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by S. S-V.

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## THE KING WHO WAS DELAYED

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A terrible thing is about to happen in the near future—within a few days, to be exact, unless some miracle occurs to prevent it, unless some divine guidance which sees beyond the schemes of men takes pity on the newborn year and intervenes to prevent a calamity. Before we can realize the possibility of such a happening we must go over an old story.

According to Syrian, Babylonian and Persian legends, many years before Christ there lived three Kings who, in order to compare their knowledge of astrology, met together in a tower. Melchor, who was also a priest in his city of Our, said to Gaspar, the Black King From Ethiopia, and to young Baltazar, son of the Arab Feliz, that he had received a message through the prophet Daniel predicting the birth of the King of all the Jews at the moment when a new star would appear over Jerusalem.

### Prophecy Comes True

Several years passed, during which the three wise Kings lived each in his respective land. One night, a new star appeared in the firmament. Remembering the prophecy, Melchor departed from Our and journeyed through Babylon with his fantastically brilliant retinue and his great caravan of camels in luxurious trappings, bearing rich mantles embroidered in agate and gold and vast chests of jewels. Arriving on the banks of the Euphrates, he forded the river, aided by a band of admiring shepherds, and continued his journey through Mesopotamia until the rooftops of Jerusalem came into sight, the mysterious star shining brilliantly above them.

Gaspar, meanwhile, had left Ethiopia to traverse the immense desert and follow the course of the Nile, dazzling the inhabitants of Memphis with his glittering caravan. He journeyed unceasingly until he met with Melchor, and then they continued towards the city together.

Baltazar, the wise man from Arabia, took the caravan route laid out by King Solomon along the shores of the Red Sea, accompanied by hundreds of servants in rich array and strings of camels laden with priceless gifts. Guided by the star, he kept steadily on until, on the night which completed thirty moons since the three Kings had left their res-

pective countries, he joined up with the other two.

The mysterious star, which had disappeared, shone forth again in brilliant splendour, and the magnificent cavalcade wound its way through the valley towards Jerusalem with flaming torches and a great display of glittering jewels. When they came to Bethlehem the band of shepherds accompanying them broke forth into soft and harmonious song. The three wise Kings looked before them and, knowing their journey ended, prostrated themselves before the newborn Babe, offering gold, incense and myrrh.

### Through the Ages

Since that memorable night, every year the royal and sumptuous caravan has followed the same route beneath the mysterious star, the treasure chests on the swaying camels filled to the brim with untold happiness for all good children. On the sixth dawn of every January all children who believe in the goodness and bounty of the Kings will rise with the first bells of early Mass and run out on to their balconies, to find what has been left for them by the caravan which passed slowly by in the night. If the children should persist in staying awake all night they will undoubtedly see the three Kings arrive, so the legend says; but this is not a very good thing to do, and they must be good otherwise the Black King will put pieces of coal in their shoes, as he always does to children who are bad and disobedient. These, as everyone knows, will receive no presents from the Kings.

For days past, all over Spain and the other countries through which the royal cavalcade passes, excitement and suspense has been approaching fever heat—excitement in anticipation of the happiness which will be poured from the great coffers on to all the balconies, suspense because of a terrible rumour which has rapidly spread from town to town. For it is whispered that, this year, one of the Kings has not yet joined the caravan.

That this King happens to be the black one from Ethiopia makes not a particle of difference, for although he is the one who carries the coal for the naughty children everyone knows that he only does this because he is black,

and should his hands get a little dirty it will not show much. And somebody has to do the dirty work. Actually, this King is as good and thoughtful as the White Kings, both of whom are agreed that he makes an excellent travelling companion, his stories, if different to their own in style, being wise and pleasant enough to pass the time on any journey in the world. There may be some bad children who are glad that he is missing, but they are bad children, and should be taught better.

And can the other two journey without him? Through centuries the three have, each year, met together to distribute equally of their treasures. Should one of them, for some season or another, fail to arrive the building up of traditions leading to wealth and peace and ensuing happiness will be broken up and ruined, beauty will disappear and chaos take its place.

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# INTERNATIONAL NEWS

In the death of Lord Reading, England has lost one of her most famous sons. The offices which he held during his long and varied career are many. He early decided that office work did not suit him and instead of continuing with his father's business ran away to sea. At twenty-four he entered the Middle Temple and almost at once success came to him. In 1914 he succeeded Lord Alverstone as Lord Chief Justice. Later he became Ambassador to the United States during the trying War years and still later Viceroy to India. A thorough scholar and a charming gentleman, Lord Reading will be sorely missed.

## Russia Takes up Golf

The first Russian golf course has been laid out near Moscow, and first lessons in the game are already under way. The government it is understood is backing the game and many more courses are planned. No prizes as yet have been announced for holes in one.

## A Soldier Dies

Lieutenant General Hunter S. Liggett, one of the outstanding figures in American military life, died on Monday last. During the war he commanded the First Army Corps and later the Third Army while occupying the Rhine. His command during the war was the largest single mobile fighting unit in the world's history, containing as it did over a million officers and men. He has been on the retired list for some time now.

## One Goes, Spain Gets Another

The Cabinet which was formed by Señor Portela Valladares two weeks ago resigned last Monday, but was reconstituted in the evening after a reshuffle, the principal Ministers being retained at their posts. The reason Señor Valladares resigned was disagreement among the Ministers as to how the forthcoming elections are to be carried out.

## Al Smith's Birthday

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith sliced a huge cake on the occasion of his 62nd birthday on the 30th of last month, at the same time explaining his rejection of an invitation to stay at the White House on January 25th. His criticism of the New Deal, among other things, made the rejection rather obvious but Mr. Smith chose to take issue with the White House over how often he had been invited there. Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt said in conference that she attached no particular importance to the declination of the present invitation, as Mr. Smith had been frequently invited to the White House.

## European Earthquakes

The most violent earthquake shock ever experienced on the Franco-German border rocked Strasbourg and the vicinity early this week, the shock also being felt in many parts of Switzerland and Bavaria. Two distinct shocks were felt throughout Alsace, the latter strong enough in Strasbourg to burst a water main and overturn household articles. This, together with the terrific floods which increased as heavy rain lashed Europe, have made a stormy week.

## Kipling and the Radio

Although Rudyard Kipling, the noted British writer, was asked to participate

in radio programmes marking his 70th birthday on Monday last, he preferred to spend the day quietly at his country home in Burwash, Sussex. Kipling is reputed to be one of the wealthiest authors in the world. Royalties on books which have been sold in the United States alone are estimated at about 1,750,000 dollars.

## American Exports

American Exports to Italy continue to rise. The figures just published for November show a sharp increase over the preceding month while they are ten times as great as the corresponding month a year ago. American business is apparently paying little heed to the Government's appeal to discourage trade with the belligerents. Prominent among the increases were those of the automotive trade and cotton.

