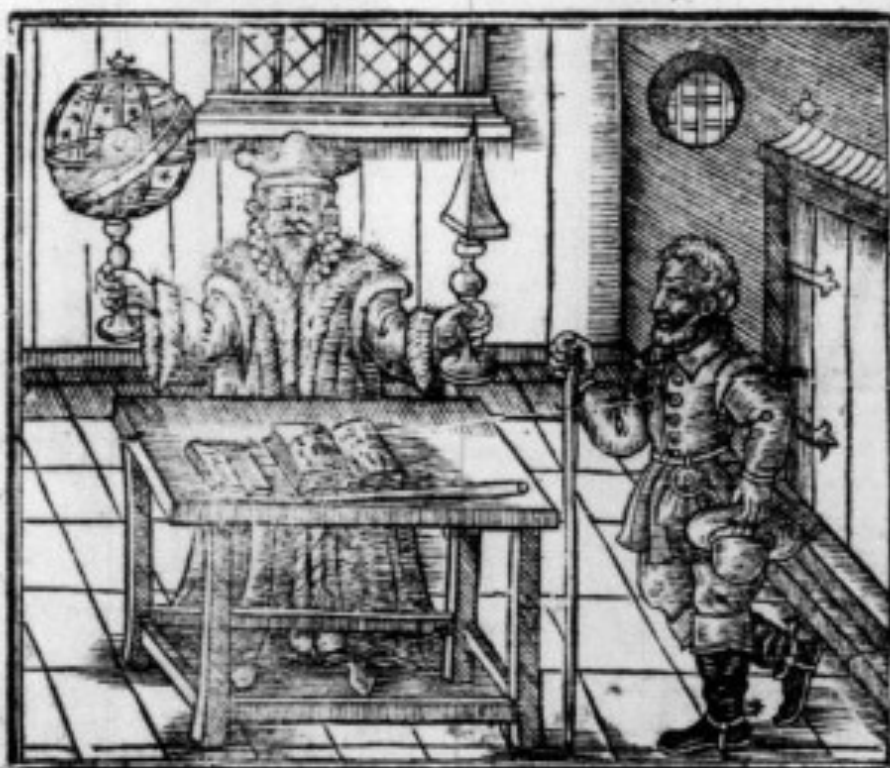


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 delight to be reliev'd of.

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To The Reader

This work was brought out of Turkey, by the Chaus, or Turkish Ambassador, that arrived on the German Coasts, who oftentimes, with his Comforts and Comrades, as namely, Turks and Saracens, sported in it. The same was left among the Germans, and many of them, together with Dr. Stratzern, that came out of Turkey, caused it to be seen and played. It was translated out of the Turkish, into the German Language, by a German Patriot, and at the gracious Request of a Noble Madam, and Chief Lady in the Bratter, on the River of Danube, A.S.L.L. of D., and her Most Noble Daughter there, offered, communicated and delivered with all Humility and Obedience.

Now the Turks (say they) have it of the Egyptians, and other ancient Heathen Philosophers, which have described the same out of their Natural Magic. They esteemed the same very much; hence, many of them do yet imitate it, and hold it not as we do for a Jest and Sport, especially chief Men in Banquets, and amongst Ladies, but for a very Truth. And there may well be something in it. Of the like Matters, much is mentioned here and there, by divers Authors, as Dr. Fludd writes of the like at large. And this it is not to be taken for a Juggling, as if it came from the Egyptians and Jugglers. Much less for a Witchcraft, or a Black Art, as Ignorants and Idiots usually understand it.

*An Instruction and Information on how to find out
the RESOLUTIONS and ANSWERS upon the
QUESTIONS mentioned in this ensuing BOOK, &c.*

Take one of the after-written Questions, as for Example, this Question: *Whether you shall get her, or not, whom you do love?* Noted with this Character, XO, thereby you shall find the Number 24, which sheweth you to the 24th Wheel: Hold this Wheel before you, then cast you, or let them who desire to know the Question, throw with two Dice a free Cast out of the Hand. Mark then how much you threw that Cast with both of the Dice, as 5, 6, 7, 8, or, 2, 3, 4, 9, 11, or 12. Then find out the Number you did throw, within the said Wheel. As for Example, your Cast was 6. Then you shall find thereby written within the Wheel, the Word *Fountain*. Without the Wheel, on the Brim or Margin, directly over-against this Word *Fountain*, you shall find this Number: 64. This sheweth you then further to the lesser Globes or Balls. Look then for the 64th Globe, over which you will find written the Word *Fountain*, noting to be the *Fountain-Globe*. Within the Globe itself is written the word, *Nymphe*, and under this the Number 98. This leadeth you then yet to the hindermost written Number 98, under the Title of *Nymphe*, where you, in the Number 6, which was your Cast, shall find the Resolution, an Answer upon your question.

You may also find an Answer, or Resolution, upon the same Wheel. If you throw 12 upon both Dice, look then for the Number 12, in the same Wheel, whereby you shall find written *Wormes*. This signifieth so much unto you, that you shall go from this Wheel to the lesser Globes, and there to look for the *Worme-Globe*, which is in the Number 70, within which is written JASON, under which is the Number 92. This sheweth you further, where you, under the Title of JASON, and Number 92, shall you find your Cast, which was 12, and the Resolution upon your Question.

Now follows the Heads, or Questions in General, which are contained in
this BOOK.

