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Carry = the dean of Trinity who
fought A.C. over Head

17th

Jan 24/

Who wast thou, O Caesar, that thou knewest God in an horse? Etc etc. I shall know the import of these Words by the Event.

1.25 A.M. Can't sleep----. Freud again, by the way, In my year's work I forgot my 'Songs for Italy', being sick with loathing at the filthy outrage perpetrated on me by Jane Wolfe. I can never see her or write to her again. What adds to the horror is that she did it with such very good intentions & took such pains & made such sacrifices - and all to blot my fame indelibly with the abomination of vile printing (2nd.)! (Rivers to be printed songs for Italy)

8.30 Slept very late, but woke to order, fresh, with a great dream in which I thrashed Parry (I think) ad lib. with many diverse enjoyments on the side.

Banks etc shut to-day, I hear: must find F.H. by Magick. No: I leave all to the Gods. I am literally oppressed by the sense of something about to happen. There is a strong physical sympathy: heaviness, dyspnoea, indigestion, &c Above all, a curious solemnity of spirit. I cannot interpret all this, & do not seriously try to do so.

* (Frank Harris?) (Dear & Trinity College, Cambridge)

Mercury. (2nd Jan) Lunched with Frank Harris. Wired A.I. £10 Bayley £20 or smash. Fanny Carteret Leah destitute Blanche Conn) Tunis.

O.P.V. "Douteuse". But I'm not doubtful about Frank Harris. He is insane. His memoirs are "The Autobiography of a Flea" stuck into ordinary (& very dull) records of a foolish youth. I don't know what in hell to do - either about him or about any body else.

die Jupiter (3rd.) Well - , see my Essay in the back of this diary. (c. not copied here as it exists elsewhere in typescript). No luck (yet?) about cash yet: but F.H. promises 500 fr to-morrow - so that I can bolt to Paris. One step onward to the Establishment of the Law of Thelema! Worked late on 'My L & L' for Saturday review.

[A review of F.H.'s My Life and Loves] die Venus. (4th.) F.H. found 500 fr; so I'm off to Paris 6.50 P.M. Feel rotten, incidentally.

die Saturn (5th) Arr Paris on time 2.30. Met Willy!! Berenice Abbot & Stewart - he gave me fine advice. Ass. Press syndicate Hag James Joyce's bitch publ it in Paris. N.B. Harris sets \$15 for L & L. per vol. (Offer S.5000 end of Feb 7 for 4000 fr now.)

die Sol. (Jan 6) 9.0 P.M. In bed after a totally stupid day. I cannot measure or describe my ache - & the joke is that no sooner do I take pencil in hand to try to do so than I find myself perfectly happy! (Once more, I see that activity is the sole issue.) As I thought in my teens, Racine is banal to the point of imbecility. I cannot find words for his stupid flatulence - & I can't understand how any human being ever tolerated him. All the characters talk alike - the same empty declamation of platitudes. They all talk at the top of their voices: there is no shading-off of any kind - "when they are good they are very good indeed & when they are bad they are horrid".

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Strange Meals

My cheapest dinner 5 courses 5 c Mex (~~7.00~~) wayside inn betw. ~~Guadalajara~~ (?-c.) & Pacific coast.

My longest dinner Banquet given by Mandarin of Yung Chang. Noon to midnight (Farts & belches) (Longest in another sense - a 22 foot rat-snake!)

My best dinner Half-warm half cooked Tibetan Mutton at Rdokass. My "heaviest" dinner Buffalo steak & kidney, cut & cooked on the spot.

Parrot. Monkey. "Rosepetal confiture".

d'Amour Cro-Cro.

Crowley Mixed Grill "lazarus, come forth!" Pavots ~~d'Amour~~ Croute (?-c.)

In a saucer of caviar, a Croute lined with Foie Gras ~~enclosing~~ enclosing Plover's Egg: on top sliced Beche-de-Mer: crowned with a chrysanthemum.

Weird Drinks

"Kwass - the sigil of the mojik - confused, muddy, sour, chill, fiery & intoxicating - the soul of latent madness & of sacred crime."

Cocktail Boer.

