

or sympathy with, the planets and signs of the Zodiac. But they have a certain individuality all their own, and they are governed by special "intelligences" (a higher order of "elemental spirits") whose duty it is to give true answers. I may here interpolate that the mighty Baphomet not only invented a new and superior system, but actually went to the trouble of creating a new hierarchy of demons to subserve it! However, here is the ordinary system.

- 1121 Puer (a boy), Mars in Aries.
- 1212 Amissio (loss), Venus in Taurus.
- 2212 Albus (white), Mercury in Gemini.
- 2222 Populus (the people), Moon waxing in Cancer.
- 1111 Via (the way), Moon waning in Cancer.
- 2211 Fortuna Major (greater fortune), Sun in North Declination in Leo.
- 1122 Fortuna Minor (lesser fortune), Sun in South Declination in Leo.
- 2112 Conjunctio (conjunction), Mercury in Virgo.
- 1211 Puella (a girl), Venus in Libra.
- 2122 Rubeus (red), Mars in Scorpio.
- 2121 Acquisitio (gain), Jupiter in Sagittarius.
- 1221 Carcer (prison), Saturn in Capricornus.
- 2221 Tristitia (sorrow), Saturn in Aquarius.
- 1222 Laetitia (joy), Jupiter in Pisces.
- 2111 Caput Draconis (the Dragon's head).
- 1112 Cauda Draconis (the Dragon's tail).

In order to work this system, the proper influences are first invoked in a proper manner, and the questioner then takes a pencil that has never been used for any other purpose, and a piece of paper equally pure. He makes 16 rows of dots at hazard. These are then counted, and their total number is noted. Its meaning is discovered by reference to the book called *Sepher Sephiroth*. Each line is then counted and marked as odd or even. These are divided into four sets of four, and these figures are called the Four Mothers. The Four Mothers are then read horizontally, and four more figures called the Four Daughters are thus found. From these eight we form Four Nephews by combining each pair. Now we have twelve figures, which are placed according to a certain secret plan in the twelve Houses of Heaven, as in an ordinary Astrological chart. The Four Nephews are again combined to form Two Witnesses, and these again combine to form One Judge.

The figure is now ready for judgement, and this is the moment which calls for intuition, and tests the knowledge and experience of the diviner.

I will here state only that problems can be worked out in

the greatest detail. First a general question may be asked, and the minor points filled in by subsequent figures. Care must be taken to put the question in such a form that a clear answer is possible, and that ambiguity or even punning is not possible; for the intelligences serve unwillingly, and are always ready to match their wits against yours. Woe to you if you are not as alert as they!

I will conclude this too brief sketch with an actual verifiable example of how this method may be used.

A friend of mine, at that time a chartered accountant practicing in Johannesburg, learnt this science from me, and, being able to devote much time to it, the disciple rapidly outstripped the master. One day he was called in to examine the books of a firm, and, appalled at the size of the task — for the suspected error might have been anywhere in a number of years — he determined to try geomancy. He set up a series of figures; and after only three hours went to a particular book, opened it, and put his finger on the falsification he was seeking — a saving of three months' onerous work. This, it is to be understood, is only one of many remarkable successes.

One day it struck him that, living as he was in the center of gold and diamond fields, he might as well use his powers to discover one. He formulated the question as concerning "mineral wealth"; for he did not mind very much whether he got gold or diamonds! The intelligences directed him to ride out from the city in a certain direction, which he did. Far and fast he rode, and found never a hint of anything to reward his search. At last, toward sunset, he drew rein in despair as a line of low hills sprang into view before him. And then he bethought him that a certain figure in his divination might be taken to mean "beyond the hills." I will ride another quarter of an hour, he said, for luck. He came to the hills; still no trace of that auriferous quartz outcrop or that blue clay formation which he had hoped to find. On the contrary, in front of him stretched an unbroken plain. I will return, said he, and curse the hour when I first took up Geomancy. But, a pool of water lying a few yards ahead, he decided to give his pony a drink before he turned. The pony refused the water; and at the same moment he perceived that it was fetlock deep in mire, and ready to sink. He dismounted hastily, and dragged the beast from the quagmire. He slipped in doing so; the mud splashed his face, and at that moment he found that it was bitter.

He had discovered the biggest alkali deposit in South Africa! "Mineral wealth," right enough; and to-day, in spite of the war, he is well on the way to his first million sterling.

## TROTH.

By Heinrich Heine. Translated by Aleister Crowley.

O vow no more, but kiss for troth!  
I put no faith in a girl's oath.  
The words are sweet, but sweeter far  
The kisses we have tasted are.  
Those have I, and there found my faith;  
Oaths are but empty wind and breath.

Swear faith eternally averred!  
I'll stake my life on your bare word.  
I sink upon your bosom — so —  
That I am happy, that I know.  
Beloved, now my faith is stronger!  
You'll love me always — maybe longer!