Of all the QUESTIONS in General

- BA. 1. *Whether the sick Body shall recover Health?*
 KI. 6. *Whether what is said, be Truth or not?*
 PV. 4. *Whether you shall finish the Business well, which you do purpose?*
 ZV. 7. *Whether the Person who giveth you fair and good Words remains constant to you?*
 GA. 16. *What your Dreams may signify to you?*
 BL. 21. *What Adventure you shall have this perfect Day?*
 ZA. 15. *Whether you shall make a good and happy End?*
 FV. 2. *Whether the person who is gone to travel, shall come in good Health back again?*
 MA. 5. *Whether you shall be welcome, and have kind Entertainment where you intend to come?*
 SL. 11. *Who, amongst the married Couple, shall survive or outlive the other?*
 AR. 35. *Whether you shall trust your Secret to a Friend, or not?*
 DE. 3. *Whether you shall perform your Journey?*
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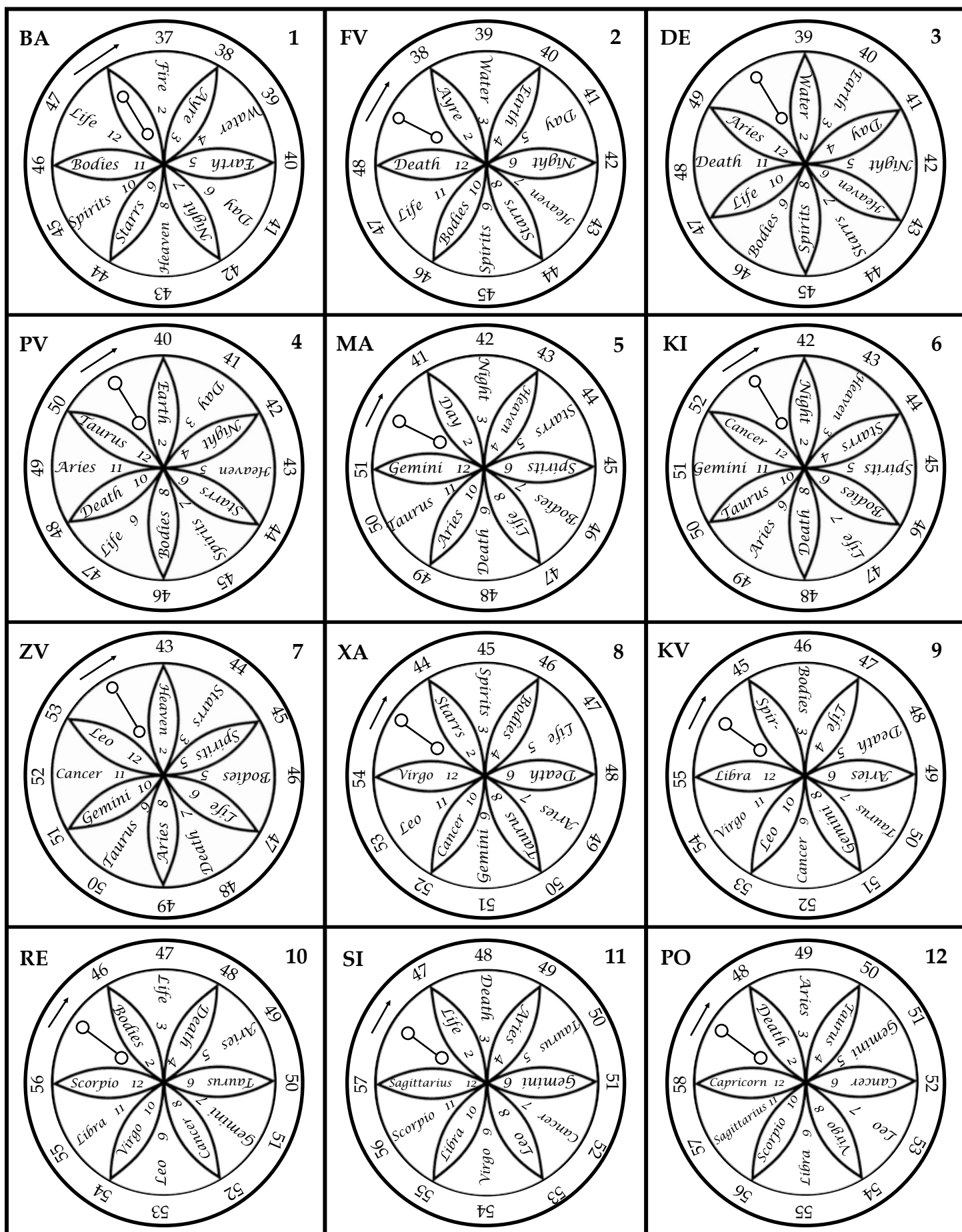
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- LE. 22. *Amongst the Kind of People the Person may be best-accepted of, and well-beloved and respected?*
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 ZE. 13. *Whether you shall, at last, get those Things again, which you have formerly lost?*
 KV. 9. *Whether the Person you think or imagine upon, doth mean truly with you, and respecteth you?*
 SO. 17. *Whether that which you now think upon shall come to pass, yea or no?*
 PO. 12. *To know what Fortune may happen unto a Child newly-born, either Boy or Girl?*
 XE. 14. *To know whether you shall live long, increase in Riches, and be fortunate in your Age, yea or no?*
 PI. 18. *Whether it be good to pursue any further the same Business, you desire to effect?*
 RE. 10. *To know whether you shall follow the Counsel and Advice which is given unto you; yea or no?*
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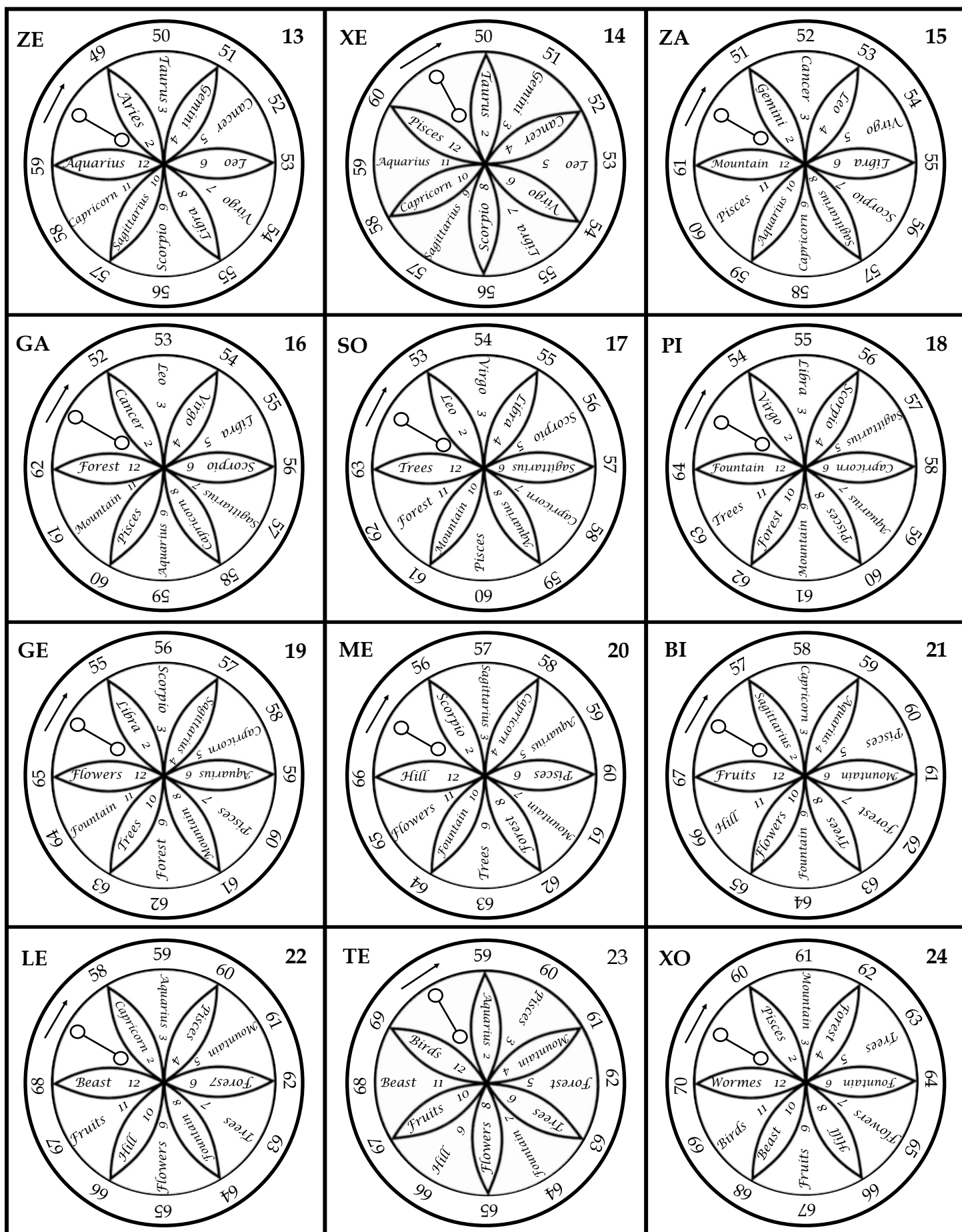
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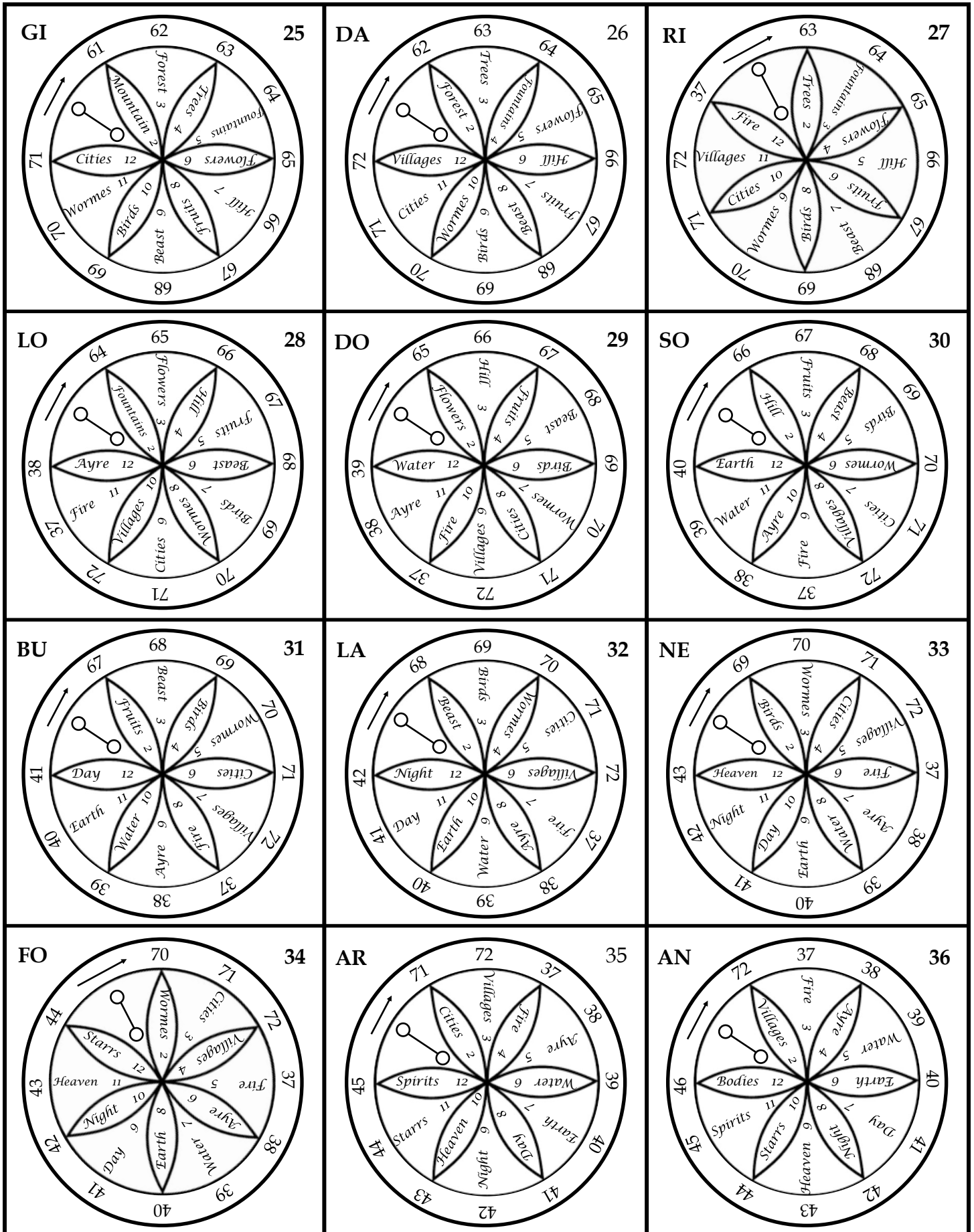
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THE RESOLUTION OR ANSWER UPON YOUR QUESTION

Vulcanus 73

2. THE Sick in Danger great doth lye,
Of this same present Malady.
The former Health which now is fled,
Will barely be recovered.
3. OFF anything which thou canst keep,
To raise thy Fortune, 'twill be Sheep.
Thou canst not have a better Thing,
Which will to thee more Profit bring.
4. TAKE heed, for if thy Secret be
Made known to Persons two or three,
It will no longer be conceal'd,
But unto many be reveal'd.
5. TO die a Maid you need not fear,
For many Children you shall bear.
'Tis three to one e'er you be wed,
You will have lost your Maiden-head.
6. THOU art to have, by Destiny,
Some Score of Husbands e'er thou die,
By which you may assured be,
The first will never bury thee.
7. A Merry Man, and diligent,
According to thy Heart's Content,
Will be to thee a Husband kind,
If thou canst get him in the Mind.
8. SO many Suitors you have now,
That very well you do not know
Which amongst them for to take,
Nor who you should your Husband make.
9. IF that thou shew thyself unkind,
When thou wouldst have him in the Mind,
His Heart will be against thee set,
That thou no more his Love shall get.
10. HIS Love is greater unto thee,
Than ever thine to him will be;
And if his Love should now decline,
The Fault is none of his, but thine.
11. YOU do not learned Men disdain,
But rather seek thereby to gain
Their Favours, or to be their Mate.
You do not bear them inward Hate.
12. FRIEND, to be short, and end the Strife,
Thou must and shall have but one Wife.
Make much and cherish her therefore,
For when she's dead, thou get'st no more.