Swiss Soup. Saki. Sfax 'Rhum'. (~~1.00~~)

Benzine (my Prohibition night party)

Crowley Cups (I, II, & III)

"Kubla Khan" (I & II)

Tibetan tea with salt & butter.

Brick tea - aperitive = Castor Oil.

Pappy-dog soup. Vodka. Corn whisky.

Pulque. Soma. Anhalonium Lewinii. Arraq. The Black Drink of Florida. Calabar Bean.

Venues (Jan 11.) "It is not good for a man to dwell alone" - but it is worse for him to live with anybody else.

A wretched morning - as usual. Slept the clock round. M is rotten for me: I shall use the language of the solemn winds to the seas upon the shore - the first two words.

Have read André Gide on Dostoevsky. The doctrines of Ruach etc are well shewn. What a joke! These great "discoveries" (!) which we have had in infancy for centuries!

die Saturn. (12th.) Hail unto Kheph Ra! 2.45 A.M. Can't sleep: ideas thronging (a) What about an Oath not to write anything new till I write the Comment? (B) To save Paris from floods.

Erect a series of powerful Windmills to drive paddles to churn the stream out to sea. The gales which bring the bad weather would guarantee the driving power required. Qy: how to make this pay me?

Ask Paris to offer so much down if my idea is accepted? And the Grande Croix of the Legion for him that saveth a city!

(c) to raise 10,000 fr to restore O.P.V. to his personal comforts.

(d) improvements in T.S.F. (1) Compacter receiver. Flat lamps.

Closer Packing. Thinner material. "Built like a gum (R.o.)"

(2) Transm. & receiver in one. (3) dodges for using (d) to raise capital e.g. spiritualism.

9.50 P.M. Woke 8.30 & again 11.11 to order. Thus met Cook's man - the assn^z here had mailed my urgent special delivery letter! 4-7.30 with R.G. Good schemes. Roger Bacon's Head &c. I hope for N.A. campaign.

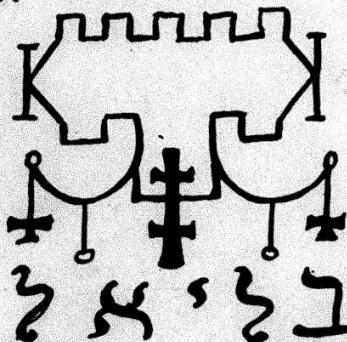
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10 P.M. The Brazen Head

See Goetia p.31 p 2. Belial entered into an Image of Brass & gave answers unto them that did sacrifice unto Him, & did worship the Image as their God.

Belial is the 68th Spirit: a King mighty & powerful, created next after Lucifer, as they pretended: yet evidently before God, since His Nature is to deny God. ^h He appeareth in the form of Two Beautiful Angels seated in a Chariot of Fire. He speaketh with a Comely Voice, saying that he "fell" first from among the worthier sort, that were before Mikhael & other heavenly Angels. Id est: He was the leader of the "Old Nobility" who resisted the usurpation of the upstart Jehovah. His office is to distribute presentations Senatorships &c & to cause favour of friends & of foes. He giveth excellent familiars, & governeth 80 legions of Spirits. He demands offerings sacrifices and gifts, & he will not speak the truth. Nor even so, unless constrained by the Will of the Exorcist.

His Sigil is this:



His number is 73, that of a Magus. In many other respects, also, He is mine own especial D A I M O N (Grk). Let me therefore cause men to pay honour to Him, as unto a Great King!

The Considerations concerning this Procedure of Art Magick aforesaid.

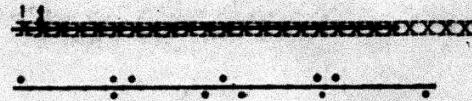
1. Let there be a Temple wrought in Ninefold Disposition, as Luna (sign for c.) is the House of Sol, & He combineth these Natures.
2. There shall be therein a Magical Circle for the Image of Brass wherein He may enter & abide; receiving Offerings, & giving Answers; Sacrifices, & bestowing Favours.
3. There shall be a Magical Triangle wherein the Worshipper or Postulant may kneel, wheras he would adore & consult or beseech Him.
4. Within the Circle shall be an Altar of open brass work, but its top a plate of thin Iron.
(For Iron is of Mars, who marrieth with Brass, Copper, Bronze, or Orichalcum of Venus)
5. Upon this Iron shall be deeply engraven the Sigillum of Belial, with the Names, Forms, Numbers, & other Symbols thereunto appropriate.
6. Into the lines of this Graving aforesaid shall be fitted the Base of the Image of this No-God Belial.
7. This Image shall be of molten Bronze after the fashion of the Head of a Man such as the Magus TO MEGA THERION (Grk) shall by His Art devise, design, model, & execute in Red & Yellow Wax.

