to ferret out all the facts does not mean he is a whiz at making far-sighted decisions and carrying them through. It is a nest egg you are after, you are the one who will have to see that a certain sum gets tucked away for a rainy day.

Something else to think about : How finicky is your Virgoan about his food and surroundings ? On the days you have "had it" (and when you work, those days always do crop up), do you think you will be able to let things slide and just throw something together for dinner ?

LIBRA. Your Libra husband is probably all for peace in the family and won't blow up a storm no matter what he thinks about working wives. However, this peaceful attitude can be a two-edged sword; and you would be wise to steer clear of work that tends to leave you exhausted and irritable. Librans have a pure genius for squirming away from discord. They seldom stay around and take it—or fight it out.

No one loves extras more than Librans do. At the same time, the folding money that buys those extras must come from a source that does not disturb the peace. Furthermore, work that leaves you drained is not along the lines of your natural talents anyway. You will please your harmony-loving mate if

you choose so-called "nice" work. But if you can make more money in something else, do not forego it—you can always talk up the "niceness" of the firm you work for, your associates, surroundings, etc.

SCORPIO. Your Scorpio mate may be inclined to jealousy, and that could grow into an oversize stumbling block. Like Caesar's wife, your behaviour is undoubtedly above reproach; but will have to be so in *seeming* as well as in fact. Aside from that, if your Scorpio husband backs you, he will back you all the way—including the assumption of a good portion of your household duties. If so, do not forget to notice and praise him!

By nature he is a strong-minded man, and he will most likely have very positive ideas on the uses of money. The time to find out whether you see eye to eye on this is before you get to the point where you have a paycheque in hand. A Scorpio's dreams are difficult to shatter after they have had time to build up.

SAGITTARIUS. Sagittarians love the freedom to make their own decisions. So your Sagittarian partner will most likely respect your right to decide whether or not you want to be a working wife. At the same time, he won't pull his punches. He will say exactly what he thinks, for or against. But even if he is against, he will remain loyal to you. Incidentally, be sure you are right before disregarding his advice. You know, Sagittarians have an uncanny knack of hitting the target right on the nose.

If he heartily approves of your going to work, his enthusiasm may prompt him to hustle you up the ladder to success faster than you are willing or able to go. On the other hand, as you have probably found out, he appreciates a wife who is willing to grab her hat and take off on the spur of the moment. Can you do it and work, too? All in all, you won't find being a Sagittarian's working wife will be boring.

CAPRICORN. If your Capricorn husband runs true to type, he is a planner and a seeker after material security. This being so, he is not likely to disapprove of your willingness to help. In fact, he may come to take it for granted—an attitude which is rather tricky for the average wife to handle. It is both a compliment and an exasperation.

If your desire to work is related to having more freedom to splurge on fun or clothes or whatever, it would be a good idea to have this thoroughly understood. Otherwise, your serious-minded Capricorn beloved may get wrapped up in visions of a bigger bank account, a quicker pay-off on your home or something else along these lines. Your job will be to convince him that cake is not cake without a frosting and that the freedom to splurge now and then is the frosting that sweetens life.

AQUARIUS. An Aquarian husband can take a working wife in his stride and revel in the better way of life for all concerned. He can be a burden bearer if necessary; but no one understands better than he that freedom from financial stringency promotes mental, physical and emotional well-being.

Being gadget-minded, he will readily go overboard for this and that new mechanical convenience if that is what you want. Since he loves to be with people, he will approve if your ambition involves entertaining, joining a club, etc. Yes, he is likely to be extravagant at heart; so if what you want is a nest egg, and he could not care less for eggs, a compromise could make you both happy.

PISCES. If you have a Pisces husband, he will be quick to sense how you truly feel about his ability as a provider. If your attitude is right, he will love you for wanting to help and will redouble his own efforts. If he senses a secret belittling on your part, it will wreck him mentally and emotionally. This is because he is extremely idealistic—and romantic—and he needs to be needed.

Many a wife who understands her Pisces husband manages to make him feel she is a clinging vine when she is perfectly capable of standing on her own two feet. The adoration she receives in return is worth it to her.

