PLANETARY SIGNS.

GOOD AND EVIL PERIODS IN HUMAN LIFE.

Readings by Mail Becoming a Popular Feature of This Department—Further Instructions to Applicants—Free Readings.

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The following are the readings for this week:

Inez M: Avoca, Iowa.

According to the data the sign Libra, which Venus rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Venus is your ruling planet or significator. You are medium height or above; graceful figure; medium to dark complexion; blue eyes; chestnut hair; rather a youthful appearance in general. Your are usually cheerful, jovial, youthful and happy; fond of the fine arts, as music, painting, drawing, sketching, etc.; you take delight in going to theaters, parties, dances, and any place where a good jolly time will be had. You are quite yielding in your nature and very much dislike to see bloodshed. You love to see justice rendered to all and would make a good teacher or judge. You will have a very eventful life and be a great traveler. You are not promised an early marriage but your husband will be a model man and marriage will be far more than average fortunate for you. Space is too limited for me to give you his description here.

S. A. C: Clarksville, Iowa.

According to data you are a mixture of the signs Scorpio which Mars rules and Sagittarius which Jupiter rules, therefore Mars and Jupiter are your ruling planets or significators. Saturn is co-significator because on the ascendant. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; full face; the hair grows very luxuriant. You are very energetic and ambitious; you naturally take the lead in anything you become interested in. You dislike a subordinate position of any kind and should always be at the head of your department. You will be subject to chronic headaches in the early part of life. You have a fine intellect and can readily learn almost anything. You also have very good command of language. You are quite secretive in your nature and do not tell everything you know. You should secure a finished education and make a salaried position your main object by which to secure your money. You will not be very fortunate in anything connected with love and marriage.

"Lorene:" Topeka Kansas.

You have a refined, sensitive and confiding nature and anything rough or boisterous jars on your nervous system and has a tendency to reduce your vital force. You will manifest considerable enthusiasm with very little encouragement and will appreciate and treasure up a kind word to the same extent that you will remember an injury if anyone abuses you. You will forgive but cannot forget them. Your talent runs in the direction of some of the fine arts but whenever you have made any attempts to study anything you have found it necessary to overcome obstacles in your path. You are a firm friend on every occasion. Your love affairs do not run smooth long at a time and if married, your husband has a spirited temper and will not permit anyone to interfere with his business no matter if he is right or wrong and as a rule he is not able to successfully execute what he plans.

Nice, Pleasant Practice.

Policemen went to the morgue in New York the other day and fired many bullets into corpses there for the purpose of learning if powder burned the skin at a distance of three feet.—Exchange.

STATISTICS.

The largest state of Mexico is Chihuahua, with an area of nearly 90,000 square miles

The Vermont Legislature has adopted a law requiring heavy wagons to have wide tires.

Bowling, billiards and card playing are unlawful in Michigan, according to some dead-letter statutes.

Joe Jefferson's son possesses an album of thumb prints, some of which belong to very famous people.

GINGER BUTTS.

THE Laborer: It was in Newborn, N. C., that I first locked hands and swore eternal friendship to Harry Butts. Thirty years ago he and I worked on the Times of that city. The favorite drink with the lads in that locality was known as "whisky squeeze." The gentleman behind the bar having poured out as much of the liquid hardware as he thought it prudent to hide away, the gentleman behind that wooden structure would, with his dexter hand, force a few drops of lemon juice in the glass and your whisky squeeze was ready for the sacrifice.

One night Harry Butts changed the order of things and requested that a few drops of the extract of ginger be deposited in his glass instead of the customary lemon juice. This modest request of Harry's tickled the lads; and ever afterward he was known as "Ginger" Butts. No man ever drank alone in that town. Southern hospitality demanded that everyone should wait until his neighbor was accommodated, and the man who treated would shout: "Show your glass," when every glass would be drained. I have seen a score of typos outside of the old-fashioned bar of the Gaston house, which, I believe, was situated on Pollock street, wait with true politeness for the cry of "show your glass," at which command each tumbler would be emptied with precision.