8. Within the circle, as a Veil upon the Brass Work of the Altar, shall be a certain membrane invisibly virtuous in this kind that the High Pontifex of the DAIMON(Grk) albeit distant by a league & leagues & half a league from the Imago, shall hear clearly all sounds within the Circle. And within the Imago itself shall be contrived by the Art Magick of Reginaldus de Gouraldus^{an} Organ of Speech, so that the Magus or Pontifex may be able to reply to the Postulant, or to direct that which shall be done before the Circle.

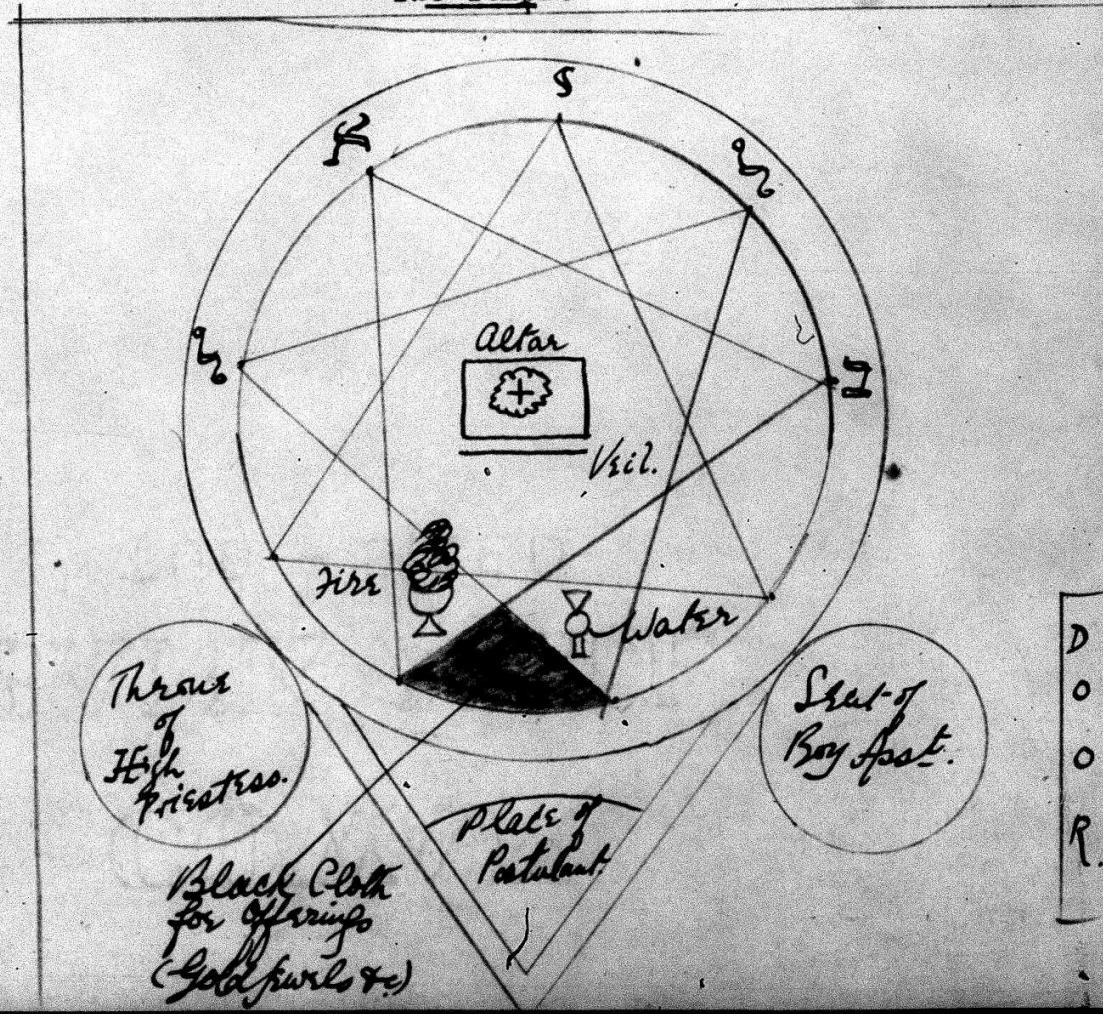
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10. The Temple shall be directed by a Virgin Priestess dedicated to the Service of the DAIMON. She shall in her Office receive gifts & sacrifices, purify & consecrate the Postulant, shewing forth unto him how rightly he may attain to that which he seeketh. To aid Her, a young boy as Warden of the Portal.