Luna 74

2. IN this it seemeth unto me,
Nothing but very Truth to be.
Then 'twere a Shame for to deny
What Truth itself doth justify.
3. BY this Time it may be justly proved,
Of many you are well beloved;
For go into what Place you will,
Your Company is welcome still.
4. YOU need not for to stand in doubt,
This Favour which you are about,
It will not only Profit bring,
But Credit from the same shall spring.
5. THIS Journey is not like to be,
So prosperous in each Degree.
See that you keep all Things in Frame,
To shun the Danger of the same.
6. IF that no Hindrance by the Way,
Doth cause this Person for to stay,
He shortly will come back again,
In Health amongst you to remain.
7. THE Time is dangerous, indeed,
To some in whom Diseases breed,
And goeth very hard with such
As troubled are with Sickness' touch.
8. A Pigeon-Merchant right you are,
Your Wealth comes flying in from far.
Be sure that once a Month, at least,
Your Goods are like to be increas'd.
9. IF thou would'st quiet live, thou must
Not any of thy Secrets trust
To Women, for they will, by kind,
Reveal what 'ere comes in their Mind.
10. A Many Children thou shalt have,
Which Death will hasten to the Grave;
For whether they be weak or strong,
Not many of them will live long.
11. YOU are further like still to remain,
Before a Husband you shall gain;
Then of your Carriage have a Care,
For fear lest none fall to your Share.
12. IT is allotted unto thee,
A Spend-thrift shall thy Husband be;
Then be thy Portion great or small,
Hide some, or else he'll spend it all.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Sol 75

2. GO on thy Way with merry Cheer,
Thou need'st no Danger for to fear,
For why, this Journey now by thee
Shall happily performed be.
3. THIS Person no long Time will stay,
When once he is set on his Way;
But will come quickly Home, to tell
What in the Way to him befell.
4. THE Sick will linger long in Pain,
Before that they'll be well again;
Yet very like they escape at last,
Though they recover not in Haste.
5. TO Poultry thou shall have good Luck,
For both the Goose, the Hen, and Duck,
Will all of them increase thy Store,
And keep thee up from growing poor.
6. TO a good Friend, I dare to say,
Thy Secret thou discover may,
And in the same may'st Comfort find,
To set at rest a troubled Mind.
7. THOU shall have many Children, which,
In thy Conceit may make thee rich;
They will of good Conditions be,
And in thy Age will honour thee.
8. YOUR Destiny is but to have
One Husband; for I do perceive,
Your Qualities to be so ill,
That when he dies, none more have, you will.
9. YOUR Husband will be very old,
Of Feature grim and Nature cold;
With rotten Teeth, and stinking Breath,
That you each Day will wish his Death.
10. SHE is a very faithless One,
For Virtue in her there is none;
Then take her not to be thy Wife,
For fear of breeding After-Strife.
11. YOU'll get him yet, I'll undertake
If 'twere but for your Beauty's sake;
Your Liberalities likewise
The True-Love's Knot more firmly ties.
12. THE Truth it is, he loved thee
As Dogs and Cats unto each agree;
But if he bite, be sure you scratch,
There's no Love lost in such a Match.

Neptunus 76

2. THIS Party will not much rejoice
To see thee, nor to hear thy Voice;
For if your coming be to stay,
They'd rather wish you'd stay'd away.
3. GO forward in your Business,
In it, you shall have good Success;
While Fortune on thee now doth smile,
Waste thou no Time in the mean while.
4. THIS Party I am confident,
Is come not for to have Content;
It is some other Ways inclin'd,
As you by Proof may after find.
5. I Boldly dare encourage thee,
Your Journey prosperous will be,
Which now you are about to go,
You need not fear ~ it shall be so.
6. UNTO the Sick that is not well,
This to their Comfort I do tell,
They shall not linger long in Pain,
But shall recover soon again.
7. IF thou would'st the Horse-courser play,
So that you take them brown or Bay,
White Jades have many a scurvy Trick,
And Dapple-Grey will bite and kick.
8. YOUR Secrets you disclose too much,
And do reveal them unto such
As you do take to be your Friends,
Which no such Love to you pretends.
9. IT'S like you will have Children store,
Some of them Boys, but Girls the more;
Then Cupid's School is more upheld,
Than Forces rais'd for Mars's Field.
10. THOU shalt have but one Husband, which
Will live to be as Old, as Rich;
And as he is to have long Life,
He will prove crabbed to his Wife.
11. A Merry young Man, I well-perceive
Unto thy Husband thou shalt have,
Therefore of him be not afraid,
Though 'is Teeth be longer than his Beard.
12. IF thou in Marriage dost proceed,
A brave and lusty Man, indeed,
Unto thy Husband thou wilt get,
The worst, perhaps, he'll prove in Debt.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Hymeneus 77.

2. THIS Counsel cannot be so good,
If rightly it be understood;
Then change it quickly if you can,
Learn some from another Man.
3. THIS Person meaneth you no Wrong,
Therefore see that you keep her long;
For it is a very hard Thing to find,
One that shall be so well inclin'd.
4. YOUR Fortune will be very good,
For Fishing on the Ocean Flood;
Or if thou wilt a Fisher be,
The Water-Nymphs will smile on thee.
5. THIS Person is both True and Just,
In her thou well may'st place thy Trust;
Her Dealings are upright and plain,
No falsehood in her doth remain.
6. PUT not thy Confidence in this,
All is not true that spoken is;
For when as Time the Truth shall try,
'Tis doubtful this may prove a Lye.
7. YOU are right welcome, I dare say,
If that too long you do not stay;
Therefore 'tis good for to make haste,
For fear your Labour prove a waste.
8. IF you a good Beginning make
Of the Business you undertake,
And that you go on forward still,
The End thereof will not be Ill.
9. THE Danger it was very great,
This Journey unto you did threat;
'Tis good to learn how to prevent
The Harms which may fall by Accident.
10. THIS Party who to travel's gone,
The Way that he is bent upon,
When many weary Steps are spent,
He'll hardly come home as he went.
11. NO doubt this Party, of his Pain,
Will in short Time be well again;
Such Fits as these are incident,
As Summer Agues are in Kent.
12. IN Horses' Traffic, fly and shun,
Lest that by them thou be'st undone;
The Staggers and the Farcy will,
With Glanders many of them kill.

Pareae 78.

2. THIS Child will very healthful be,
It many happy Days shall see;
And very like before it die,
Will raise itself to Honours high.
3. THE Husband is of no long Life,
For he will die before his Wife;
A Widow she'll not long remain,
But after married be again.
4. IT is a Counsel good indeed,
Therefore to it pay thee good heed,
And follow it, for thou shalt see
No Hurt thereby will come to thee.
5. THIS Party loves thee very well,
There's no Deceit in it doth dwell,
Its Heart is from all Falsehood free,
No Harm at all it wisheth thee.
6. THY luck is best in Fire and Metals,
To melt and cast Bells, Pots and Kettles,
For therein lie the chiefest Gains,
If thou wilt work, and take such Pains.
7. THIS Party is not good to trust,
For very like it is unjust,
Yet if thou dost, and chance to rue,
Say afterwards ~ I told thee true.
8. ALL is not Truth that now is spoke,
And if all that Lying would but choak
The Party which the same doth tell,
Lying, would not be lov'd so well.
9. THYSELF alone shall welcome be,
So that thou bring'st no Guest with thee;
But if thou dost, I am afraid,
They'll wish you all away had staid.
10. WHAT you are now propos'd about,
You need not of to stand in doubt;
But it will have a good Effect,
If you do not the same neglect.
11. THY Journey dangerous will be,
And most unhappy unto thee;
If in the same thou dost proceed,
It's good for thee to take great Heed.
12. HE who to travel far is gone,
If Sickness let him but alone,
And cross him not of his Intent,
He homeward now again is bent.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Jupiter 79.

2. IT is a very cunning Youth,
That seems to mean but little Truth;
Take heed lest he should you deceive,
And say that I you Counsel give.
3. ALL is not spoken as it is,
According to the Truth of this;
I'll sooner say it is a Lye,
Than stand the same to justify.
4. MOST lovingly they will receive you,
But yet indeed they will not have you
There amongst them long to stay,
But wish you were soon gone away.
5. IF you be diligent in this,
Your Labour will not go amiss;
Your Business shall have a good End,
And you no Time in vain shall spend.
6. THIS Journey very good will be,
And profitable unto thee;
Therefore go out with merry Cheer,
The Truth of this thou need'st not fear.
7. THIS Person, after he hath had
Great Damage and Misfortune (bad)
And thereby having great Cause to mourn,
He home again will then return.
8. THIS Party it will overcome
This Sickness, yet; before the Tomb
Doth it within the Earth enfold,
It shall more Days of Heath behold.
9. BREEDING of Hogs is such a Thing,
As special Luck will to you bring,
Wash, Bran, or Grains, they feed on all,
Or that which from your Wife's Backside doth fall.
10. YOU may disclose your Business
Unto your Friend, but ne'ertheless,
It's good for you to take great Heed,
But be sure he be your Friend indeed.
11. THESE Children I perceive are such,
As will not put you very much
To Trouble; therefore be content,
And think to you they are but lent.
12. ONE Husband you are like to have,
Who will content you, I perceive;
He will so well for you provide,
That by him you'll be satisfied.

