

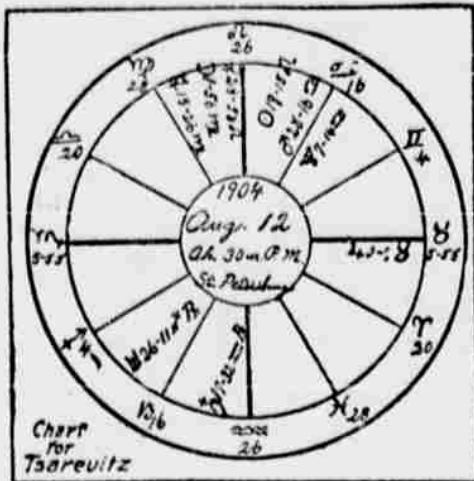
AS TOLD BY THE STARS

Horoscopes of the Future Monarchs of Russia and Italy

A famous astrologer has just risen from casting the horoscopes of the Tsarevitz and the Prince of Piedmont, and the Public Ledger is today able to print them.

Here is the astrological forecast of the character and life prospects of a male child born at St. Petersburg, Russia, at thirty minutes past noon on Aug. 12, 1904.

"The favor of the public, honors and popularity are insured to this boy. He was born just as the sun and Venus were culminating in the royal sign Leo, Venus being exactly at that station of the heavens that denotes publicity, while the Moon, representative of the people, was in close conjunc-



tion thereto, the Moon and Venus being also mutually in close good aspect to the greater benefic, Jupiter, who was not favorably posited at the portal of the house of partnership and co-operation.

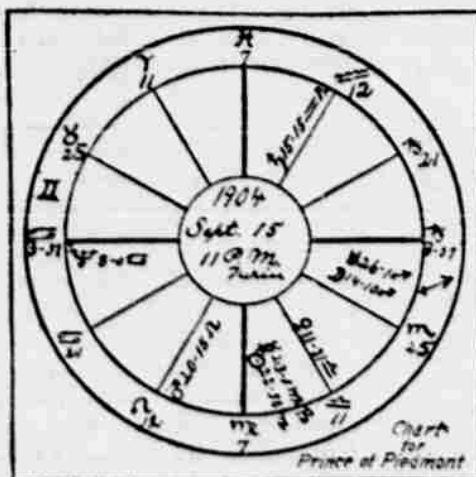
"While Venus occupies the most exalted position, and will dominate his public life, yet Mars is the ruler of the personality, and the position of Mars is such as to denote a rather quarrelsome, though somewhat reserved and at times a surly and revengeful disposition. He will be inclined either to ignore or to overrule the religious scruples, traditions and conventions of those who may oppose his measures."

There appears less of the turbulent in store for the Prince of Piedmont, who was born at Turin at 11 o'clock on the night of Sept. 15, 1904. The astrologer says of him:

"This boy is not born to achieve what the world calls success. The ruling planets are weak and unfortunate both by position and aspect, and while sincerity of purpose and much public favor are shown, yet the general characteristics are by far too impulsive, emotional, visionary, enthusiastic and I might almost say revolutionary to warrant the hope of the successful issue of many of his enterprises.

"He will display wonderful intuition, be keen, bright, witty and tremendously enthusiastic, but there is scarcely any depth of thought and no ability to persist in any well-defined line of action.

"I doubt whether he will live to any great age, and still more seriously



do I doubt that he will ever ascend the throne of Italy; but if he does he will most surely upset all precedent and keep things very lively and interesting wherever he may be able to exert his influence.

"He would be very apt to lend his

influence to develop novel schemes of various kinds and, while I doubt whether much immediate success would attend his experiments, yet he is essentially one of the pioneer types who are said to venture in where angels fear to tread, but whose rash adventures often blaze the way for marked advances that would never be made if the more conservative members of society were to be depended upon for the faith, the courage and zeal of those that society is so fond of calling erratic and radical.

"Throughout his career his plans will be frequently upset and thwarted by subtle and powerful opponents. He will not be fortunate in the choice of partners, either in his domestic or professional life. He will, however, find much favor in his social relations, and should he have any children they would be his chief comfort in later years.