11. And so may all GO to the Establishment of the Law of Thelema, & of the Kingdom of Heru-Ra-Ha!



The Temple



x A.C. & Frank Harris planned to take over
the 'Telegraph' an evening paper in
English (?)

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Rolling in millions! !!! Wonders will never cease (I am so overwhelmed that I have to take refuge in such platitudes!)

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Aiwass! Thee I invoke. (A & Good)

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die Lunae (14th) Hail unto Kheph Ra! And then Engers dropped in, & stayed till after 1! (& promised to lend me 500 francs !!!!!) P.S. And did so!!!!!!! The Gods are awake ~~now~~, after all! 1.31 A.M. He thought my pictures excellent - with a little more attention to anatomy, he says, I shall be a first-rate painter. Aiwass! again I invoke thee. Restore my strength, my health, my energy, my courage! Let free my genius - which is Thou! - flow upon the world to Thine eternal praise & glory! Aiwass! Aiwass! Aiwass! Aiwass! Thee, Thee, I invoke!

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die Hirsch

11.30 P.M. And who should turn up but Leon Engers Kennedy !!!
Rolling in millions! !!! Wonders will never cease (I am so
overwhelmed that I have to take refuge in such platitudes!)

die Sol. (Jan 13) 12.21 a.m. Hail unto Kheph Ra! (The moment he
went out, I was as sick as a dog from the excitement.)
1.0 a.m. Idea for Simon Iff Story "The Criminal's Blunders". But he
makes not one or two, but many; more than any conceivable criminal
would. Hence Iff concludes it a put-up job. The real man is found as
responsible for the supposed slight blunders.

11.0 P.M. Vomited violently just as I finished dinner. I don't know
what it all means - whether aquarius(sign for=heroin.c.) is respon-
sible, wholly or in part. But I seem to have no strength or energy
left. I take no real interest in anything for more than a few min-
utes at a time. I have no real hope, that is the root of the matter,
I think. I need 667 badly, plus a complete change of scene & work.
A light airy apartment - books - amusements - no worry. I can't
summon up courage to renew my wardrobe. I postpone everything when
possible. I have but a few minutes a day when I feel fit. I resent
dressing and undressing. I sleep late after going to bed early; I
sleep long, yet wake weary. It is a dreadful effort to rise, even by
1 P.M. & my real reason is that it is too much trouble to have food
sent up. "The grasshopper is a burden" I long for death - simply to
be away from the body which weighs me down instead of being my char-
iot. Aiwass! do Thou be for me in this time of dis-ease. My eyes &
my mind are too heavy to read: yet I shall not be able to sleep.

Aiwass! Thee I invoke. (a & good)

11.44 Instantly ideas begin to flow. Let R. take thevflat: we'll
start with "Chinese divination" by the Yi & advertise the Head
"will come to Paris on ----th ----" We take cash for appointments
in advance - only short time here &c.

die Lunae (14th) Hail unto Kheph Ra! And then Engers dropped in, &
stayed till after 1! (& promised to lend me 500 francs !!!!!)
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diff. A. C. wrote a poem under each
illustration. I now have the book. p. 74.