## No Peace for English Birds

The National Trust views with alarm the Air Ministry's proposal to establish air-gunnery and bombing practise ranges on the Northumberland coast near the Farne Islands, which are preserved by the trust as a bird sanctuary. This part of the coast, according to the *Times*, with the adjacent islands—including Holy Island—is the resort of large numbers of wild birds, some of them very rare.

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# BARCELONA SOCIAL NOTES

Mr. Robertson Deans, the well-known English baritone, spent the holidays in this city, and hopes to return again at Easter. He is taking with him to London a number of Catalan folksongs, collected by Don Juan Gols, and will sing them at his forthcoming recital.

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The Enfermeria Evangélica has once again proved its usefulness in a case of emergency. Miss Kathleen Scott, well known in Palma journalistic circles, arrived in Barcelona last Thursday for a short holiday from her duties in Zaragoza, and when lunching at the house of friends was taken ill, rushed off to the Hospital and operated on for appendicitis in a few hours. We are pleased to report that she is doing well under the excellent care of Dr. Henriquez and the hospital staff.

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One should see Mlle. Y. Alde's exhibition of paintings at the Syra Gallery, Diputacion 262. Mlle. Alde belongs to the French School of young painters and Barcelona is the first place in which she has exhibited. The French Consul-General was present at the inauguration on Tuesday last.

The death took place on December 28th, at Colchester, England, of Miss Joyce Mayer, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayer, former Barcelona residents. Miss Mayer had been ill for some time, but it was hoped that a cure could be effected.

The annual dinner-dance of the Golf Club will be held at San Cugat on Reyes night, January 6th.

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Montgomery returned from Palma on Monday, and, after spending New Year's Eve in Barcelona, left for the south of Spain, before proceeding to London and film-making.

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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lewis spent Xmas and New Year in Barcelona, leaving for London on Wednesday. Mr. Lewis is the author of «Spanish Adventure», a best-seller published recently by Gollancz.

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Miss N. Bailey arrived in Barcelona from Palma for Xmas, and will spend several months here before taking a journey through Spain.

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Captain and Mrs. Rosselló, of Terreno, are visiting Barcelona for a few days.

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Mr. Henry Solomon, London lawyer, is spending a few days in Palma, before returning to London.

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The Misses Mary Riordan and Mary Douglas are visiting Barcelona after a holiday in Madrid. They will leave shortly for the Austrian Tyrol.

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Mrs. Sadie Michaelson entertained a number of friends to dinner at the Ritz, on New Year's Eve.

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Miss Victoria Louis spent Christmas in Madrid, returning to the Catalan capital for the New Year's Eve celebrations.

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Sr. Justo de Santiago Cebrian spent the holidays in a quiet way at Vich, making several excursions to the delightful country surrounding.

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The party given by the Misses Josephine and Anna Pastor on New Year's Eve was a very gay affair. The goodies brought by the ladies and the liquids which the men contributed helped to make an original party one of the successes of the season.

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Mr. and Mrs. Colin Bardwell were hosts at a dinner party at the Colon Hotel on Friday, the Hon. Ladislav and Mrs. Pringle, Miss «Davy» Cochrane and Mr. Herswell being amongst those entertained.



## Mrs. Clarence Hughes

The death took place on Friday last, after a very short illness, of Mrs. Clarence Hughes, of Barcelona. Mrs. Hughes, who had resided for many years in this city, was one of the most popular and active members of the English-speaking colony, having been prime mover in innumerable charity performances and bazaars. The great amount of help she was instrumental in giving to deserving causes can never thoroughly be appreciated. Privately, also, she gave much help to people in need who could always be sure of her sympathy and aid. As one of the most energetic members of the Dance Committee, founded some years ago, Mrs. Hughes spared no time or effort in seeing that everything was satisfactorily arranged, and there is no doubt that much of the success of this organization has been due to her good will and enthusiasm. At the Golf Club and the British Club, where for some years she was in charge of the library, Mrs. Hughes will be greatly missed. As a helper on frequent occasions on the staff of the SPANISH NEWS AND MAJORCA SUN she will always be remembered for her kindness and willing cooperation. We wish to offer our very sincere sympathy to Mr. Clarence Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dion Mason entertained at dinner on the 31st. at their home. Snapdragon was the order of the evening, and the guests afterwards attended the Anglo-American dance at the Continental.

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**SWIMMING**—Apart from a little conscientious over-eating there has been little of outstanding influence to chronicle during the festive season. I took a gift cigar to the Port on Xmas Day and watched the swimming races, so admirably organized by the C. N. B. Lepage, who had obviously been reserving himself for this event, had an easy victory in the Senior Race. A number of others had entered with the idea of seeing if the water was as cold as it looked. At the earnest request of my neighbours I abandoned further experiments with cigar aforesaid and went along the breakwater for a breather. There were some devoted fishermen prowling around over the boulders, but their efforts seemed to be crowned with little success.

**THE BOAT RACE**—Now that the date for the University Boat Race has been fixed, the Oxford authorities are losing no time in commencing their final preparations. Not since 1923 has Oxford succeeded in winning and last year in spite of Mr. P. Haig Thomas, who trained his first losing crew since the war, Oxford put up one of the most disappointing performances that they have ever given. This year the Dark Blues have to find a new Crew and have gone back to the «fixed rowlock» style. Whether their Cambridge Coaches will be able to get more out of them this year remains to be seen. The dismal processions of the last years must be discouraging in the extreme. Oxford can win at other branches of Sport and their turn will surely come.

**TENNIS**—With Perry temporarily laid up and others leaving the amateur ranks for the hand of silver exhibition offers, the World's ranking lists will present some strange anomalies, France has the best of the «Coming Men» and may regain the Davis Cup once more. Alas, the Three Musketeers are no more but there is no «Twenty Years After» in Sport—with the possible exception of Golf.

**BOXING**—So Louis is not going to Havana. Indeed it seems hard to blame him for it will only be by careful strategy that he will get a chance at the World's Title—and he must choose his bouts. Meanwhile Jack Dempsey is looking for a White Hope. That was tried before, wasn't it? And a fat lot of good it did! And why White Hope? Louis seems as white a boxer as any of this time and age. Well, we have seen other nights Star-Studded.

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The Bells of Granada

Any reference to Granada has come, in the century since Irving's classic took its place on the bookshelves of the world, to be automatically one of sentimental regret for the dispossessed Moors who wept as they left their fairy palace. Once in the year, little as most people realize the fact, Granada does not join in this chorus, but pays instead attention to a superstition not unlike those usually associated with May Day in the more bucolic lands of the north.

