

§ 13. VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS

UNDER this head are classed accidents wherein the native was himself driving a car or motor-cycle, or riding a bicycle, or was a passenger. Cases of persons driving carts, traps, and other horse-drawn vehicles are in these days rather rare. In cases wherein the native is a pedestrian, struck or crushed by a vehicle, I have classed the horoscope under another head, as has been explained. Such classifications must necessarily be very unsatisfactory, but they are perhaps as good as can be found for practical purposes, especially in a work that does not pretend to be exhaustive, but only introductory.

Accidents of this kind conform well to traditional rules. As might be expected, afflictions to the mutable planets, Mercury and Jupiter, are almost always present, the former body being more in evidence in cycling accidents, and perhaps in accidents arising on the course of routine journeys, such as to and from employment. Jovian travels usually have the exploratory element. Saturn afflictions tend to broken bones, Uranus to shock. Afflictions in mutables, and especially in Gemini-Sagittarius, are common, and so too are afflictions from the 3rd to the 9th. Many areas which we have already noticed will be found to appear, but sporadically; and until their intrinsic meanings have been discovered it seems impossible to try to trace their values in individual cases.

Cases for Study

V 1—Male, born 3 a.m., 21.4.1896, Grantham, Lincs.
Thigh broken 28.8.1901, right arm broken 27.9.1905,

and amputated four days later. Thrown from motor-cycle by collision with car; shoulders, knee and face badly cut, 6.9.1927. Thrown from motor-cycle by skid on leaves; shoulder, thigh, and leg badly cut, 21.10.1928. Note that all accidents happened in autumn.

V 2—Male, born 8.57 p.m., 25.10.1904, London. Killed when motoring to see the total eclipse of 29.6.1927 in $6^{\circ} \text{ } \ominus$.

V 3—Male, 1 a.m. 15.1.1885, Aldershot, Hants. Bad cycling accident, killed later in Macedonia.

V 4—Male, between 10 and 11 a.m., 13.5.1903, Richmond, Yorks. Accident when motor-cycling, concussion and forehead badly scarred, 17.1.1931.

V 5—Male, 11 p.m., 19.11.1867, Frome, Somerset. Serious cycling accident, 19.12.1913; run into by girl and now limps.

V 6—Male, 6.45 a.m., 3.12.1895, about $17^{\circ} 30' \text{ N.}$, $72^{\circ} 30' \text{ E.}$ Broke ankle during night of 28.5.1927, in long-distance motor-bike race in Wales, and hurt thigh.

V 7—Male, 7.05 a.m., 29.2.1904, Devizes, Wilts. Ran into steam-roller when on motor-cycle going to work on morning of 20.6.1921. Leg broken in several places. Cp. V 24, below (same day).

V 15—Male, 7.30-7.45 p.m., 9.8.1897, Melksham, Wilts. Broke leg in motor-cycle accident, 17.8.1928; leg badly set, had to be rebroken and reset.

V 21—Female, 11 a.m., 1.5.1878, Hastings. Badly crushed by fall under cart when cycling. Hearing on one side destroyed.

V 22—Male, 9.0 p.m., 31.10.1901, Nanticoke, Pa. Severely cut about chin and head in car-collision with astrologer born under ♁ .

V 23—Male, 2 a.m., 7.3.1907, Pennsylvania. Killed 20.11.1921, when riding bike ; hit by car and thrown under wheels. A twin-sister suffered from goitre.

V 24—Female, about lunch-time, 29.2.1904, London. Run over by cart outside home (afflictions involve ☉) and right leg amputated at knee, January 1908. See V 7 above.

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Three examples below.

I have used in all 21 cases in this category, others arriving after the work had been done. Typical contacts are : ♃ in affliction with ♂, ♃ or ♁ ; ♃ □ ♃ ; ♃ in affliction with ♂ or ♁ ; ♂ in affliction with ♁.

Skids are probably Uranian, accidents in fogs Neptunian or possibly Plutonic, though one would probably do well to guard against collisions with drainage works in the road when under the malevolent action of this body.

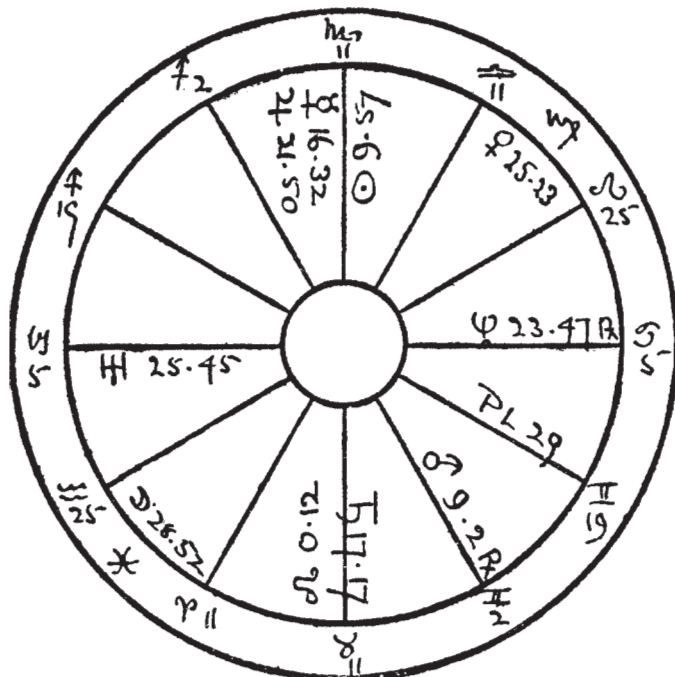
Mars occurs 5 times in Virgo in these 21 cases, but why he should seem to have this affinity in such accidents I do not know. He is only once in Gemini and not at all in Libra ; other signs are average.