X I have the book. A.C. wrote in it in pencil a short poem for each of the 24
Sparks' illustrations. Book now at Warburg Inst. in Berlin

5.30 R.G. broke his appt., damn him! 6.30 A. Gide wires lunch
Wed. Good! (n plus 1)
7.30 F.H. O.P.V. A.I. - letters. All stony (n plus 1)
(where n = Aleph zero)

Note: Copy my poems from A.O.S. "Focus of Life".

10.56 P.M. I invoke Aiwass to sleep early, wake early & fit,
cured of diarrhoea (I have noticed all day a sudden healing of it:
but there was a final spurt just as I got to bed)

In a dream a man in a game is accused by a preacher of "....."
(two words illeg.c.) - "Throwing off even at the queen" Game called
'.....osculator(?c?c.) - doubling up bets when 2 players are even
(others pay up & quit)

Each throw called deuce tray &c to ace, 2 players who match win the
others pay. Winners can divide or go on ~~marking~~ adding to stakes.
This man (in dream) would evidently go on betting at 11th round.
(There's lots in this game when I get rules right)

die Jupiter (17th) All day in bed: diarrhoea absurdly persistent.
(He had the clap)

die Venus (18th) ditto: sent for Dr.

B. van Brunt writes more drivelling folly. A.I. in trouble with P
(Grk) still:badly. 11.15 P.M. Dr E F Ducasse (via Gros) 7 Rue
Lamiston XVI^e Pasq 44-59 thinks I may have amoebic dysentery.
Just passed a stool with traces of solid faeces - the first for a
long while.

A-cadded "ignorant - cowardly -
examination bound"

die Saturn (19th) In bed still. Diarrhoea quit at once - replaced by
constipation. "Passed Gibralter at Sunset" Called on R.G. & Schroeder.

die Sol (20th) Saw R.G. & Mrs Van B. Also Schroeder. Dined with Aimee
Played chess (won) at C. de la R.

Brunt

die Luna (21) Beat "Greene" (?) at C de la R. Daric. Doncet. van B.
Sudden pains in belly: so back to bed.

die Mars (22) O.P.V. arr. In bed (bad pains still) till 7 then
dined at Lavenue's. Much relieved by O.P.V.'s arrival. He in good
form all round.

die Mercury. (23rd) (Have felt too rotten to keep this record since
18th: wrote up briefly to date last night)

die Jupiter (24) Met Voorhies at C de la R

die Venus (25) "The High Place"

die Saturn (26) Lunch Aimee.

Sun. (27) A bad night. Called in Dr Ducasse. Idea for Magnum Opus
- a complete picture of the Thelemic Society. (Ethel).
Ethel. Short Story.

1 Ethel

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(copyist: the following appears in Mudd's hand).

Idea for short story.

Story opens with a fashionable eccentric who has dressed for dinner learning over phone that his hostess is ill & dinner is off. He decides to dine at a restaurant etc. Walking, his attention is arrested by a man selling matches whom he remembers as Oscar Wilde. He gets the man's story at dinner & takes up his case, Fortified in every respect the man calls on an actor-manager with one of his plays.....

The point is that the recognition of the man by the eccentric was a very rare accident. The actor-manager does not know the man's name. He has been forgotten by all but a very few of a small set of a particular period.

(copyist: end of fragment in Mudd's hand).

die Luna. Feb 4. I have not missed this diary! Been more or less ill all the time. Have struck a doctor with brains at very long last - Dr Jarvis.

die Saturn. ~~French~~ met ? at Lavenue's at a little before 2. (French for VII & he out of Sodom & te (?c.) (like what follows apple - the feminine of Ch. Ch. with the \$1,000,000 manner). Adjacent! (c. Alphonsine Charlotte ?c.)

Well, I've no initiative left, or I could do a good stroke for 93.

Sol. Voorhies par. in N.Y.H. Goldsmith - only really strong chess-player at Regence & I have struck up a kind of friendship.

My sleeping is very poor - wrong hours - & my waking barren of all creative worth. But - I am being born into some new world. I

had a big Vision last night (Sol) during an odd 5 minutes with Ethel, in which the Law was demonstrated lucidly as a necessary principle of human thought - the one way of reconciling all antinomies. Also, I found myself as "I love". So something is going to happen pretty soon. Meanwhile I've been having a really rotten time.