Nominally, of course, even this date has to do with the ill-fated Moors, since it marks the day, January the second, when the Catholic Kings of Spain finally received their surrender. The local name of the festival is the *Dia de la Toma*, and it is a most agreeable extension of the normal holiday week from Christmas to New Year's Day. Its great importance to the fair daughters of Granada, however, is in no way connected with Moors or Christians or an epoch-making struggle of four hundred years ago.



The old year is seen safely out and the new year in, much after the fashion of such vigils everywhere else, and it is not until noon on the first day of the year that the celebration changes its place and nature. Then, on the minute of noon all interest shifts away from the lacy palace of the kings to the frowning

stronghold on the other side of the Plaza de los Algibes, where an informal queue of pretty girls, giggling and blushing as is the way of their age and appropriate to the business in hand, has been forming for at least an hour past. The Torre de la Vela is about to have its turn as the chief attraction on the Red Hill.

The door of the tower opens, and there is a pell-mell rush of sloe-eyed beauties. The bell-rope hangs invitingly, and the first girl seizes it and gives a mighty tug. The business of the day has begun. For almost thirty hours now that ancient bell will ring continuously, and woe betide the unlucky soul who is kept awake by its bronze music, for he can expect no respite. No skillful bell-ringers, but girl after girl who makes up in enthusiasm what she lacks in science, will keep the sound going, now smoothly, now in wild jerks. Ladies of high degree claim to take no interest in the matter, but more than one has been known to have an errand which takes her nearby on the great day, and once there, who would refuse to bow briefly to ancient and pretty superstition?

During the night the bell sounds more steadily, and it may be the girls have wearied and let mere man have his turn, but the game is on again in the morning, and continues until sunset, when a quiet that can almost be felt physically succeeds the long clamour. The *Dia de la Toma* is over. The superstition has once more been observed. One can hardly fail to guess what purpose has been served, for youth, modern though it may think itself, has much the same habits the world over. Yes, clever reader of detective stories, you are right! Every girl who rang that bell during those hours will surely find a rich and handsome husband within the year.

Bess Oswald

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**ENGLISH FOOTBALL**—Sunderland obtained a fine win last Saturday over the Arsenal at Roker Park by 5 goals to 4. The game, which was witnessed by 60,000 people, was one of the most interesting seen this season. By this victory Sunderland further increase their lead at the head of the table, and as Derby County, their nearest rivals, only managed to draw with Everton they have now 7 points in hand. Derby and Huddersfield Town occupy second and third places, respectively, with 27 points each.

In the Second Division the position is very interesting, Leicester City and Doncaster Rovers both suffering defeat, the former by Sheffield United and the latter at the hand of Blackpool. Charlton Athletic had a fine time at Burnley and beat the home team by 2 clear goals. They thus displace the Rovers and are equal with the leaders with 29 points.

**SPANISH FOOTBALL**—The leaders of the First Division, Athletic de Bilbao, improved

their position at the head of the table by trouncing the Racing by 6 goal to 1.

The following are the matches fixed for tomorrow:

- Madrid v Osasuna
- Barcelona v Athletic de Bilbao.
- Racing v Betis.
- Sevilla v Hércules.
- Valencia v Español.
- Oviedo v Athletic de Madrid.

**GOLF AT SAN CUGAT**—The competition for the Witty challenge cup, the fine trophy presented to the San Cugat Golf Club by Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Witty, wellknown members of the British colony, will take place on Sunday January 5th.

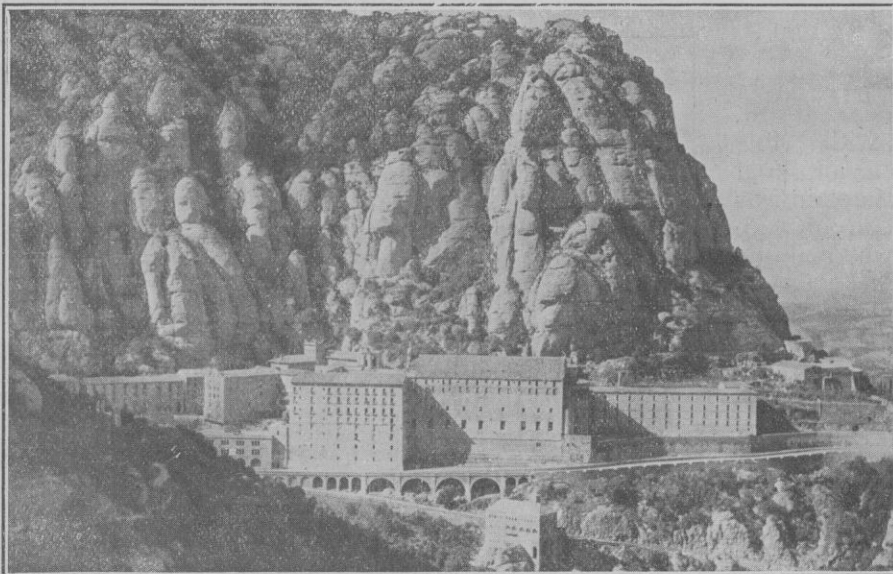
This competition is for mixed foursomes, handicap, against bogey. Members may enter by phoning San Cugat no. 69.

W. W. P.

# MONTSERRAT AT MIDNIGHT

by D. R. D.

**T**HE great, holy mountain of Cataluña, whose lava pinnacles dominate the whole countryside and in summer cast great chilly shadows over the surrounding fields and villages, is known to many people all over the world. In Great Britain the great untravelled think of it as the home of Limejuice, whilst Albion's cruising population remember it as that place you dash to in summer through long avenues of trees and there is a church and a lot of hotels, funiculars and the biggest garage in Spain and what awful curves on the road, not to mention Elsie's sunburn. Readers of Karel Capek's excellent though cryptic book on Spain recollect how that humorous and kindly observer thought that the rocks of Montserrat were like the fingers of praying hands, reaching upwards... Apart from the remarkable history of its monastery and its alleged Wagnerian associations (they claim it as the Montsalvat of «Parsifal») Montserrat possesses one of the finest music schools in Europe. Here boys are trained from an early age in every form of musical achievement, many of them reaching perfection in several branches of that art. It is customary for only those to enter this school who wish later on to take Holy Orders, but this decision is not enforced and many a Barcelona musician received his first training at the hands of the Benedictine professors. The choir, particularly, is exceptionally good, and on several occasions international broadcasts have been made from the monastery. Recently in America the sale of discs of this choir became almost a fad, and there are people in places as widely separated as Cuba and China who have large and complete collections of all the records made. Most popular of these is undoubtedly the old song «A Montserrat tots ploren,» which describes the grief of the monks and pupils on the death of one of



the choirboys. The imitation of the funeral bells is amazingly well done.