Example No. 15

Male, born at Ipswich, 11.48 a.m., November 3, 1911. Died when pillion-riding from his job with a fellow-workman. They were knocked down by a car and the native's head was terribly injured. Accident was at 5.45 p.m., October 10, 1931, at Nottingham. Died next day.

Psychological

The tables show that Capricorn-rising is rarely

Example No. 15

involved in any accidents, and in this case we may observe that the victim was in no way responsible.

Circumstantial

This map came to hand after the earlier part of the section had been written, but it agrees well with what had been stated, despite the brilliantly good aspects that also occur in the natus. It is curious that the Sun is fairly free from affliction, the opposition to Saturn being wide. The square of Pluto to the Moon implies that the former can be very evil.

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There are no bad sign-positions, which is additional evidence of lack of psychological responsibility on the part of the native. By house Uranus and Neptune are weak.

There are no evil stresses. This case seems, in fact, to be one in which the chief responsibility lies with Pluto, and this planet was not embodied in Table III.

Directions

The age was just twenty. By one-degree Mars is square radical Moon, exact, and asc. in conj. Uranus. By $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$, together with some apparently good directions, there is Saturn opp. Jupiter. Note also that Uranus is getting near the square of Mercury-Saturn by o-d. By primary direction the asc. is opp. Pluto *cum latitudine*—latitude being a very important item in regard to this planet.

Example No. 16

Lad born in Hertfordshire about 10.50 p.m., August 2, 1912. Intelligent, handsome, and a fine character. Coming home March 25, 1930, on a newly-bought motor-bicycle, he ran into a lorry and was killed instantaneously.

Circumstantial

Here also the Sun has only a wide opposition, whilst both it and the Moon receive good rays from a strong Jupiter, ruling 8th. But this planet is again opposed to Saturn, and Mercury is with Mars and in square to the two others. Once again the Moon is square Pluto, though dissociate.

Speaking from the standpoint of traditional astrology, I should not have expected early death either in this case or in the preceding ; but it is evident that Pluto must be taken into serious account in such maps, and his afflictions to Luna, in particular, seem dangerous.

Those interested in hypotheticals may care to observe that in all three of the examples given in this section, *Isis* is a potent afflictor. In No. 15 she is opp. Moon, Moon, sq. asc. ; in No. 16 she is conj. Moon ; in No. 17 she is on the asc., conj. ruler and Sun. I have always regarded her action as like that of a violent Mercury, or perhaps like Mercury + Mars.

Example No. 17

Lad born 6.30 a.m., September 21, 1907, Melksham, Wilts. He was killed when cycling, by reason of a skid which threw him in front of a bus. He died almost instantaneously, no bones were broken, but the liver was ruptured. Accident was at 6.25 p.m., December 8, 1926.

Circumstantial

Not a difficult case for which to account. There are heavy mutable afflictions which again involve Pluto ; and there are likewise cardinal afflictions of a serious character. The comparative strength of Jupiter is the most noteworthy feature of the horoscope on the good side, but Jupiter has three minor bad aspects. Note that this was a push-bicycle accident, and observe the prominence of Mercury.

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Saturn is weak both by sign and by house—note that

♃ is Δ \odot ♀, but carries too serious afflictions to be of use. There are severe and characteristic $\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ directions; $\text{D } \delta \text{ } \text{h}$ is very near to time.

§ 14. FALLS

OF these I have used 31 well-defined cases. The chief index seems to be afflictions between Cancer and Libra, and, not quite so frequently, between these and Capricorn. Aries does not appear to be in general a sign of falling. Saturn is in Cancer in no less than 6 cases, and, in the two Jovian signs, 4 times each, so that these three sign-positions cover almost half the cases. When Saturn is not in Cancer it will often be found that one of the other malefics is therein: Cancer is undoubtedly connected with falls, as Capricorn is traditionally the sign of rising and climbing. But the commonest ascendants are Leo (7) and Virgo (6).

As regards the location of bodies in signs generally, I find, taking the rising sign and the signs occupied by the eight more quickly moving bodies, that the first three contain only 44 points, against an average of 70, Gemini being lowest. Leo, Libra, and Scorpio occur most often.

The four most commonly occupied areas are the first few degrees of the cardinals and of the mutables, and about 18° cardinals and 14° - 17° mutables. These areas have been mentioned before in Section II, "Blows"—falls involve a blow.

The map of the Prince of Wales,¹ who has had some severe falls in the hunting-field, illustrates all four of these areas.

¹ The present Duke of Windsor.