Yes, a wife can join the payline and still keep her Piscean feeling that he is the sturdy oak in her life—if she handles it right. The psychology of the thing is to cling a little closer and lean a little harder in other than financial matters. In monetary items, why not promote the “togetherness” of a double income?

Marriage After Fifty

Though less glamorous outwardly than marriage among the young, marriage among the elderly is surprisingly frequent. The lonely-heart clubs and other similar places of rendezvous do a thriving business. All sorts of advertisements for soul mates, life mates, and idealistic partners where sex is no longer a consideration, are frequent in various publications, but especially so in the foreign press of the United States. The young seldom turn to astrology for guidance, whereas the elderly more frequently avail themselves of this counsel. It is people, and especially eligible women, past fifty who turn to Astrology in search of various answers relative to marriage. It seems that if the young were as careful before taking the plunge, our divorce rate would be much lower than at present. The wide variety of questions asked obviously confront the student of Astrology with many and often extremely delicate factors to consider. For those who desire but cannot afford the price of a consultation a very general views is offered here.

As might be surmised, marriage in advanced years constitutes a highly important change. And change, as we know, is very definitely under the domain of Venus. It is seldom that an old bachelor past fifty will take a wife unto himself, except in rare cases for legal reasons, such as passing inheritance to a deserving lady, or possibly a servant. It is commonly a person who was married before, and, under the disruptive ray of Uranus, either was divorced or bereaved through death, who deems it wise to remarry.

The regular reader of astrological literature knows that Uranus stays in each sign about seven years. Thus it opposes

its natal position during the separative interval of life, between forty-two and forty-nine. It is during this time that a person, often after rearing a family, is either widowed or divorced. So remarriage comes after fifty. This opposition is the 180 degree angle. Should marriage or remarriage contemplated before this interval it may be short-lived, if carried out. It is better to wait, unless several other mitigating factors neutralise this stellar condition. The next aspect Uranus makes to its natal position is that of 150 degrees, called both the inconjunct and quincunx. This has been interpreted to mean a sign of service, of consecration, devotion ; and the interpretation seems to me to fit marriage after fifty. This is not saying, it is entirely benefic. It is slightly adverse ; but the influence of the disruptive opposition is waning, and the next aspect is the restful trine.

Whether consummated during the quincunx or square aspect, there will be some tendency to friction, and the type of friction would be shown by the sign Uranus is in. In Taurus it would point to trouble through possessions, property, lack of it, or quarrels about it when the two parties, for instance, cannot agree on how to settle the inheritance after they are gone. Women usually try to pass on property obtained through a second marriage to the children by a first marriage, which arouses in the husband and his family much resentment. Thus deeds, wills, contracts, leases etc., creep into the picture.

Similarly Uranus in Gemini introduces various mental or psychological factors. There can be friction about general views on life, politics, perhaps quarrels about the car and how to get one or who should use it most. In Cancer, Uranus creates the setting for spats about the home, domestic conditions, decorating, and—inevitably—the will. Cancer rules the family and we all know that that is the external source of many misunderstandings. In Leo, Uranus can be expected to account for many marriage angles involving money and investments. These are not idle quotes of ancient rules. People ask these very questions, bearing on these very things.

BROAD-MINDED AGREEMENTS. It is well if both charts of the bride and groom show a few fine aspects at the time remarriage is planned. Otherwise there may be evasive features in the union which will in the true Uranian fashion

strike like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky when other conditions make it no longer bearable to remain self-contained. Excellent is the condition where both parties are open-minded, frank, understanding. In regard to property, for example, the wife in certain sections of the United States automatically becomes owner of the home and the husband cannot sell it without her consent. But he has no rights whatever to her property.

Such broad-minded agreement as is necessary to make a marriage successful after fifty is very possible during the Uranian trine, which occurs between the ages of fifty-six and sixty-two. Although the remaining span of life seems to be short, such a marriage can bring deep satisfaction of a spiritual quality, making for compatible mental unions. In the United States where Social Security payments are more generous now and where a little side money can be earned, a little home in the country makes an ideal way to spend the rest of a life with a new mate. Marriage under this condition eliminates loneliness and conduces to poise and spiritual contentment. Furthermore, a community of interests, where it exists, make life at this time sweet and restful. The turmoil of the flesh should have outlived its period of activity, anger, rush, haste, intolerance should be history now.