It is a pity that most of the thousands who visit Montserrat each year do not do so at the psychological moment, as it were, for this is Christmas Eve, and the occasion that of midnight Mass—*Missa del Gall*. It takes a considerable amount of moral courage to tear oneself away from the bright streets of Barcelona on this evening, but once the journey is started one feels drawn in a way into a spiritual adventure. By the time the monastery was reached a deep mist had settled down and one might have been in Greenland or Greenwich, had it not been for the strange silhouettes of the cypress trees in the courtyard, and the tiny patches of light from the improvised braziers.

In the great church a dense crowd had gathered and as the late-comers hurried across the damp courtyard there was a crash of bells, followed by a hilarious and exciting peal announcing the eternal birth of Jesus Christ. A hush spread over the church and up above the brilliantly lighted altar La Moreneta,—the little black Virgin—gazed down upon the bowed heads as if in recognition of their attention. After a few minutes prayer, whilst the congregation knelt, the superb organ pealed out the Ave Maria and the choir of boys and monks commenced to sing. It was not the robust vociferation which one connects with Christmas Carols in other countries, but rather a scientific and calm reiteration of a dignified theme.

Tenors and contraltos alike, one felt, were cognizant of the restrained thrill so many singers had felt in other ages when intoning Gregorian plainsong.

As the Mass proceeds with all its orthodox paraphernalia, such as the little procession of the Bishop, the kissing of the Prior, who passes on the embrace to each of his monks, the lighting of the masses of candles in the dark corners of the church, new worshippers arrive in ones and twos. And aged dame comes, clad in corpulent mourning. She makes a reverence and takes a seat and comp-

oses herself for that long desired nap. *La Moreneta* does not mind that, she knows what it is to be tired and weary, yet believing. Suddenly with a rustle, the crowd rises from its knees, a long «Amen» sounds and we can go home. Many people push into the central aisle to kiss the ring of the Bishop. As we file out and pass an unlighted chapel, the pale outline of a Crucifix stands out from the darkness. Shouldn't He have a more prominent place? Outside, as by a miracle, the sky is clear. Beneath the dark patch

where the Little Dipper hangs, the crags of Montserrat are visible and mysterious. Down below the twinkling lights of the villages tantalize one's geography. Where there is nothing a string of lights shines up, while whole towns seem invisible. And so we crowd into the waiting bus and commence the long descent home.

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## Málaga Notes

The Christmas services at St. George's Church began with Holy Communion at a quarter of an hour before midnight, when the Chaplain was the celebrant. The Archdeacon of Calcutta celebrated at 8-30 a.m., and the Chaplain again at midday. There was an exceptionally large congregation at the morning service at 11 a.m. owing to the large influx of visitors. At the morning service on Sunday next the singing of Carols will take the place of the usual sermon.

The Archdeacon of Calcutta and Mrs. Birch are hoping to spend some time in Málaga and are staying at the Hotel Europa.



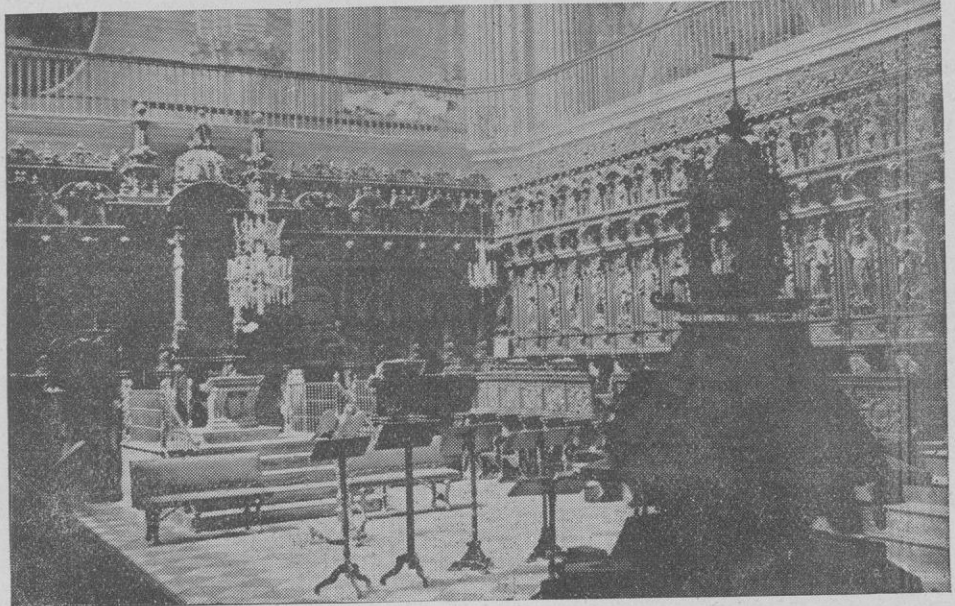
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Christmas week was very busy among the hospitable members of the Anglo-American Colony here. Among the hostesses for lunches or dinners were Mrs. G. Gratrix, Miss Miller and Mrs Bevan, who gave her usual egg-nogg party on Christmas morning.

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The Bridge Tournament at the British Club was won by Mr. and Mrs. English, with Mrs. Morice and Mr. Brooksmith as runners up. Mr. Keyes was heard lamenting that he and his partner, Don Santiago Pidal, were so unlucky as to just miss winning the booby prize.



The Choir, Málaga Cathedral.

A more amusing Bridge Tournament, however is that being run between Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. G. Gratrix, Mrs. Dekia Hunter, and Señora Homs. These are the only competitors and they are continually playing among themselves for a real cup presented by Mrs. Gratrix. The tournament is to be continuous until the party breaks up. Probably in May!

## Inauguration of the Miramar

On the 1st, the management of the Hotel Miramar gave an invitation «Baile-Buffer» as the inaugural function of the Hotel. The evening was an immense success and to give the names of those who accepted the invitations would not be possible for lack of space. Everybody who was anybody was present and a similar crowd turned up next day for the first public *Thé de Moda* and dance.

After the public rooms had again come to life in this manner the rest of the hotel was reopened and it goes on record that the first guests of the Miramar after its long long sleep were Major and Mrs. Hannay.

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Also, behind the battery of cameras was Director Clarence Brown, who has directed five previous Garbo pictures. Here and there was an occasional new face—a new unit manager, a new electrician or two, and a new cast.

The Garbo supporting cast is one of the largest ever assembled around the First Lady of the Screen. Heading it are Fredrick March, her co-star; Freddie Bartholomew, who played the title role in «David Copperfield;» Maureen O'Sullivan, May Robson, Basil Rathbone and thirty-four other well-known players.

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The settings, depicting Imperial Russia at the height of its splendour, were designed by Cedric Gibbons and his staff. Assisting in the production were three authorities on Russian affairs and customs, headed by Nathalie Bucknall, chief of M-G-M's Research Department, who is assisted by Count Andrey Tolstoy, a descendant of the famed novelist.