Now, Ginger Butts was a good-natured, handsome fellow, and half the white girls in Newborn were in love with him, not to mention a few of the off-colored ones. But Ginger fought shy of the fair sex until he met a young lady in the name of—well, just here I'll call her Kate Devere. Kate was a typical southern beauty. She had the dark hair, flashing eyes, ruddy cheeks, coral lips and the tall symmetrical form so often met with in the daughters of Dixie. That she was high-spirited and imperious, will be seen later on

Now, there wasn't a lad on the Times but would have given his whole week's string for a smile or a tender word from Kate, and for a time a certain individual who shall be nameless felt that he was making rapid progress in her good graces until Ginger fastened his blue eyes upon her, and then that nameless person's stock began rapidly to decline.

One night at a little social gathering Ginger confidently informed us that a week previously he had said to Kate "Will you?" and that the young lady had blushingly replied, "I will." So it was hands down and eyes off with all the rest of us after that. Some of us, the nameless person above alluded to included, felt rather sore upon the receipt of this information, but it was only momentarily. Ginger was such an all-round favorite that it was almost impossible to bear him malice, and in the course of a half hour we were all "showing our bottom" at Ginger's expense.

"UNMANLY BOOR! BEGONE."

The day of the consummation of the nuptials had been named. They were to be married in October, and Ginger thought it would be a good and friendly thing to give an entertainment to a few of his bachelor friends shortly before the wedding. As no paper was issued on Sunday, a Saturday evening in the latter part of September was selected as the most appropriate time for the affair.

So on that memorable Saturday evening a score or more of us, by special invitation, repaired to Miss Kate's vine-clad cottage, which was situated just outside of town, all prepared to have a quiet, sociable, but jovial time.

Unfortunately for Ginger, in anticipation of the pleasure of the evening, he had indulged a trifle too much in his favorite beverage during the afternoon. Whether it was the whisky or the ginger that worked the change in him, I never could ascertain, but certain it was that he was a trifle weak in his limbs, and slightly incoherent in his speech.

Miss Revere was alone in the parlor when we arrived and received us with true southern hospitality. How beautiful she looked! What a vision of delight she appeared! "There's nothing half so sweet in life as a love's young dream," said Tom Moore more than eighty years ago. That sentiment held good in 1856, and does yet if an old-timer's opinion is worth recording. Certainly never before or since have I seen anyone look "half so sweet" as Kate did on that evening. She was the very embodiment of love's young dream."

Well, the young lady sat down to the piano, and for half an hour entertained us with the "Star Spangled Banner," the "Bonnie Blue Flag," "Hail Columbia," "My Maryland" and various other patriotic airs. When she concluded Ginger rose, waltzed gracefully to the old-fashioned sideboard, upon which glasses and decanters were placed, and requested us to imbibe. As one man we accepted the invitation. Then the prospective bridegroom raised his glass, and stuttered: "N-now, gen-gentlemen sh-show your bot-bottom." We were about to empty when my eye rested on Kate, and I raised my hand warningly.

"Wh-what's matter?" persisted Ginger. "Sh-show bot-bottom!"

Again I raised my hand. Instinctively every eye turned toward me, and from me to Kate.

She stood erect, her tall form towering to its fullest height, and from her black eyes flashed forth a glance of scorn and contempt.

"Unmanly boor!" she cried, "is this language fit for a lady's presence? Begone!" and she haughtily pointed toward the door.

As if by magic the recreant lover stood before her completely sobered. "Kate," he cried piteously. But the haughty southern blood within her was afire. That blood which overcame us at Bull Run and Chancellorsville and nearly turned the tide of battle at Gettysburg, was boiling in her veins like a volcano, and she again pointed to the door.

Broken hearted, crestfallen, humiliated, Ginger seized his hat and departed. Silently we followed in his footsteps.

Poor Ginger! We tried to comfort him, but he was inconsolable. A few days afterward he endeavored to explain and affect a reconciliation. But 'twas of no avail. The imperious maiden, who should have been born in the middle ages—"in the days of old when knights were bold"—refused, most emphatically, to harken to his frantic appeal, and preemptorily ordered him from her presence. Within a fortnight he left the Sunny South for the rugged hills of his native New Hampshire.

A dozen years ago, while touring the eastern states I met Ginger in a country town in Massachusetts. He was greatly changed; presumably old, and suffering from melancholia. He made a confidante of me; told me he had never forgotten his early love; she was still his ideal, and that's why he never married.

INDIAN DIVORCES.

The Courts Playing Havoc with Customs of Marriage.