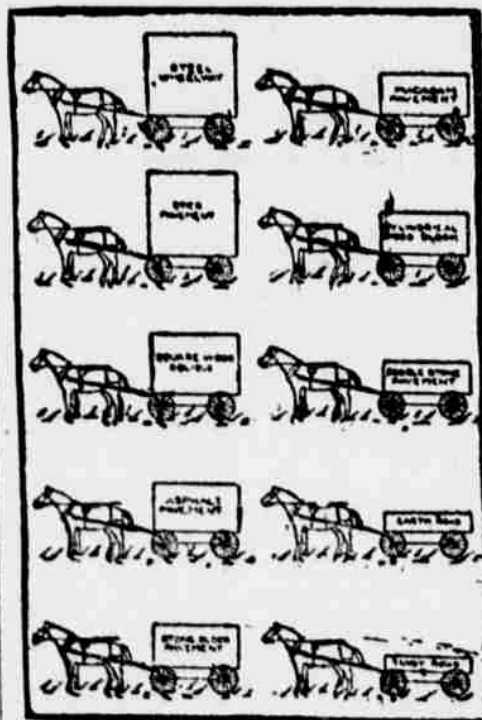
"Between 9 and 10 years of age he will probably have a serious illness that may prove fatal."

Gold in Building Bricks.

A small hole was drilled in the wall of a room of the Union hotel building, occupied by a bar, and small pieces of the brick were left in the gutter. Yesterday morning J. B. Webber, proprietor of a meat market, was standing in front of the hotel building when he espied a piece of brick which looked good to him. He picked it up and upon examination it was found to be literally filled with glittering gold. Webber says he has a genuine gold brick, and a very rich one at that, but complains that it is not large enough.

Just how much gold is in the brick of this building and others of the town will never be known, but Mr. Webber's find proves beyond a doubt that some of the brick in the blocks of Oroville have gold in noticeable quantities.—Oroville correspondence of Sacramento Bee.

Load Depends on Road.



The accompanying picture, made from a world's fair exhibit illustrating the importance of good roads and streets, shows the comparative loads that can be drawn by one horse on different roadways.

Good Natured in Defeat.

A. Heaton Robertson of New Haven, the recent democratic candidate for governor of Connecticut, set a good example of taking defeat good humoredly and light heartedly. His congratulatory telegram to the victorious republican candidate was as follows: "Struck by a cyclone. Have just crawled from under. Before I look around I want to extend to you my congratulations for your safety."

Meaning of Letter "R."

The letter "R" at the head of all prescriptions is derived from the Latin word recipe, the imperative meaning "take." The little dart over the tail of the "R" is the symbol of Jove, of the Latin god Jupiter, and invests the writer with his authority—by the power of Jupiter. Therefore, the sign properly reads, "By Jupiter, take this."

THE KILKENNY MAN'S TALE

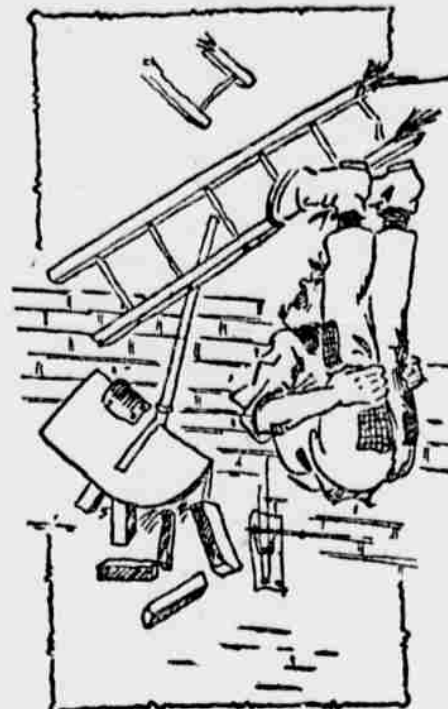
Or an Argument With Cassidy at the Top of the Building.

"As an Irishman, I might be expected to tell this story in dialect. I beg to call your attention to the fact that even an Irishman does not write dialect, especially the kind I often see in the newspapers and hear on the vaudeville stage.

"I am from County Kilkenny, which, according to the Sassenach, who invented most of the Irish bulls, had a pair of cats that chewed each other up. I need not tell you that this is merely a tradition. Kilkenny men are notoriously peaceful.