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**BARCELONA  
CINEMAS**

ASTORIA—*Last Days of Pompeii*. Radio production.  
CAPITOL—Tuesday. *Six Day Bike Rider*. With Joe E. Brown. Warner Bros.  
CATALUÑA—Monday. *Verbena de la Paloma*; Spanish talkie. Good.  
COLISEUM—*The Scarlet Pimpernel* with Leslie Howard and Merle Oberon. Associated Artists.  
FANTASIO—*Variété*, with Annabella. Ufilm.  
FEMINA—*Anna Karenina*. with Garbo and Frederick March. Metro-Goldwyn.  
MARYLAND—*Midsummer Night's Dream*, Warner Brothers.  
URQUINAONA—*La Simpática Huerfanita*, with Shirley Temple. Fox film.  
ACTUALIDADES—Shorts, newsreel, etc.  
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**BARCELONA  
THEATRES**

LICEO—Opera, programme not yet fixed.  
CIRCO BARCELONA.—Harry Flemming and his band.  
BARCELONA.—Carmen Díaz Company, in repertory. Good.  
OLYMPIA.—International Circus.  
PRINCIPAL PALACE—Xirgu Company in Garcia Lorca repertory. Excellent.  
NUEVO.—Light Opera repertory with good features.  
TIVOLI—*El Rancho Azul*, revue.

**SCREEN PERSONALITIES**

**Arthur Tracy**

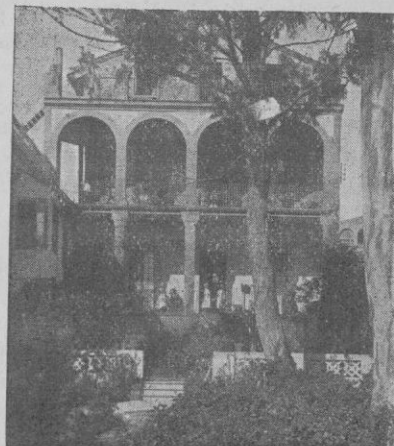
Arthur Tracy, who has finished work on his first English picture for Herbert Wilcox Productions—«Street Singer's Serenade,» in which he co-stars with Anna Neagle—might have made his first trip to England in 1932, but he was advised against it.

It was not till last year that he reconsidered his decision, influenced partly by Sophie Tucker, who from her knowledge of English audiences advised him to make the trip. She said they would love him. They did.

He finished his last nine months' broadcasting contracts in America on June 27th of this year and sailed for England on the 29th.

Tracy has worked, of course, in Hollywood, notably in «The Big Broadcast.» Now, after two years, he comes back to films with an even greater reputation.

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To:—The Editor.  
Dear Sir:

May I remind you of an article entitled «What Your Birthday Stars Foretell» which appeared in your paper for November 16? Through the medium of your columns I should like to remind the reviewer of a few facts which he may have forgotten temporarily. I have not read Mr. Naylor's book; whatever I have to say cannot, therefore, be a direct attack on the book, which may be very amusing in its place. I do feel free to maintain that that place is not in the role of guide to the future.

The ancients paid great attention to the subject of astrology. They likewise paid great attention to the subjects of alchemy and phrenology. They paid much attention to the flatness of the earth's surface, to the revolution of the stars around the earth, and to the direct intervention of the gods (or fate, or whatever you like) in the affairs of men. Whether or not the ancients were wiser than we, modern science has proved them wrong on several counts, while not denying that they did admirably with what they had on hand and laid a firm foundation for the very discoveries which have shown up their errors.

Astrology has lived longer than its fellow pseudo-sciences, probably because nothing is more fascinating than peering into the future. It is tenacious, too, because the suggestibility of the human is tremendous. A few safe generalizations, a couple of lucky guesses, and the astrologer can bet that the majority of his unlucky predictions will be forgotten. Let the astrologer predict that 7 is his subject's lucky number and Thursday his lucky day; his subject loses his car on the 7th of the month, but when the missing car turns up again on a Thursday, the victim has redoubled faith in astrology.

Another important basis for the survival of astrology lies in man's susceptibility to flattery. Let the astrologer say that the subject is a dynamic personality. The set is established and the subject tends to receive the rest of the information favorably. Let the astrologer

predict numerous love affairs and the ego is again agreeably touched.

Safe generalizations make up the bulk of astrological predictions. These may easily be catalogued. Health: Good, with occasional slight illnesses. Safe for anyone but a chronic invalid. Marriage: possibly successful, with numerous difficulties. Safest prediction in the world. Lucky days: any one in the week. And so on.

Finally, the assumption that the same «fate» lies in store for all individuals born on the same day of the month is patently absurd. How does such a scheme account for differences in biological inheritance and environmental conditioning? Perhaps the stars affect the genes—but they can hardly regiment daily life to permit the existence of identical circumstances for everyone born on November 3.

Astrology is one of the best known money-making devices. It plays on some of the most fundamental human fallibilities. As a racket, it is unsurpassed, but when a racket becomes confused with science, the result is dangerous.

LUELLA DAVIDSON

Tuscaloosa,  
Ala. (U.S.A.)

**London Letter**

We still don't know whether the political situation is clearer, or whether it has gone steadily from bad to pretty awful. There was more electric interest here in the fate of the French Government than there was in our own general election, and on Saturday evening newspaper sellers tied themselves in knots trying to meet the demand for late editions, taking pennies and giving change.

With Laval painfully conscious of the feeling of his own parliament and in no doubt at all as to the attitude of the British parliament, with Sir Samuel Hoare sacrificed on the altar of governmental propriety, and Mussolini breathing fire, we are back to where we are, but just where that is is a pretty big subject.

Anyway, part of the British fleet has gone off to the Atlantic on so-called exercises leaving the Mediterranean to look after itself, and Mussolini's threat with a twenty-four hour date line that Italian 'planes loaded with bombs and piloted by eager young martyrs would dive on to the biggest British warships in Alexandria harbour, was averted with a ten minute margin. It would be unfair to suggest that the navy became jittery, but the Atlantic is big, wide and peaceful.

Everything else apart, Christmas is safely over, heralded in by one of the prettiest fogs of the past few years, and washed out satisfactorily by rain, thereby ruining skating prospects and digestions insufficiently exercised after the Christmas dinner.

The pantomime season has opened with its usual bang, and everything that has gone to make up previous pantomime seasons is here again. «The Forty Thieves» are doing their misdeeds at the Lyceum—Jack is climbing his Beanstalk at Drury Lane—Alice Looks through the Looking Glass at the Little, —and Peter Pan (whom some consider to be growing into a rather tiresome child at the Palladium), «When Knights Were Bold» and «Buckie's Bears» are back again at the old stand, and those children who don't see anything of them have probably chosen the Olympia Circus instead, as offering more thrills.