Another factor which makes this an ideal time to remarry is that at the age of fifty Saturn makes an excellent trine to its natal position, paving the way to security. After making a square aspect to its natal position, Saturn makes a sextile and then a conjunction to its natal position at fifty nine or sixty. It is Saturn that rules the instinct of security, and perhaps a little bid of greed. But considering the age of the prospective marriage partners, we could say to them, "You are old enough to know better." For unlike couples of twenty, couples of fifty-eight to sixty are wise in experience and thus can readily see reality as it is. Saturn at this time takes you out of any so-called speculative investment and bids you invest the cash, if any, in a little cottage in the country where no panic or manipulation can make it disappear like a bubble. When Saturn conjuncts its natal position all gambling should be ended, and for the rest of the life your foundations should be utterly secure. From here on live on your laurels, stop pushing and grasping for more. If it is coming to you, you will get it.

Jupiter is our final factor in the security set up upon which our marriage after fifty must be based. The positions of this planet are easily noted from the Aspectrian section of any ephemeris. It stays in each sign about a year. At the age of forty-eight Jupiter conjuncts its natal position, starting a twelve year cycle, making in order a sextile to its natal position, then a square, trine, opposition, and another trine and another square and sextile at about the age of sixty, which make fine opportunities for aged couples, say born two years apart. Of course, once during this cycle Jupiter will oppose your natal Saturn which will mark a testing period of your economic situation.

Of the progressed aspects those of the Sun are the most important for the ages we are discussing, because at sixty the progressed Sun makes that wonderful sextile to its natal position, which is invariably good for the health, the mind is keen, energy should be ample for all daily duties, the outlook of life is fresh, and one radiates confidence. With major worries behind, there is a relief here which makes the person feel like a sailor after a storm, grateful for having survived the trials of life and hopeful that the rest of the voyage will be peaceful.

Physical love can come back after fifty. We occasionally see on the TV screen or hear on the radio of octogenarians presenting to the world smiling cherubs in their arms. If either a progressed Mars or Uranus in transit crosses over your natal Moon sex hormones can arrive on cosmic wings. And this is one of Astrology's mysteries ever harking back to the aged Sarah and her husband "well stricken in years." This stellar condition obviously can impart a highly colourful feeling of romance to a courtship and marriage after fifty. It can impel you to paint the town red and may create a situation when people will say about you, "There is no fool like an old fool." And such an attitude of others toward such an individual may be justified, because Uranus especially can be stronger than a dozen Martinis. You should be able to carry your liquor and—your romantic drive. At this age, though, the best place to carry liquor is in the bottle and romance in your heart, where they belong.

And if you are in this age group and eligible, better pay some attention to your waistline—if you don't, others will.

There is something very alluring in a woman with a willowy figure after fifty, especially if a winning smile goes with it. The only possible source of grief for a man at this age is that he may have lost his mane! But don't worry too much about it. It is your heart, wisdom, experience that captivates now. Your ability to joke has a far greater impact than your muscles did of yore. Avoid the false cover, especially where there is little to cover, anyway. It is the woman glories in her hair, and man in his wisdom.

There is one sad feature in such romances. Saturn rules fear, and sometimes during this age interval it will make one or more square aspects. So you may try to approach your mate not as something to adore but the way a cat approaches a mouse. Learn to recognise this instinct and fight it. If you already feel you will have to hire detectives to follow your mate after marriage, forget it and find someone who in your mind will not need shadowing. A husband and wife must have such a powerful bond of union, of inseparable feeling for each other that both think they "are against the world." This is a figurative way of speaking to show that you must have complete and perfect trust, otherwise there will be little except constant worry and distrust, with resulting anxiety gnawing at your vitals.