Aeolus 80.

2. HE who to travel now is gone,
There's very little Hope, or none,
That e'er he will come home again,
But will in Absence still remain.
3. ALTHO' the Sick may seem to lye
In Danger, yet it will not die;
But will recover of its Pain,
And have their former Health again.
4. ALL Sorts of wild Beasts unto thee
Will oftentimes most hurtful be;
Yet if thou would those Dangers 'scape,
Do not so much as view an Ape.
5. YOUR Secrets do not you disclose
To any, be they Friends or Foes;
Except that Need doth say thou must,
I would not any of them trust.
6. I Can resolve thee, that thy Charge
Of Children will not be too large,
For they shall be in Number few,
Yet thou shalt have they nightly Due.
7. TAKE Heed how you your Choice do make,
You have but one Husband for to take;
Therefore see that you have a Care,
To get a good one to your Share.
8. A Clownish Drunkard you must have
Unto your Husband, I perceive;
If that you will take Care to spin,
He'll every Night come reeling in.
9. THIS Man is not so bad, I see,
As you imagine him to be;
Therefore you'd better with him marry,
Than worse to speed, and longer tarry.
10. BECAUSE you are two Grains too light,
Your Boldness puts him in a Fright;
Therefore he hath but little Mind
To you, that are that Way inclin'd.
11. HE meaneth truly, for his Part,
And loves you too, with all his Heart;
Therefore be constant to him still,
That bears to thee so much Good Will.
12. YOU are most welcome, as 'tis thought,
'Mongst People who are base and naught,
Which never for their Living wrought,
Nor after any Goodness sought.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Castor 81

2. TO tell you truly, and be plain,
You'll hardly get these Things again;
Then whether they were stol'n or lost,
Bid farewell to so much as they cost.
3. UNTO this Child, I do perceive,
It is ordain'd long Life to have,
And shall be rich before it dies,
And also unto Honour rise.
4. WOULD you have me to certify,
Which of the two first shall die?
The Husband hath the shorter Life,
For he will die before the Wife.
5. THIS Counsel it is not so bad
As what you suppos'd it had;
For, if you rightly do perceive it,
You'll take them for your Friends that gave it.
6. THIS Party is not so good indeed,
Therefore I wish you to take Heed,
And have a Care that thou no Whit
Do put thy Confidence in it.
7. YOU have good luck at such Times, when
As you converse with honest Men,
And such as to the Church belong,
With thee it seldom happens wrong.
8. IT is not good to trust this Man
With any Thing, for if he can
In private he'll do thee any Ill,
'Tis very like that so he will.
9. IT is not all the Truth that's said,
Therefore, if I might you persuade,
You should not trust the same, for why?
The greatest Part thereof's a Lie.
10. AS thou shalt profitable be,
Therefore they'll accept of thee;
But if thou nothing dost deserve,
They would not care, tho' thou should'st starve.
11. THIS is to let you understand,
That you had better take in Hand
Some *other* Work; for why? indeed
You'll hardly well in this proceed.
12. THIS Journey you must go in vain,
It will be nothing to your Gain;
Yet thou per Force must be content,
Tho' thou return worse than thou went.

Apollo 82

2. THIS person you need not to fear,
He doth no Envy to you bear;
You may with him communicate,
For he to you doth bear no Hate.
3. YOU shall have special Luck in Ground,
'Mongst Mines where Treasure most is found
In changing Money also, you
Thereby will find great Profit too.
4. DO not this Party trust; for why?
'Tis very false, I'll justify;
The best that doth from such proceed
Doth nothing but Contention breed.
5. SOME that is spoken, I confess,
It *may* be true; but ne'ertheless,
'Tis good to try before you trust,
For all, I cannot say, is just.
6. THOU shalt be loved very well
Of those which near to thee do dwell,
And Strangers, when they thee do know,
Will bear Good Will to thee also.
7. IF thou strivest to be diligent,
And labour'st hard to give Content,
Hereafter thou shalt be regarded,
And for thy Labour be rewarded.
8. IN the same Journey I advise
Thee for to be careful and wise,
That thou the Dangers may'st prevent,
Which may fall out by Accident.
9. THIS Party will not long Time be,
Away, for shortly you shall see
It happily return again,
Whole Labour hath not been in vain.
10. THE Danger of the Sick is such,
That it is to be fear'd much,
It will not overcome this Pain,
But die before it mends again.
11. YOU have good Luck for to converse
With Priests, and if you can rehearse
How oft you sinn'd I can resolve you,
He'll tell you that he can absolve you.
12. IT's good for thee, I do suppose,
That should'st you unto him disclose
The Business that you are on about;
IT will be for the best, no doubt.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Saturnus 83.

2. THERE's special Luck belongs to you,
With Marriage, and by Heirship too;
Thus shalt thou unto Riches rise,
Yet do not thou the Poor despise.
3. THIS Party unto you doth bear
An honest Mind, you need not fear;
In Meaning is upright and true,
In all Respects towardeth you.
4. SOMEWHAT is true, but yet not all,
Then let thy Confidence be small,
Put not thy Trust too much in this,
Nor seek for Truth where Falsehood is.
5. BECAUSE you are so much inclin'd
To bear so wavering a Mind,
There is not any will respect you,
Nor for your Labours yet affect you.
6. IF that you do not understand
This Work, then do not take't in Hand;
You'd better let it now alone,
Than wish too late you had done none.
7. THIS Journey goeth well with thee,
As thou would'st with it so to be,
According to thy Heart's Desire;
What wouldest thou then more require?
8. THIS Person will come home at last,
When Time a little more is past;
Her body dangerously will swell,
Of that Disease, herself will tell.
9. DESPISE not Physic, though there be
But small Hopes of Recovery;
And little Hurts cause Sorrow much,
When greater are not cause of such.
10. YOU may wade in Wealth up to th'Knees,
You have such Luck in Ducks and Geese;
Which well will prosper and increase,
But keep the Fox and them at Peace.
11. 'TIS good for thee to have a Care,
And of this Person to beware;
Do not thy Secrets with her trust,
For she to thee will prove unjust.
12. THERE is a certain Number set,
How many Children thou shall get;
Two is the most that there will be,
Thou'rt never like to make them three.

Gratiae 84

2. BETWIXT the Husband and the Wife,
The Female hath the longer Life;
But afterwards, when he is dead,
She'll be too old again to wed.
3. FOLLOW this Counsel, for I see
It will be very good for thee;
Therefore I hold thee much to blame,
If that thou dost not take the same.
4. THIS Party meaneth thee no Ill,
Therefore accept of that Good-Will
Which it to thee doth seem to bear,
No Harm thereby thou need'st to fear.
5. IN Hunting, you have special Luck;
For hardly either Hare or Buck
Will ever 'scape your Dog or you,
Sometimes, beware of Rabbits too.
6. TO doubt this Man thou hast no need,
For he right constant is indeed;
In him thou well may'st put thy Trust,
His Meaning toward thee is just.
7. IN this you may yourselves persuade,
Much of it's very true that's said;
Those that are Speakers of the same,
They need not with the Truth to shame.
8. Y'ARE very welcome, if something
That's good along with you, you bring;
But if you chance to come without,
So welcome you'll not be, no doubt.
9. I Would have you to understand
The Work which you have took in Hand,
The Effect thereof will be but small,
And it will not finish'd be at all.
10. YOUR Journey a good End will have,
As yourself would wish or crave;
It happily shall finsh'd be,
As you would it desire to be.
11. THE Person that to Travel's gone,
When he'll return it is unknown;
To look for him, ye Time but waste,
He will not come again in haste.
12. BE patient, tho' thou art not well,
For this same Sickness, I can tell,
It will not very long endure,
Before that Time shall work thy Cure.

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Pollux 85

2. THOU shalt live to be very old,
And many happy Days behold;
Thou quickly will be rich likewise,
And also unto Honour rise.
3. ALL Toil and Labour is but in vain,
For you will get nothing again;
You had as good let all alone,
As strive in vain for what is gone.
4. GOOD Understanding it will have,
But no long Life I do perceive;
Therefore, I say, if you be wise,
Make much of it before it dies.
5. WHAT would you know assuredly,
Which of the two the first should die?
To tell you plain, and end all Strife,
The Husband lives to bury his Wife.
6. THIS Counsel it may well be guessed,
For thee it will not prove the best;
Therefore, 'tis better thou refuse it,
Than to repeat, if once thou use it.
7. THIS Party it doth with you well,
And therefore this I can you tell,
It is not in any way unjust,
But you in it may put your Trust.
8. YOU have good Luck with Merchandise,
And in all Sorts of Arts likewise;
What'ere thou take'st in Hand, or tries,
Thy Profit from the same will rise.
9. THIS Person is a cunning one.
If hurt by her thou would'st have none,
Then do not trust her, though you know her,
No farther than thou can'st well throw her.
10. SOMETHING is true, the which is said,
But yet I would no farther wade
To justify, except I knew
That all the rest besides was true.
11. GO on, you need not for to fear
But that you shall be welcome there;
And thou some Kindness will perceive,
If well thyself thou dost behave.
12. THY Purpose nothing forward goes,
But backward as I do suppose;
Thy Time about it thou may'st spend,
But hardly bring it to an End.