A newcomer to the season is «The Magic Marble» at the Lyric, Hammersmith, and you can probably guess what magic marbles will do in a crisis.

I have, however, been told of one six-year-old who was being offered his choice of pantomime, Peter Pan, or circus. After much pondering he announced that he would sooner go to the cinema to see a gangster film. I am told on authority he went finally to the Circus, and his father enjoyed it tremendously.

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# OF PERSONAL INTEREST

PALMA

Mrs. Philip Jordan has returned from Aix-en-Provence, where she has been spending Christmas with her husband, just in time to see the New Year in with her Palma friends.

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Miss Edith Lawrence is expecting her parents to pay her a visit shortly.

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Other parents arriving are Mr. T. P. Leaman's father and mother, who are landing from the Export liner on the 17th. Mrs. Leaman, Sr. is recovering from an operation and if she finds the climate suitable for convalescence they may remain some time.

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Mrs. Cameron and her son, Mr. Bowman-Burns, are staying at the Hotel Majorica. They will be here several days more before leaving to motor back to Paris.

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Mrs. Blacker-Douglas is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Regnault at Cala Ratjada until the 7th. Mrs. Douglas' daughter is with her and on Monday last the whole party journeyed to Camp de Mar for a swim under orders from the daughter, whose twelfth birthday it was.

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The recital of old English songs, followed by community singing in which the Choir of the English Church will join, has been postponed from the 6th. to the 8th. of January. It will take place at 5.30 p.m. at the «Sociedad Bellver», Calle 14 de Abril, 34. Soloist and pianist, Mme. Helly Christina. Those who have already stated their wish to be present and have not as yet received their invitations are requested to apply for them either at the Terreno Shop, or at Short's Tea Rooms opposite.

New Years Day was celebrated in a very gay manner for their friends when Miss Peggy Lipp and Mr. Rollo Hayes invited a good percentage of the people who had been celebrating in Terreno the night before to an egg-nogg party on their delightful terrace. So excellent was their hospitality and so perfect the sunny day that nobody wanted to go home, and at dusk the party was still going strong. Among the guests were Mrs. Kathleen McClintock and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Salisbury, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Gittes, Commander Harry Green, Miss Nita Driberg, Mr. Harry Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Leaman, Captain and Mrs. H. Dare, Mr. Wolfe, Miss Valerie Gorska, Mr. George Wilkens and Mr. Granger Dean.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Y. Parker wish to refute the rumours that Mrs. Parker's son, Peter Curran, was recently expelled from the Ecole Internationale. The rumours are entirely false, and this notice is published with the knowledge and approval of Mr. L. Ray Ogden, Principal of the Ecole Internationale.

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There was a slip somewhere in our reporterial staff, for we have been informed that the famous cigarette case of gold which Mr. and Mrs. Regnault, of Cala Ratjada sent to Mussolini recently did not belong to the late King of the Belgians, but to Victor Emmanuel. It was his property before he became king, while he was still Prince of Naples. So that's another thing straightened out before we start the New Year.

On the 13th. of this month that excellent institution, the Mallorca Society of Arts, situated at the side of Shorts Tea Rooms in Terreno, will re-open its doors at 6.45 p.m. for a meeting to which all members, old and new, are cordially invited. The plan is to elect a new Committee, and get going along more or less the same lines as before, which is good news.

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Miss M. McNeill has taken Son Semola, the house formerly occupied by Lady Brentford, and expects to stay on the Island for some time.

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The Rev. and Mrs. F. H. G. Knight have taken an apartment in number 33 Calle Salud.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lancaster have taken Villa Xiscons, in San Augustin, for the next few months.

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The Cake Shop, on Calle Pelaires, is being sold out daily, what with the rush of parties going on. Hostesses, more and more, are coming to count on the delicious things from this establishment to satisfy the appetites of their afternoon or evening guests.

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The Lees and the *Foam* are back once more and the waterfront is beginning to look like old times again. The beturbanned figure of Mohammed is missing from their galley but their new cook, a Checko-Slovakian, is more than filling Mohammed's difficult sandals.



Sr. Luis Fábregas who for the past year has run autocar trips about the Island has recently sold his pullman car to Barcelona interests. He wishes to take this opportunity of thanking the public and the hotels for their past cooperation. His new plans include an ultra modern garage.



Nothing could have been gayer than Tito's on New Year's Eve. Practically everybody at one time or another found his way there and most of them stayed. The dancing was good and the drinks excellent. It was late when the last stragglers left.

Mr. Oppenheim, director of Alcudia Playa is about to leave for a business trip of several months on the continent.

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We hear that the recent New York exhibitions of the paintings of Miss Mary Coles, who was well-known in the Puerto of Pollensa last year, have been a great success. Miss Coles says that if things continue this way with her she hopes to close her apartment in New York and spend the summer over here again.

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Just as we are going to press, and having lauded the excellent New Year's Day party at which Mr. Roland Hayes was host, we hear that he is leaving Palma in about three weeks time for Switzerland. He hopes to be back here before long, however, as he says it is the one place he really likes and where he can work satisfactorily.

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An interesting visitor to the Island during the week was Mr. Adrian C. Williams of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Williams is on a long automobile tour which is taking him through torty countries and lasting a year. He has already covered most of Europe and is leaving Barcelona for Spain and Gibraltar. From there he goes along the north coast of Africa and down through Suez to Madagascar. He is equipped with the latest in cinema machines and photographic materials. Is taking some 60,000 feet of film and many thousand stills. He is making a study of bread-making in the various countries he visits and his written articles go to newspapers and trade magazines. Upon completing his trip he will show his pictures at a Baker's convention in Chicago before releasing them to the public.