"This picture of me is a snapshot taken by an artist who happened to see me just after I had an argument with Cassidy, the bricklayer, a stubborn Tipperary man, at the top of the building.

"You may notice with what presence of mind I seized myself when I found that I had an unobstructed way, free of flying machines and balloons,



all the way to the ground. I simply wanted to light in a way that would do the least damage to my architecture.

"It was twenty-three stories from the sidewalk to the place where Cassidy delivered his peroration with a hammer, after I had answered his previous argument with a fine flow of brick just off the hod.

"As I was passing the fifteenth story I saw the firemen, who fortunately had quarters just across the street from the skyscraper, run out with their net. They were just in the nick of time, otherwise I fear that I might not have been able to write these lines.

"After I disentangled myself from the net I started upstairs to resume my discussion with Cassidy. I met him coming down. He looked somewhat surprised.

"I asked him where he was going, and he said to buy a tall hat to wear at my wake.

"The coolness of the man took my breath away, and I offered him my hand. We went down to the saloon on the corner, and I paid for the drinks, Cassidy remarking that he regarded the money as net profits and that I ought to be glad that it did not come out of my life insurance, thus showing himself to be a true Irishman, although from Tipperary.—New York Sun.

Egyptian Darkness in Virginia.

Great inconvenience and excitement were caused at Etna Mills, Va., Saturday night by the phenomenal darkness. It was dark about 7 o'clock and several people in the neighborhood who attempted to do their Saturday night dealing at country stores got lost, and some didn't get home till morning. People could be heard shouting for help all over the county. It seems that the dark clouds were so low to the ground people could not see their hands before them.

Danced Too Vigorously.

William Jackson, a church organist of Norfolk, Conn., dislocated his shoulder while dancing.

POULTRY



Blue Ribbons and Breeding Birds.

During the fall and winter a large number of poultry raisers will show birds at poultry shows. The love of prizes should not lead to the pampering of the fowls that are to be exhibited. The birds that are to be placed before the public will be the best ones from the standpoint of official excellence, and these are the ones that are of most value for breeding purposes. But it is no secret that a good many of these birds are ruined for breeding purpose in a single campaign. It is not an unusual thing to have these prize birds sell for a fancy price, and the buyer be sadly disappointed when he comes to look for results. The blue ribbon is the cause of retrogression in the flock of many a breeder. He wins the blue ribbon for his birds and makes a great reputation for himself, which means a great demand for the product of his yards, and he is then unable to meet that demand on account of the breeding qualities of his best birds having been deteriorated by overfeeding.

The Head of the Flock.

The character of the flock of poultry may be rapidly built up if the head of the flock is every year a vigorous bird of high breeding. An old scrub will not do. Neither does it do to pick out a fine looking bird, if one of the grades. Using grades to head the flock can never improve the average of the flock.

Culling Out.

It does not pay to carry culls any longer than it is possible to determine that they are culls. Prices are better now than they will be later in the fall, and the birds that are not suitable for breeders should be sent to market as soon as they can be properly fitted. If the breeder is trying to raise the standard of his flock it will pay him to cull closely.

Fall Buying.

The time to buy hens and roosters for breeding purposes is in the fall, as the price is then lower than at any other time of year. The large number of birds in the hands of breeders make it easy to secure bargains. When the flocks have all been cut down to half what they are in the fall it will not be so easy to get good birds at a reasonable price.

In Selling Breeders.

The best way to dispose of breeding birds is to advertise them in the agricultural papers. A good many breeders carry stock for months longer than they need to because they have not learned that money spent in advertising is well spent. The cost of advertising is largely paid by the saving in the cost of keeping the birds if they are not sold.

Good Prices for Good Birds.

A man can afford to pay a good price for a good bird. A little more vigor than usual is worth money. If a man is intending to build up a flock out of which he hopes to bring prize winners he will find it to his advantage to have an expert score the birds he places at the head of the flock.

Got Rid of the Roosters.

Very few roosters are needed in a flock. If the eggs the hens lay are not to be used for setting it is unnecessary to have a male head of the flock. Without him the eggs will keep better.

Not many fowls should be kept in one house. From 25 to 50 makes a good flock.

Unless wanted for setting, cockerels are useless adjuncts of the flock.