Pluto 86.

2. YOU'RE long about this Work, I see;
Except that you could quicker be,
I would have you to understand,
You get but little by the Hand.
3. THIS Journey it doth threaten thee,
As if it would much hurtful be,
Therefore 'tis good thou should'st take Heed,
If to the End thou would'st proceed.
4. NOT like to one that looketh sad,
Nor any Cause of Mourning had,
This Person shall return again,
But in a very pleasant Vein.
5. THE Sick shall not endure long Pain,
But quickly shall be well again,
Therefore I say be of good Cheer,
Death at this Time you need not fear.
6. IF Oxen thou dost buy or sell,
Th'art like to raise thy Fortune well;
Thy careful wife, I'm sure, she scorns
That thou should'st fall for Want of Horns.
7. IF you of Help stand in no Need,
But in all Things do well proceed;
Yet be you silent, for you may
Have Need of Help another Day.
8. IF our Conjecture rightly fall,
Be confident in this, you shall
Have lesser Store of Girls than Boys,
Which may the more increase your Joys.
9. YOU shall two Husbands have, fair Maid;
Cheer up your Heart, be not afraid;
But this observe above the rest,
That of the two, the last is best.
10. WHEN you in Love go thorough stich,
Indeed, your Husband shall be rich;
Yet Fortune thus your Joys allays ~
With him, you shall see no good Days.
11. I Pri'thee Maiden ~ Have a Care,
And seek in Time to shun the Snare;
His Love seems true by th'outward Part,
But there's great Odds 'twixt Tongue and Heart.
12. BE circumspect, I thee advise,
And of my Counsel highly prize;
For thou art like, by Nature's Course,
To have Misfortune by a Horse.

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Venus 87

2. WHEN thou hast past thy worldly Cares,
Then on thy Bed, with fervent Prayers,
Everlasting Peace for fading Strife,
Thou shalt exchange, and end thy Life.
3. NOT short nor long thy Life shall be,
For thus the Fates do promise thee;
Sometimes in Joy, sometimes in Pain,
Thou shalt to a middle Age attain.
4. FEAR not, my Friend, be patient yet,
And do not madly foam, nor fret,
For he who took the Things away,
Will his own self himself betray.
5. THIS bashful Child is born to Good,
By Blushing, it shews graceful Blood;
And in this World it will so thrive,
That to great Credit 'twill arrive.
6. THINK on no second Marriage-Bed,
Your Husband is as good as dead;
Prepare yourself, for you, his Wife,
Shall quickly after leave this Life.
7. THIS Counsel is not worth a Fly,
'Tis full of childish Foppery;
Therefore be careful if you can,
Seek Counsel of a prudent Man.
8. HE loves you well, be sure of that,
If you despise not, you know what;
And I, by Rules, have understood,
That 'tis firm Love, and very good.
9. NOW be you careful every Way,
Take Time of Thriving while you may;
Believe, and take this Truth from me,
Your Luck's in Farms and Husbandry.
10. BE not deceived over-soon,
For Fear you judge beyond the Moon;
But for a Truth this much thou learnest,
The Person means well in good earnest.
11. UPON Reports, some Doubts ensue,
Whether the Thing be false or true;
But in this Matter, you are freed;
What hath been said is true indeed.
12. TUSH! Never fear, for you e're long,
Shall gain your Wishes by your Tongue;
Your Words proceed from such deep Sense,
They'll have you for your Eloquence.

Tyresias 88

2. BE careful to avoid Debate,
For of this Dream I calculate,
That it doth rightly signify
Some in-bred Hate and Enmity.
3. THOU may'st, in this Life have good Days,
But be advis'd in all thy Ways,
For I am doubtful, my good Friend;
Thou wilt not make a Happy End.
4. A Happy and Auspicious Lot
Is thine, if thou prevent it not;
Long shalt thou live (mark what I tell)
And every one shall love thee well.
5. FRIEND, in this Case I do desire
Ye be diligent and make Enquire;
And through your Wisdom and your Care,
You'll get again e'er you're aware.
6. THIS Child is lusty, stout and strong,
And very likely to live long;
If Nature doth Her promise hold,
He'll live for to be very old.
7. BE sure of this, and do not doubt,
We all must die, though e'er so stout;
And thus I probably surmise,
The Wife before the Husband dies.
8. STAND not consulting, but make Haste,
Wrong not yourself, the Time's soon past;
The Counsel's very good indeed,
If it be followed with due Speed.
9. BE Wise: for if you take not Care,
You'll be entangl'd in a Snare:
This Man, At Fowler's watch for Birds,
Doth watch to catch you with your Words.
10. IF you be wise, you may attain
Unto good Store of worldly Gain;
From several Projects you may draw
Much Wealth, and from Affairs 'o'the'Law.
11. THIS Party meaneth well at the first,
And seems all good; but here's the worst,
He's not constant in his Intent,
But falls from what at first he meant.
12. BE not too credulous, my Friend,
Lest thou repent it in the End,
Thus much my Counsel may persuade,
All is not true that hath been said.

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Hercules 89.

2. BE confident in this, do not
Mistrust what's written here, each Jot;
What you do think it Verity,
'Twill come to pass immediately.
3. DREAMS are but Fables, as 'tis said,
Yet from some Dreams is Truth bewray'd;
But now I'll speak in the vulgar Sense,
This Dream is of no Consequence.
4. A Happy Life, a like End begets,
And when your Sun of Nature sets,
Having done Good while you had Breath,
Full many will lament your Death.
5. BE not dismay'd, nor take Affright,
Although your Fortune be not slight:
Live honestly, and do no Wrong,
For certainly you'll not live long.
6. HERE may some Difficulty arise,
Yet be content, let this suffice,
If the Things be not gone too far,
You'll have them all just as they are.
7. LET not the Parents their Hearts break
With Grief; for tho' the Child be weak;
'Twill prove a pretty prattling Ape,
And many Sicknesses escape.
8. 'TIS probable what here you find,
Such Chance blind Fortune hath assign'd;
The Shirt is weaker than the Smock,
And this Hen will out-live her Cock.
9. THOUGH this Advice perhaps may serve,
Yet lest thou from Wisdom swerve,
As others counsel what they say,
If one won't serve, another may.
10. YOU may perchance mistrust the Party,
And think all Sayings are not hearty;
But learn by me to censure duly,
The Party meaneth just and truly.
11. AUSPICIOUS Luck you may expect,
If you, your Courses well-direct:
The Conversations of great Lords
To you, no little Gain affords.
12. IT is a Saying worth the Learning,
Take Heed! In all Things is fair Warning:
If this be true (as 'tis indeed),
Then of this Party take great Heed.

Proserpina 90.

2. Be careful how thou chuse a Wife;
Who e'er thou takest, lasts all thy Life:
Then chuse one good (what e'er befall),
For thou shalt have but one in all.
3. ALAS! Poor Man, I pity thee;
But now 'tis grown past Remedy;
Thou art so far enamour'd of her,
That thou hast no Way to shun her.
4. I'M sorry for thee, honest Lad,
For thou shalt have one ~ very bad:
Not Scold, nor Whore, but one far-worse,
A Sot who shall drink dry thy Purse.
5. WOULD'ST thou be wed? I know thou would'st,
But it is requisite thou should'st
First know her. Ponder my Conceit;
Perhaps she's not each Way compleat.
6. THOUGH she be coy, do not despair,
She loves thee well, take thou no Care:
But yet she hath a mind to see
Whether that thou wilt constant be.
7. YOUR Gesture being rude and ill,
Like well to like, believe it still;
And you'll to none so welcome be,
As to Venereal Company.
8. BE circumspect this Day my Friend,
If to yourself you Good intend;
Be sure it may be understood,
That he intendeth you no Good.
9. HERE is Preferment proffer'd you
But give me Leave to say what's true:
You, being a bad Shaver,
May be preferr'd by Woman's Favour.
10. FRIEND, have a Care, and wisely shun
The Danger whereto thou may'st run;
If thou dost not heedfully
Look into this Company.
11. YOU may obtain the Business well,
If you take Notice what I tell:
If you do rightly go about it, do so,
Or else you're likely to go without it.
12. YOU think upon a Thing, which yet
It is not possible to get;
Therefore do not yourself beguile,
For 'twill not be as yet a-while.

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Ceres 91.

2. BE wife, Sweetheart, do what you can
To win his Love; he's a brave Man.
And if you be a thorough stitch,
Between you, you'll grow very rich.
3. HE is a young Man, very fresh,
And sees you're given to the Flesh;
Therefore he hath no Mind for you,
Do not deny't; for this is true.
4. Sweetheart, if you would win his Mind,
You must not coyly seem unkind:
You are to him so Maiden-like,
That Cupid hath no Will to strike.
5. YOUNG Men will not accept you much,
For your condition it is such;
Yet here's a Help for you again ~
You shall be welcome to old Men.
6. BE not too hasty yet to marry,
Let me advise thee still to tarry;
When e'er thou weddst, thou'lt life in Strife,
Then keep thyself without a Wife.
7. GO on, and prosper with Success,
In Marriage, if you do profess
Each other, this believe for certain,
You shall attain to happy Fortune.
8. THOU need'st not care, tho' long thou stay,
Thy Wedding is no Happy Day.
A prattling Gossip thou shalt wed,
When once thou with a Wife art sped.
9. THOU can'st insinuate very well,
And in her Favour hope't to dwell;
But yet, my Friend, I tell thee plain,
That all thy Labour is in vain.
10. 'TIS Pity Love should not Love win,
And pity 'tis you did begin
To woo this Lass, for this is true,
You love not her as she loves you.
11. THOU are so proud and insolent,
Thou wilt no Company frequent.
Therefore, this is thy just Reward:
That nobody doth thee well-regard.
12. BE careful, and mark what I say,
Have Special Mind upon this day,
Lest you your negligence do rue,
For this day bodes no Good to you.