A very important feature is regardless of the hour you are supposed to have been born, even if you know it, your chart may show a curious disagreement with the incidence of events. To be fairly sure of the chart's accuracy several events may be necessary for the consultant showing the degrees excited by transits in your life's experience. It is possible that some important events may be of such a nature that you cannot tell about them. Confidence is (definitely!) very important. Few people can trust their secrets to those who sometimes write or say, "In my files I have letters . . ." That is enough to throw cold water on any tendency to consult Astrology.

The student of Astrology should have learned by now that a significant 12th house compels a client to keep something from you. In this house fall, among others, such things as prison terms, confinement in psychiatric wards, abortion, business trickery, and bootlegging. These matters must be coupled with

the ancient precepts concerning planets, house and aspects. Further note the time the request for analysis is received ; this one point the client cannot calculate in advance. Once you start to service a client, give him something to ponder about—enough to show him you know more than he thinks you do. Do not help him to violate the law and laugh at you up his sleeve. But as far as he trusts you, his trust should be the same as if he made a confession in the confessional.

DELICATE QUESTIONS. The established premises in standard Astrology are adequate for all practical purposes. The problem is invariably to establish the sensitive degree areas. Only when these are known, can future events be anticipated and evaluated correctly (see my book—the Stars and Your Future). Among the delicate questions touched will be sex. Once the client shows desire to know something in this department, discuss it briefly but frankly. The Moon, Venus and Mars, and to some degree Jupiter, rule sex. If they are in the animal sign Aries, Taurus, Leo, Sagittarius and Capricorn, slightly above average sexual energy is indicated. The more planets, relating to sex, there are in these signs, the stronger the sexual drive. The qualifying planet is Saturn. Depending on where it is in the chart, it can be a harbinger of anything from total to temporary frigidity or impotence.

In this connection it is about time poor Scorpio is given a break and is no longer called the arch-debauchee of the Zodiac. The test is very simple. Simply count the number of children a Scorpio has and compare that number with those of other signs. You will be surprised. And remember—just exactly one-twelfth part of you is Scorpio. The sign Scorpio defines a part of the body, including the anal and genital parts. A benefic planet in this sign forebodes wholesome, healthy condition for that area. A malefic planet here simply warns that at some time or other injury can occur affecting that area. Here are included such things as the pelvis, regular or not (which in women will affect delivery) ; simple or bad hernia depending ; possibility of rupture, and an indication concerning the possibility of developing hemorrhoids, etc. To digress a moment, records exist of human beings who lived in constant torment due to excessive sexual appetite. How many of them

were Scorpio ? Such excessive drive can make life terrible and end in tragedy, compared with which impotence might look like a blessing. As a future probability in this department, the transits of Saturn will indicate the "worry-quantum." If the worry index is due to be strong, relatively, it may indicate decline in sexual virility, because worry is the arch enemy of normal sexual life. Saturn may be Nature's regulating valve in regard to procreation. His confining rings are there for all to see. He keeps all within proper bounds—including my remarks on this point.

The next question causing much perplexity in prospective marriage after fifty is that relating to probably fidelity. In this sphere women are extremely sensitive. The pristine fear of mother being forsaken by her mate at the critical time always survives, even when there is no probability of begetting offspring. I think the old rules about sex planets making conjunctions or harmonious aspects show that the partners will be reciprocally true.

Allied to fidelity is the question of durability of marriage. In all cases this has to be considered. Transits and progressions will usher in various problems, probably of the economic nature. The best mutual aspects do not guarantee permanency. If the wife has a friction chart she may drive her men away by incessant harping and complaining at the same time that she "cannot tell him anything." The words of that song are very true—you cannot get or keep a man with a gun. Women's best weapon is charm.

Someone has argued that Moon in Sagittarius appears very seldom in divorce statistics. I cannot account for this. One explanation may be that Sagittarius is the sign of religion and thus the Moon here is synonymous with the desire to implement the purpose of the Sacrament of Marriage. But then Sagittarius as a sign is mostly in the constellation Scorpio and therefore fixed, hates to change—wives or horses—in midstream. It is somewhat strange that women worry more about the stability and durability of marriage. But—when a woman loves a man what else can she do but worry ?

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