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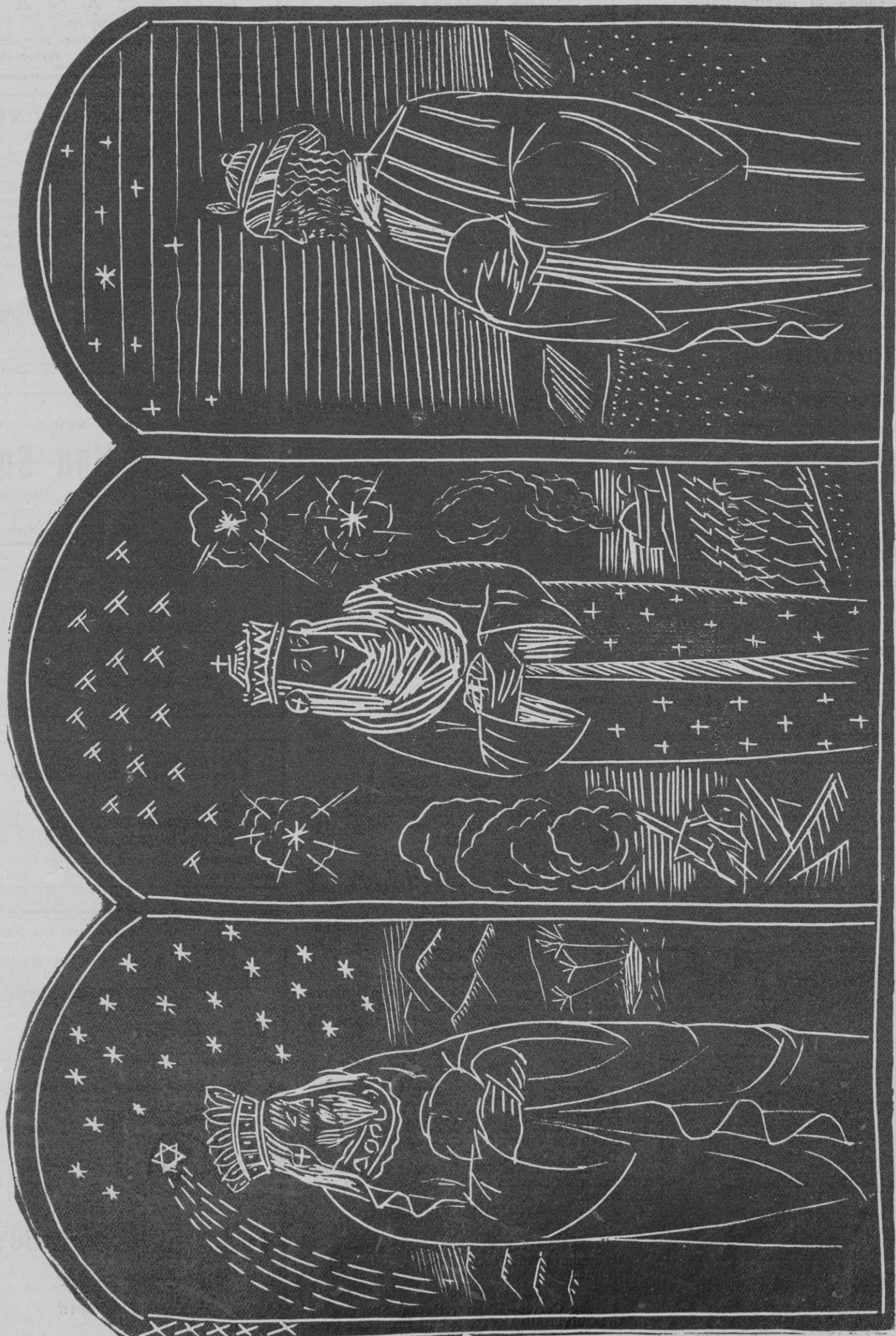
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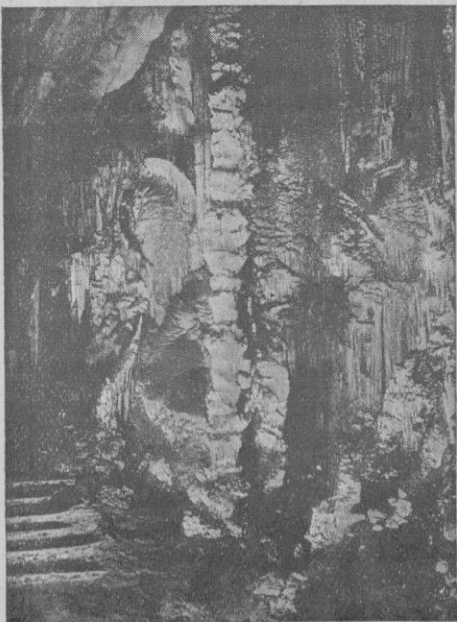
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## 4th January

Cool clear-headed, but quietly ambitious, there is a great deal of perseverance and determination about you, but there is also a curious restlessness—a somewhat erratic strain. You may be working steadily and persistently on something, for a long time, and then suddenly decide to throw it up and make a complete change. Your tastes are slightly eccentric.

Your lucky numbers are 4 and 8; your colours brown, black; stones lapis-lazuli, sapphire; your day Saturday; your planet is Saturn.

In financial and business matters, you will find things tend to move rather slowly, and all sorts of obstacles and hindrances will crop up in your way, but there is not the least doubt that you will finally reach success. There may be sudden and unexpected strokes of good or bad luck.

Very faithful and sincere in your affections, there may be some sorrow for you in connection with love affairs or marriage. The second half of life will be happier than the first.

Health should be good, but there is danger from colds and chills.

## 5th January

Ruled by the sign Capricorn and the planet Saturn, you are essentially determined, ambitious, practical. Slow in coming to a decision, once your mind is made up, nothing will alter you, and you usually succeed in whatever you undertake.

Your lucky numbers are 5 and 8; lucky colours, brown and black; day, Saturday.

In business you may have a rather hard struggle, but you will eventually obtain a position of responsibility and financial stability. You can save money as well as spend wisely, and you have marked organizing ability.

You do not make friends very easily, but are faithful and sincere to those you do have. Love affairs will not enter very much into your life, and marriage may come rather late but should bring happiness. The latter half of life is happier than the first.

Perhaps somewhat delicate in youth, your health should improve as you grow older. Chills and nerve troubles are a danger.

## 6th January

Venus and Saturn mingle their influence at your birth. From Saturn you get a stern sense of duty, considerable tenacity, a love of exact thought and justice. From Venus you get good taste (especially a fondness for graceful line). Those who know you best will love you best. There is too much reserve and sensitiveness.

There is practical business ability but it will be difficult for you to make full use of this. You would be happier with a profession. Medicine, nursing, massage or educational work would be suitable or, if in business, constructional work would be better than commerce. You will not make money readily, but can save it. Probably would be lucky. Your fortunate numbers are 6 and 8; colours, brown and deep blue.

You are of the type who love once only. You

would probably marry a partner older than yourself and of very different temperamental type. Children would be few. Everything would depend on your having a suitable domestic environment.

The constitution is very sensitive. Care as regards health would be necessary; avoid chills.

## 7th January

Like most people born under Saturn, you will be rather pessimistic at times; a steady worker, intensely conscientious, practical and not easily influenced. Self-confidence and optimism should be cultivated. Your character will develop tremendously as you get older. Avoid solitude and cultivate social life.

I am afraid you are born to work hard, and your period of greatest success is after middle life. It you are to attain business success you will have to surmount many obstacles, and learn to take chances cheerfully. Your fortunate numbers are 7 and 8; your colours russet and mauve; wear sapphire or aquamarine.

You are slow to love, but never change once your love is given. The tendency is to a late marriage and few children. You will dislike domestic changes and new faces.