Jason 92

2. GREAT Pity 'tis, that Nature's Art
Hath done so much upon her Part,
To make thee fruitful ~ for 'twill prove
Thou'lt have more Children than thou'lt love.
3. FEAR not Sweetheart, all shall go well;
You never shall lead Apes in Hell,
For you of Husbands shall have Store,
Three at least ~ it may be more.
4. DAMSEL, applaud thy happy Fate,
For thou shalt wed a happy Mate.
This much of him I do presage,
He will be thrifty in his best Age.
5. BE not afraid of him, Sweetheart;
For 'tis not fit you two should part:
Marry him once, and you shall see
What a Happy Match 'twill be.
6. THOU think'st this Man doth hate thee much,
Be sorry that thy Thought is such,
For he no Malice bears to thee;
Make Trial on it, and thou shalt see.
7. STRIVE not against the Stream of Love,
Nor take more Pains than doth behoove;
For I must tell thee, Hopes are small;
Nay more, it will not be at all.
8. BOTH young and old doth thee respect,
Thy Company you all do affect,
By Reason of thy Modesty;
Continue thus until you die.
9. WIDOWER, mark these certain words:
Another Wife thy Fate affords.
But you shall never well-agree,
By Reason of her Jealousy.
10. THYSELF a Pot-Companion art,
And wantest one to take thy Part.
A drunken Wife then thou shalt have;
A drunken Queen, to a drunken Knave.
11. SHE whom thou tak'st for better or worse,
Is handsome, but shall strain thy Purse.
She's seeming holy and demure;
Then keep her tenderly be sure.
12. THIS Fortune seems preposterous,
And yet, in Truth, 'tis certain thus:
Tho' she's enamour'd much of thee,
Thou ne'er shalt have her, take it from me.

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Fortuna 93.

2. Were not for Hope, the Heart would break,
This, by Experience, we may speak,
For the Hope to the Company is much,
But the Profit is nothing such.
3. YOU to your Wishes may arrive,
If diligently you do strive;
But let us tell you this withal:
Your Honey will be mix'd with Gall.
4. DO not despair, nor yet presume,
For it may, and it may not come;
Your Expectation short will fall,
'Twill partly happen, but not all.
5. PREPARE yourself to entertain
A Guest, whom I must tell you plain,
You did not look this day to see;
When't comes to pass, remember me.
6. LOOK to your Best Life, as for this,
In it, you shall have Earthly Bliss.
You'll die through thrift, and Good Behaviour,
With Riches, and all People's Favour.
7. A Happy Life, I do presage
For you shall live unto Old Age;
Great Honour for you is allow'd,
And quickly too, yet be not proud.
8. EITHER the Things that you have lost,
Shall come again to you in Post;
Or if you don't them soon obtain,
Vex not, for they'll ne'er come again.
9. LET not the Parents take it to Heart,
If from their Child they soon do part,
For I can shew you Reasons Strong,
To prove this Child cannot live long.
10. LOOK for no second Marriage Bed
Good Wife, your Destiny is read;
Chuse you whether you'll laugh or cry:
You must before your Husband die.
11. HEARKEN not to that Advice,
If of thy welfare thou be nice,
For which 'tis rightly understood,
Thou'lt find thy Counsel is not good.
12. BE not mistrustful, for the Party,
With Affection true and hearty,
Loveth you more dear than any,
Though there's a proffer'd choice of many.

Bacchus 94.

2. IN your own Power it doth lie
To work the Thing effectually,
For your Consent once being won,
The Business is already done.
3. 'TIS true, he loves you as the rest,
But knows not which he liketh best:
For he hath Choice; to every one
He pretends Love, but well-loves none.
4. TO people that can talk and Prattle,
And, Gossip-like, love tittle-tattle;
To raw young Wits and such as these,
Your Company's good; none else 'twill please.
5. ONE Wife won't bring you to the Grave,
For many Wives you're like to have,
Be careful then, look to yourself,
And mix some Love with worldly Pelf.
6. YOU are a downright dealing Man,
That neither cog nor flatter can.
Therefore I tell you, to be short,
Your are not fit to live at Court.
7. SHE will both handsome be, and rich,
Therefore, she'll seek to wear the Britch,
For she's by Nature very proud;
To Wealth and Beauty, that's allow'd.
8. PERHAPS you might with her bear Sway,
But there's a Block lies in the Way ~
She Drunkards hates; you being one,
Must let the Pot, or her alone.
9. AS yet, the Enmity is not
So strong, but it may be forgot,
But 'twill grow greater, if it be
Not stopped in Time, make Haste, agree.
10. YOUR Wisdom and Good Parts approv'd,
Make you to be very well belov'd
By the Clergy, and all virtuous Men:
Scarce such a Man is found 'mongst ten.
11. YOUR Warning's short; you shall not need
Much Patience: To speak Truth indeed,
Thus 'tis observ'd, mark what I say,
You shall see what you love this Day.
12. THY brave, heroic, honest Deeds,
Have in Fame's Garden sown such seeds,
That thou shalt soon prefer'd be,
And all thy Friends shall joy in thee.

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Medea 95.

2. NE'ER think of Change, Sweetheart; for you
Shall have but one, I tell you true.
But such a Husband he shall prove,
That you will live and die in Love.
3. IN Troth, the Fates do on thee frown;
For thou shalt have a Churlish Clown.
I'll nothing more say, thee to provoke,
But in foul Weather, wear thy Cloak.
4. THY Fortune's good, I prove it can,
For thou an understanding Man
Shalt have; and one with whom always,
Thou may'st live quiet all thy Days.
5. BE of good Cheer, do not despair.
Although she seemeth not to care
For thee at all, yet do not doubt,
Old Fire will not be soon put out.
6. THOU lovest him, Sweetheart, I guess,
And on his Part I'll say no less ~
You two are likely to agree;
Thou lovest him, and he loves thee.
7. ALAS! Good Man, thy Case I moan,
For thou art ty'd to such a one
That doth not love thee as she should;
I'll say no more, for fear the scold.
8. BE thou contented honest Lad,
Chuse a good Wife, If one be had,
For one is all thou'rt like to marry,
And she 'till Death shall with thee tarry.
9. MAKE Haste, my Friend, do not delay,
But marry and carry her away;
For she's a Housewife, every inch,
Besides ~ she is a jealous Wench.
10. YOUR Choice is good, for she is such
That speaks enough, but not too much.
Indeed, she's a well-spoken Woman;
With Qualities that are not common.
11. IF you do conclude this Match,
Whensoever you dispatch,
You shall wed, mark what I say,
And upon a Holiday.
12. MAKE much of her, and love her dear,
Her Love to thee thou need'st not fear,
For she is constant unto thee,
And so she will for ever be.

Tyrtirus 96.

2. YOU may, my Friend, for ought I see,
A Farrier, or Horse-Courier you should be;
For thus your Fortune doth ordain,
By Horse-flesh you shall get much Gain.
3. BE ruled by this Advice I give,
And still observe this while you live;
Keep your Secrets from a Punk,
And from a Man that will get drunk.
4. DIVERS Children thou may'st have,
Which will soon most go to the Grave;
But the Fates have thus contriv'd:
Only one Son shall be long liv'd.
5. CHILDREN you are like t'have none,
For you must have but only one;
And that one will be so bad,
Him you'll wish you'd never had.
6. BE thou happy in thy Choice,
Thou good Cause hast to rejoice;
For a young Man true and kind,
To thy Husband thou shall find.
7. BE not griev'd to lose his Love,
For if to thou the Truth could prove,
Thou would'st never with him link;
He is worse than thou dost think.
8. SWEETHEART, set thy Thoughts at rest,
Time will work for all the best;
Thou shalt have him I dare say,
But thou yet a While must stay.
9. DOUBT him not, for he is just,
He rather woos for Love than Lust,
Thou of this may'st certain be,
He bears a constant Love for thee.
10. LOVE requires Love, by Reason's Law;
One Kindness doth another draw:
And you, in Spite of Fortune's Blindness,
Shall be accepted for your Kindness.
11. Thou shalt good Utterance have with Wives,
Three with thee shall lead their Lives:
And thus from me resolve thyself,
The third of them will bring th'most Pelf.
12. SHE is jealous of another,
Therefore love her honest Brother,
She will to no good be won,
To speak plain, 'twill not be done.

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Diana 97.

2. PROCEED and prosper; your Design
Will come to pass as I divine:
And before much more Time expire,
You shall accomplish your Desire.
3. THOU art much deceiv'd, my Friend,
If thou wilt any Credit lend
To thy Thoughts; full-well I see,
What thou dost think, will never be.
4. THIS Dream, as probably I guess,
Signifies Solitariness:
Then be so merry as you may;
And drive all dumpish Thoughts away.
5. A Sweet Presage your Fortune lends,
(That which I wish to *all* my Friends):
A Laudable End you'll make at last;
Which Scene to act, let all forecast.
6. YOUR Life you'll pass in Joy and Health,
Joined with Store of worldly Pelf:
Then do not you forget to render
Hearty Thanks unto The Sender.
7. THE Things you lost, seem to forget
For Destiny hath laid a Net;
And you (devoid of further Care)
Shall have them e'er you be aware.
8. BE of good Comfort, Mother mild,
Or you, the Father of this Child.
For it is lusty, sound and strong,
And therefore likely to live long.
9. BE patient, honest Woman, and
Thy Husband's Death's grief well-understand:
For Death, of him, will make a Slaughter,
And thou must look to die soon after.
10. IF thou be a wife, this Counsel take,
And of the same Good Profit make:
For it is good, do not dispute,
But with all Speed it execute.
11. CONFIDE not in this Party; for
His Tongue and Thoughts do not concur;
Where one Think's spoke, another's thought,
You needs must miss the Mirth you fought.
12. BE thou a Soldier howsoe'er;
For thou shalt prosper, never fear;
In War against thine Enemy,
Thou shalt come off victoriously.