With most of the plain Indians marriage consists simply of picking out the maiden, leading her to a cabin or wigwam and installing her as mistress of the house and corn-field, sometimes with the necessary preliminary of paying the father a pony or two or an installment of blankets and occasionally with some slight ceremony performed by a chief or medicine man, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. And when the brave grows tired of his partner he can get rid of her as easily as he won her. The people who are now flocking to the Dakotas or Oklahoma to get divorces would be supremely happy if they could throw off the galling bonds of wedlock as easily as does the reservation Indian. The fact having been formally announced by the head man of the clan the divorce takes place when the tribe is gathered at a dance. When all are assembled and the circle formed, the discontented warrior strikes a drum used by the revelers, gives away a few presents (ofttimes making a present to the squaw he intends to take next) and then in a short, bombastic speech he stigmatizes his wife by giving her over to tender mercies of the other braves, while they look upon him enviously and consider that he has performed an act of bravery in his desertion. Often as many as half a dozen divorces are thus obtained at a single dance. No tedious waiting, no courts, no lawyers and no trouble about alimony or the custody of children. And the squaws thus cast off, as a general thing, seem to take it as a matter of course, and before the close of the dance are using the wiles known and used by women the world over in an effort to repair as speedily as possible the break in their hearts and matrimonial experiences. With the taking of land in severalty and putting on of citizenship, however, the Indian finds that he has cemented the ties that were so loose before, for the courts everywhere are deciding that the tribal marriages are legal and binding upon the Indian who becomes a citizen. And if the weight of one legal marriage wears somewhat heavily upon a white man, how must it be with the red man, who has contracted two, three, four or even more alliances which the court now declares legal and at the same time takes away his former avenue of relief?

Strange Burial Customs.

The Greenlanders know a thing or two. In the belief that "a dog can find its way anywhere" they bury a living dog in the same grave with a dead child. The canine is supposed to be used by the child as a guide in the other world. The Australians pull out the corpse's finger nails, and then tie the hands to prevent its digging its way out of the grave to engage in the vampire business. The primitive Russians put a certificate of character in the dead person's hand, so that no questions might be raised at the gate of heaven.

Smallpox Oldest Disease.

One of the oldest of actual specified diseases would probably be small-pox, which, on the authority of Masudi, attacked the African tribes who made excursions into Arabia and laid siege to Mecca in the latter half of the sixth century A. D.

Beggars Who Are Rich.

Several beggars in Peru own a large amount of property. One well-known man has a house worth 10,000 liras, and yet is to be seen begging in filthy rags.

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Col. T. W. Higginson in his reminiscences in the January Atlantic speaks of an interesting coincidence. It was often his habit to read far into the night; and sitting up until four one morning, he left his book mark at an unfinished page, having to return the book to the college library. A year later he happened to take the book from the library again, chanced to get up at four o'clock to read, and began where he left off. Afterward looking in his diary he found that he had skipped a precise year between the two days and continued reading the same passage.

New Line to Washington.

The popular Monon Route has established a new Sleeping Car line to Washington, D. C., via Cincinnati and Parkersburg, by the C. H. & D., B. & O. S. W. and B. & O. Railways. The sleeper is ready for occupancy in Dearborn station any time after 9 p. m., and leaves at 2:45 a. m. daily, arriving at Washington at 6:47 the following morning. This schedule will be in effect on January 24 and thereafter. As the sleeper goes through without change, and the hours of leaving and arriving are most convenient, this will prove altogether the most comfortable, as well as the most picturesque route to the national capital. City ticket office, 232 Clark street. Depot, Dearborn Station.

The Climate of Thibet.

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She Was a Hygienist.

The robber knight pleaded. "May I not hope," he asked, "to exact a tribute from those sweet lips?" His fair captive shivered. "If you can find it in your heart to take advantage of my helplessness——" In her voice was the dull, leaden ring of despair. "To force attentions upon me that are so very unsanitary." From all of which it became at once apparent that the lady had followed the scientific discussions of the day.

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The employment of egg-shells for ornamental purposes is extremely ancient. A manuscript in the Harleian collection represents a number of egg shells ornamented in the most elegant and costly manner. Miniatures were often painted upon egg-shells with extreme care, and shells thus curiously decorated became valuable and highly-esteemed presents. In Venice young noblemen frequently lavished large sums of money upon portraits painted within egg shells intended as presents.

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Garibaldi's Monument.

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