Build up your vitality as much as you can; wear gay colours and live in cheerful surroundings.

There is probably a rheumatoid tendency.

## 8th January

Yours is a very powerful type of character. Reticent, cautious, inclined to be slow and hesitating before action, once your mind is made up, you go on until you obtain the desired end. Very ambitious and capable, you are perhaps a little lacking in consideration for other people. As a friend, you are very faithful, reliable and trustworthy, but you can be a bitter enemy.

Your lucky number is 8; colours, brown, black; day, Saturday. Your planet is Saturn.

It appears certain that you will ultimately fulfil your ambitions in life, but possibly things will move very slowly and there will be a good deal of difficulty to overcome first. There may be a time when you have to save and scrape, but ultimately money should be plentiful enough.

Marriage would be an enduring tie. Happiness and prosperity will increase as the years go on.

Health seems good, but guard against chills, rheumatism, etc.

## 9th January

Coming under the dominion of the Sign Capricorn and the planet Saturn, you are very sincere, faithful and reliable. Hesitating, almost timid, before your mind is made up, once your course is decided you are determined and persevering. Not given to boasting, your performance is usually better than your promise.

Your lucky numbers are 8 and 9; day, Saturday; colours, brown, black.

You are painstaking and thorough in work, and, given a suitable chance, should do well in business or profession. Your weakness seems to be a certain timidity and hesitancy in taking opportunities.

Marriage would probably come to you rather late in life but should bring lasting happiness.

Health is not too robust in childhood and youth, but you get stronger as you grow older. Chills and rheumatic ailments are a danger.

## 10th January

You are very sincere, persistent, determined, very capable and practical—you can turn your hand to all kinds of jobs. Deceit and dishonesty are particularly abhorrent to you. Very cautious and sound in your ideas, you are essentially to be trusted.

Your lucky numbers are 1 and 8; day Saturday; colours, brown, black. Your planet is Saturn.

Your organizing ability, strength of purpose, and extreme uprightness should secure for you success in business or profession. There is a very clear mentality and a capacity for steady work. Whatever your sphere, I am afraid you will have difficulties and obstacles to overcome and things may seem to be moving very slowly, but there is no doubt of your ultimately reaching a responsible and authoritative position.

There would be some delay in connection with marriage—thus perhaps a long engagement beforehand, or hindrances and obstacles would be put in your way. Your partner would be considerably older than yourself. There should be lasting happiness.

You may be troubled with colds, chills or rheumatism, but, on the whole, health should be good during the latter half of life.

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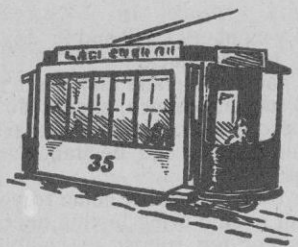
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The Rev. F.J.H. Knight came from Palma on Sunday last and held services that evening and on Monday morning in the Hotel Mar-i-Cel. There was a large attendance, and Mr. Knight hopes it may be possible for him to hold monthly services here.

Christmas was celebrated with the usual gay parties. Maxim's had a Christmas Eve dinner-dance and a fancy-dress dance on New Year's Eve, Oliver's Band supplying the music for both. Traut's also had Christmas and New Year

*New Year's Eve.* After the series of fiestas from which the Island has as yet hardly recovered itself the Ibisencos are quite prepared to do it all over again, in spite of rather a «morning after» sensation.

Of course, with the sun shining brilliantly the general prospects are cheerful —these are not a pessimistic people— and they spend lavishly until they have nothing left but an empty pocket.

Next Monday, the 6th., the Feast of the Three Kings is the children's great day. The shops are all displaying varieties of toys, and many small noses are being flattened against window-panes.

Among the foreigners there has been much of that «get together» spirit this Christmas, but on the whole it has been spent by most in traditional style at home —minus snow and plum pudding, alas!

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Mr. and Mrs. F.V. Branford had as a guest on Sunday, Mr. Wright, who came over from Terreno to visit them. Mr. Branford is well-known in London literary circles as a poet. He has been classed with P. B. Shelley.

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We were wondering the other day where this resolution business all started and whether it was worth while. It's been going on for years and years and so far as we know has never done any good. Solomon used to swear each New Year's Eve that in the coming year he would not take any new wives and would make himself get along with three hundred. This only lasted till he saw the first pretty girl. And they say that Nero used to give up his music each year but that never worked either.

No, it seems to us that these resolutions are the bunk and probably do more harm than good. No matter how serious you are when you make them and how sure you may be that you are going to keep them all through the year they are always broken sooner or later and think of all the fun you have missed while they were in force. Then when finally you do break them you have to kid yourself that after all you only made the promise to yourself and so there is no real harm done. And after you've broken one the rest come just that much easier like olives and kisses and things.

And if there is anything more boring than to be on a party with someone who is still keeping his resolutions we wouldn't know about it. We'd rather stay home and paint china or read a last year's seed catalogue than to step out with someone who says, «Oh, no, thank you, I won't take any. I swore off at New Years and you have no idea how much better I feel for it, I'm a new man.» Things like this have been known to bring on murders and all sorts of major disasters. We're going right out now to break all of ours before we get into real trouble.

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**BOOKS**

«Gauntlet»

Lord Gorell

(Albatross)

I feel rather diffident about attempting to review this book, and it doesn't make it any better to know that one should never begin with anything approaching an apology. But Lord Gorell happens to be at the head of the Authors Society in London, of which I am one of the leastest and lowest members without a hope of an eventual pension. Also Lord Gorell, who from an early age, I believe, has had a great love for things literary, is now the owner of one of the largest publishing firms in England, with possibly a considerable say in the publications of Albatross and its contemporaries.

Now, all this may seem to have little or nothing to do with the book—but Lord Gorell, as all the world knows, is a good writer of mystery stories and if he should ever chance to see these few poor words perhaps he will solve the mystery. For myself, I rather wish he had stuck to this style of literature, because «Gauntlet,» which reads like a first attempt along purely romantic lines, begins with an impossible situation. What I call an impossible situation is when the newly and wealthily married bride, feeling the proximity of her husband opposite her in the railway-carriage too much happiness, takes a walk down the corridor and, in the very next compartment, sees the perfect image of said husband in the shape of a small boy aged four or (mark you) five. This remarkable small boy is accompanied by a lady who, before she turned poor and thin, must have been good-looking, and who has missed forbidding the wedding by only a few minutes, due to an inconvenient time table or something. So the bride, not even waiting for a quiet station platform to come along, jumps to conclusions and off the train backwards into a clump of damp rhododendrons, to begin life anew with a sable coat, an expensive emerald pendant and a certain capacity for governessing.

The rest follows naturally enough, salted with some super character studies. It is absolutely impossible to end this sort of book in any way but a happy one, so that is what you get. And I hope you like it.

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