Nymph 98.

2. BE not deceived, my Friend for you
Expect great Welcome to ensue,
But you shall find that Friends will shrink;
You'll not be welcome as you think.
3. I Dare say, my Lady, that thou
Fain would'st march, thou can'st not bow.
Whether it be to Peace or Strife,
Thou would'st gladly get a Wife.
4. YES, have her, if thou wilt, but know
E'er about that Match thou go,
Thou can'st not have a quiet Life;
For she will be a jealous Wife.
5. IF for Shape and Pulchritude
Thou dost seek, I then conclude,
Thou shalt have a handsome Girl,
For Beauty fit to please an Earl.
6. IF thou dost expect to have her,
Know, for the Purchase of her Favour,
There's required *much* Cost and Pains:
First sit down, and cull the Gains.
7. 'TIS true indeed, there's now great Kindness,
But there is in Friendship, Blindness;
The Foundation in this is not strong,
Then the Building can't last long.
8. AMONGST those of the Female Sex,
(Maids, Wives and Widows, all I'll mix)
You shall indifferent Welcome find,
But not according to *your* Mind.
9. A Jocund Constellation reigns,
And unto you this Lot remains,
For all your Sorrows, I dare say,
You'll have much Merriment this Day.
10. IF thou would'st be preferr'd, Young Man,
Leave off thy Wooing, if thou can;
A Reason for it, my Judgement renders,
This Wooing, thy Preferment hinders.
11. YOU may confide for Certainty,
Upon this Honest Company;
From Good, Good springs and prove't you will,
This Company is constant still.
12. ALTHOUGH it be long before, my Friend,
You bring your Wishes to an End;
Be patient, and with Toil and Pain,
You shall your Ends, in the End, obtain.

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Orpheus 99.

2. SWEETHEART, the Man that's made for thee,
Will rather like a Woman be:
He'll be a Coquette; and to my Credit;
When it hap'n, remember I said it.
3. GOOD Woman, set your Heart at rest,
You are with Jealousy possess't;
And till that Passion you subdue,
This Man will ne'er concur with you.
4. ALTHO' the Man be somewhat slack,
And in Affection doth hang back,
To tell ~ for your Gold, his Finger itches,
And you may get him for your Riches.
5. TAKE Heed before you go too far,
For though he seems a Fixed Star,
Yet very easily he'll remove,
For he's inconstant in his Love.
6. THY Company's not fit for all,
Thy Welcome is most principal
Among Young Men, and People that
Love to be merry, laugh, and chat.
7. I Prithce, Lad, been't vext at me,
For I can't help Thy Destiny:
I do not judge thy Course of Life,
But thou'rt not fit to have a Wife.
8. IF ever thou be in the Mind to wed,
It must be when Drink is in thy Head;
Thou Lov'st no Honest Lass, nor Punk,
Unless it be when thou art drunk.
9. THOU shalt a handsome Lass obtain,
I promise not much Worldly Gain;
Her Beauty is a Portion Rich,
Beware Horns: Does not thy Forehead itch?
10. THOU may'st prevail, never to fail;
For in thy Suit, thou shalt prevail:
It is thy Lot again to have her,
For thou art greatly in her Favour.
11. FEAR not, my Lad, to have this Lass;
For certainly, none ever was
So far enamour'd of a Man:
She'll do, to have thee, all she can.
12. THOU art so clownish and so rude,
That 'tis but Folly to intrude
On Women's Preference: They condemn
Thy Company, 'cause thou lov'st not them.

Mercurius 100.

2. IF thou a trusty Friend can'st find,
Then unto him disclose thy Mind:
Two Heads, they say, are better than one:
Then trust not thine own Skill alone.
3. Be not afraid that you shall not
Have any Children; for your Lot
Is to have three, no more, nor less;
This to be true you shall confess.
4. SWEETHEART, the Fates favour you much,
You'll have a Husband that hath such
Rare Wit, and Qualities so sweet,
For any Good Thing, he will be meet.
5. The Fortune is, kind Lass, to have
One that will be a Soldier brave:
Resolve in thyself before thou marry,
If thou a Knapsack well can'st carry.
6. MARRY him, Woman, if thou can,
He's a good, loving, merry Man;
He'll laugh away all idle Folly:
For Mirth's better than Melancholy.
7. YOU might, perhaps, the Man obtain,
But th'Loss is better than the Gain;
For without Doubt, believe it true:
He loves another better than you.
8. YOU love the Party well, I know,
The Party loveth you also:
But here's the Difference: in a few Hours,
You'll find his not so firm as yours.
9. THY virtues that transcendent be,
Thy Prudence and Humanity,
Makes everyone to love thee well:
Thus Virtue doth 'twixt Honour dwell.
10. THOU shalt find, my Friend, twice married be,
And Widower twice, take this from me,
For thou shalt surely have two Wives,
And neither of them shall live Long Lives.
11. Her Love's more slippery than an eel,
Now at the Heart, anon at the Heel;
Be-wife her, my Friend? Let her alone,
For she falls In Love with every one.
12. 'TWIXT good and bad thy Chance is shut;
A rich Wife, but an errant Slut:
And yet to marry her be not afraid;
Money will hire a cleaning Maid.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Mars 101.

2. YOU are so impudent and bold,
Deny it not, all's truth here told:
'Twill, from Preference, keep you long;
Then blame yourself for your own Wrong.
3. ALTHOUGH great Friendship seemeth, yet
Unto the same pair a Date is set;
It will all turn to Hate in the End,
And one 'gainst another bend.
4. BE patient, don't despair at all,
And in the End, mark what will fall;
Before a little Time expire,
You shall attain what you Desire.
5. LET not thy Thoughts delude thee, Friend;
For if thereon thou dost depend,
Thy Hopes are vain, and will shortly shrink;
'Twill not all be as thou dost think.
6. THIS Dream, great Loss and Detriment
Seems to include in it's Portent:
And when the Matter comes to Trial,
You'll find 'twill chance some great Denial.
7. YOU were not born in a Happy Hour,
The Fates upon you seem to glower;
Look to it, I tell you as a Friend,
You are likely to make a heavy End.
8. THY Time of Life will have long Date,
But seldom in a Happy State;
For thou shalt pass from Night to th'Morrow,
Almost in a continual Sorrow.
9. THERE is no Cause for Grief at all,
If any, yet 'twill be but small;
And therefore do not you complain,
For what you lost, you'll get again.
10. LET not the Parents much lament,
But arm themselves with sweet Content;
By my Conjecture, it appears
This Child at most lives but Eight Years.
11. UNTO the Husband and the Wife,
The Destinies do give Long Life;
They very long shall live together,
And shall at one Time, like Flowers, wither.
12. 'TAKE heed, my Friend, and be not mad,
For if you follow that Counsel bad,
It will no good Luck to you bring,
Nor will you thrive in any Thing.

Flora 102.

2. IN troth, Sweetheart, I pity thee,
Thou lov'st a man too well, for he
In Time of Need will from thee will shrink;
He loves thee not as thou dost think.
3. TO merriment thou art inclin'd,
And 'tis by Fate to thee assign'd,
That thou wilt chiefly welcome be
To People that love Mirth and Glee.
4. THOU shalt have but one Wife alone;
And that thou'lt think too many by one;
She shall be rich, indeed, but old,
And which is worse, an errant Scold.
5. BE-wife, go forward in thy Choice,
And thou shalt have Cause to rejoice;
She a good Housewife, be thou sure,
And one that will thy Weal procure.
6. BE not thou vexed at Fortune's Lot,
For being blind, she seeth not:
A Wife she'll give thee, mark me right,
Whom thou shalt find a Grain too light.
7. SHE is perfect true in Mind;
She unto thee seems very kind:
But learn, my Friend, as light to set her,
For sure she loves another better.
8. BE not too hasty, have a Care,
And of this Creature be aware,
For if thou have her, she to thee
Will prove an angry stinging bee.
9. YOU'll be a Man employ'd much,
Your worthy qualities are such,
In Counsel, State, and such Affairs,
You'll end your Days of worldly Cares.
10. THIS Day seem to portend for you
A Journey; say, Friend, is't not true?
Do not deny't for 'tis most right,
Thou'lt walk somewhere 'twixt this and Night.
11. PReferement follows at thy Heel,
As by Experience thou shall feel;
My Art, which hath but seldom err'd,
Says thou shall quickly be preferr'd.
12. BE not confident, good Friend,
This Company doth Love pretend:
But I advise thee, do not trust
Them, for they'll be to thee unjust.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Pan 103.

2. SHE shall be young and rich withal,
But her Stock of Virtue's small;
Thou'lt wish thyself devoid of Life,
Rather than live with such a Wife.
3. HONEST Man, be rul'd by me,
Trust her not too much, for she
Seems to love, but the Conclusion
Will prove all but meer Delusion.
4. BE not daunted, but persist,
Though thou find not as thou list:
Trouble not thyself with Fear,
Yet thou may'st come somewhat near.
5. IF the Proverb do not mock,
Thou were wrapt in thy Mother's Smock;
For thou art, as I do find,
Well belov'd 'mongst Womenkind.
6. WHatsoe'er may be the Cause,
Thou canst tell with little Pause:
Be it what it can or may,
'Tis to thee a merry Day.
7. 'TIS Pity, but he had his Right,
For he is a worthy Wight;
He from Virtue's Rule ne'er swerves,
Great Preferment he deserves.
8. MAKE much of this good Company,
For thou shalt be sure thereby
To arise (say that I said it)
Unto Friendship, Wealth, and Credit.
9. YOUR pleasant Affability,
Join'd with Liberality,
For a certain 'twill you bring,
To obtain the wished-for Thing.
10. Trouble not thyself in vain,
Drive such Fancies from the Brain;
For I truly tell to thee,
What thou think'st will never be.
11. BE not troubled at this Dream,
Entertain no Thoughts extream;
For 'tis to be understood,
That this Dream portends your Good.
12. THE End, if good, is the Crown of all;
If bad, of Evil's principal:
This Chance can nought but Good portend;
A loving Person brings the End.

Solon 104.

2. TO woo, my Friend, 'tis almost Folly,
By Reason of your Melancholy;
For be assured of this, that no Man
That's so, is cared-for by a Woman.
3. HERE is a Chance of Merchandize,
OR of a Chapman's Exercise;
Be sure, this Day you'll prosper well,
If you do either buy or sell.
4. IF thou would'st Preferment have,
Leave the Pot, thou drunken Knave;
This Experience proveth plain ~
A Drunkard can small Credit gain.
5. BE not afraid, nor Scruple take
These Companions thine to make;
For I, truly, testify,
That 'tis no bad Company.
6. IF the Thing you wish t' obtain,
Were but possible to gain,
You might (nay more, you should) achieve it;
But 'tis impossible there to leave it.
7. 'TIS but Folly to expect,
What will never take Effect;
Fortune to it will not agree,
To speak plain: this cannot be.
8. 'T WAS a Dream; well, let that pass;
Put what'er the Meaning was,
Try if Fate may be withstood,
For to you, it bodes no good.
9. THIS hasty Hurrying I like not;
Fair and softly, been't too hot;
For I tell thee, as a Friend,
'Twill bring thee to an untimely End.
10. IF to Thirty you arrive,
Then the Fates thus do contrive,
That you may live longer yet,
O'er that Stile you'll hardly get.
11. SPARE thy Labour and thy Cost,
For the Thing that thou hast lost;
Do not cast good after bad,
For the Thing will ne'er be had.
12. THIS is a lusty, healthful Bairn,
And will live long (from Truth I learn).
Of Sciences, among the rest,
It will Music love the best.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Arion 105.

2. TROUBLE not thyself in vain,
For her Love thou shalt not gain:
Though she'll kiss and toy, yet she
Doth not care a jot for thee.
3. ALAS! Good Woman, Ill's your Lot,
An unkind Husband have you got;
And let me give the Devil his Due:
He loves your Money better than you.
4. SWEET Lass, thou art so blithe or bold,
If thou wilt hear thy Fortune told,
Be not abashed, nor swear, nor stamp:
Thou'rt only fit to Follow the Camp.
5. TAKE Heed unto thyself this Day,
And be advis'd by what I say;
For you will meet with some Distaste,
If't been't prevented by Forecast.
6. LOOK not yet to elevate
Thyself by Strength of Worldly State;
Fortune will grant, at last, thy Boon,
Yet won't prefer thee very soon.
7. 'TWERE well for thee thy Hopes were stronger,
If this good Company might last longer;
Unto thy Profit 'twould arise,
Make Use of Time, I thee advise.
8. IF you do desire a Thing,
Possible to pass to bring,
It may and shall be brought t'Effect,
Even as you do expect.
9. WHAT you now do think upon,
Do not look for it anon;
But be fore 'twill come t'Effect,
If yourself don't it neglect.
10. TROUBLE not thy Mind at all,
What may from thy Dream befall:
For 'tis worth no Estimation,
Drive't from thy Imagination.
11. IF thou knowest thyself aright,
Thou art in a happy Plight,
And hast Cause to be full glad;
Better Fortune can't be had.
12. YOU shall unto Old Age arrive,
And in all temporal Substance thrive:
In Honour and Riches Bravely got,
You'll end your Life; such is your Lot.

Cupid 106.

2. THIS is a Day of Days to thee,
For it a Happy Day will be;
Fortune, it seems, is fully bent
This Day to give thee Heart's Content.
3. THE Learning and apt Promptitude
Wherewith thou amply art endued,
Unto Preferment wilt thee raise;
Learn thou to give the Giver Praise.
4. THE Company that thou dost keep,
Is of an Apprehension deep:
Then if with Credit you'll keep touch,
Indeed, you must bear with it much.
5. TO Diligence you are inclin'd,
Therefore what you conceive in Mind,
Yet through that Virtue shall attain,
Look after it, 'tis worth your Pain.
6. IF thy thoughts soar not too high,
But be sway'd by Modesty;
Then the Thing to pass will come,
Or else will not; this is thy Doom.
7. LOOK to thyself, and be in doubt:
With thy Neighbours you'll fall out;
For the Purport of this Dream
Is Enmity, and Hate extream.
8. THOU shalt in Honour live and die,
And in the Face of thine Enemy:
In War thou shalt thy Date expire,
A Death for Honour ~ no Death higher.
9. PRudence and other Virtues rare,
Wherewith you amply furnish'd are,
Have purchas'd to you, void of Strife,
Both Riches and long Term of Life.
10. LEAVE off thy Toil, Sweetheart, be quiet,
He's not appointed for thy Diet:
For all thy Love, Care and Pain,
To say the Truth, is all in vain.
11. GOOD Fortune doth this Child attend,
'Twill be long Time e'er his Life end;
Besides, it shall much Riches gather,
To glad the Mother, joy the Father.
12. I Find it right, and 'twill be so,
Let neither of them grieve for't though:
The Wife will die before her Mate,
For certain that I do calculate.

THE RESOLUTION, OR ANSWER, UPON YOUR QUESTION

Tenelion 107.

2. FEAR not to enter on her, Man,
For wed so soon as e'er thou can:
For she'll be to thee, all her Life,
A constant, loving, honest Wife.
3. FORTUNE leaves smiling upon you,
And loves you dearly, to say true:
For friendly welcome she affords,
To you, 'mongst Princes and great Lords.
4. THIS Day bodes neither Bliss nor Bale,
Betwixt them you may safely sail;
'Tis a strange Chance as can be had,
For thou need'st fear no good nor bad.
5. THOU speaketh fair, and hope'st thereby,
Thy feigned Words and Flattery,
The Object of thy Wish t'attain,
Yet all thy Glossing is in vain.
6. SEE, and in seeing heedfully,
Thou may'st observe this Company:
They faithful are, and in worthy Trust,
For all their Words and Deeds are just.
7. BE not too rash in giving o'er,
For thou must wait a little more;
And thou by Leisure must aspire
Unto the Height of thy Desire.
8. CAST not away thy Hopes, my Friend,
But patiently expect the End:
And with a little patient Pain,
Thou shalt unto thy Wish attain.
9. BY this Dream which you have had,
The Illness t'come will be but bad:
Some great Sickness will ensue;
Patience is th'best Care for you.
10. THY Fortune's very hard and Ill;
For I tell thee by my Skill,
That thou shalt, when'er thy Life ends,
Be forsaken by all thy Friends.
11. THOU wilt not grow very aged;
(For this Truth my Skill's engaged)
Nor much Honour shalt thou get:
Thus, thy Destiny is set.
12. WHAT is lost, be sure of this,
Blame me if I say amiss;
You shall very shortly know,
Where they be: No more, but so.

Satyr 108.

2. SHE is not very handsome, I confess,
Yet I advise thee t'have her ne'ertheless:
She's truly honest, that's without Dispute,
And one to thy Honour well will suit.
3. THY fortune's good in Choice; for thou
Shalt that Saying disallow,
'Can she be fair and honest too?'
Yes, one who is so is thy due.
4. TRUST her not, my Friend, for she
Is not what she seems to be:
She is a false, dissembling Slut;
Now th'art warned in Time, look to't.
5. THOU think'st she loves thee, but thou art
Very much deceiv'd, Good Heart,
For she's a subtle, cunning Drab,
And loves thee as she loves a Crab.
6. LOOK not at all welcome to be
'Mongst any of the best Degree:
Thou may'st have Entertainment then
'Mongst Common People and Husbandmen.
7. WOULD'ST know what will befall this Day?
Then prithee listen to what I say:
Lay by a Coin against To-morrow,
For thou'lt ride out all the Day thorough.
8. THOU may'st Preferment get e'er long,
But say, astonishment-steering Tongue;
Then try thy Skill, yet 'tis no boot
To say I bad thee; thou wilt do't.
9. THE Company, you need not dread,
By their Instructions be you lead:
Believe me, Friend, I speak no Fable:
This Company may be profitable.
10. UNTO your Wish, a Period is set;
Yet, 'cause I tell you, do not fret::
You desire a Thing in vain,
For you shall never it obtain.
11. THINK upon the Thing no more,
For thou no Reason hast therefore:
'Tis Time ill-spent, I say to thee,
For what thou think'st will never be.
12. BE wary in your Ways, my Friend,
And do nothing but to Good End;
For this your Dream, I tell you true,
Portends some great Mischance to you.

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