If I could write one poor bawdy Limerick it wouldn't be so bad! I suppose the ~~truth~~ is that I am more or less inhibited by my more or less formal Magical Oath to fix my fortunes (so that the Law can be properly established) first of all. Otherwise, I'm incubating something bloody big! But oh! how deep the darkness & how cold the way! (Tried just now to do Samekh(Hebr.) Broke down at Exordium!)

Shit! 11.44 approx. Ethel. I make the /Magical Oath/ of /SILENCE/ (Many Mysteries revealed. e.g. "Silence & Laughter is the secret of Death").

Mars. (Feb 5.) Saw Dr. Bourjeris(?c.) yesterday. My nose, completely wild, is the cause of all my troubles. He will tame Ida on Wednesday at 4.30 P.M. & Pingala on Monday next or thereabouts. Saw Jarvis to-day: he (word illeg.).

Mercury. (Feb 6). All night Ethel. Marvellous revelations: but Failure (apparent) absolute in main object.

Yesterday at lunch - read a par in Quotidien that Anatole France was critically ill. Wired him "Absent thee from felicity awhile".

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6.50 P.M. In bed after having the operation on Ida: 5-5.30 circa.
(Dark=bone. Light=spongy flesh)


(actual size of obstruction removed). Pain very slight. Surprise at nature of sensation caused slight exclamation. Considerable bleeding since return home, & now some slight annoyance as the blood clots.

9.50 P.M. Nice tired & sleepy - more 'normal' than for months!

die Jupiter (7th.) 7.0.P.M. Slept till 2 P.M. - bar short intervals - Pretty rotten - "One word is too often profaned For me to profane it" - but the word alas! is not Love: it is Liberty.

Venus. (8th.) Tampon ~~was~~ out of nose. Instant relief. 4.0 P.M. for Fontainebleau.

Saturn. (9th.) Walked along Rocher d'Auon etc to Auon. "Nice tired". Slept A.l.

Sol. (10th) Called at La Priere des Basses Loges. Major Pindar - hell of a fine fellow. Gurdjieff, their prophet seems a tip-top man. Heard more sense and insight than I've done for years. Pindar dines at 7.30. Oracle for my visit was "There are few men: there are enough". Later. A really wonderful evening with Pindar. Gurdjieff clearly a very advanced adept. My chief quarrels are over sex (I doubt whether Bindar understands G's true position) & their punishments - e.g. depriving the offender of a meal or making him stand $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour with his arms out. Childish & morally valueless. Let me here shew my own position clearly. E.g. if one won't work, condemn him to idleness. Tell off 2 people to wait on him hand and foot. let his defect stop the whole machine. When he reaches the stage of wanting to murder his torturers, hand him the knife. The point is to get him to realize that the failure of even one small function disturbs the whole machine. Every one must sympathize warmly with him, keep on telling him how right he is; some (in bad cases) should join him - e.g. the cook - so that nobody eats till he is cured. It will not serve merely to deprive him alone of food: that would be a punishment, which he would resent, & put him in the right. "Punishment" must not be arbitrary but Karmic: i.e. a demonstration of what the restriction in question leads to. E.g. an attempt at assassination. Keep the man ~~in~~ day & night in fear of being murdered (Use varied means: poison his drink with some harmless but suspicious drug. Wake him by a masked figure with a knife, or a pistol shot within a foot of his nose. Pour Br under his door. Ambush him walking. Half drown him &c. The attempts must ~~hurt~~ sometimes do him enough damage to bring the reality home. All this (by the way) is based on "The word of Sin is restriction". The only offence is to restrict oneself or another. Also the only true cure is moral education. Retribution as such merely doubles the crime, & excuses the offender.

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Luna (Feb 11.) Back to Paris. Violent dyspnoea - the pills narcotize the system without relieving the local trouble as inhalation of the powder does.

(copyist:note in Mudd's hand: Saturn. --- He counts; that is his weakness.)

Mars. (12) After Monday's nightmare narcotic night - a change: almost continuous spasms of coughing. Every rib is as sore as every cubic c c of my chest. Awake practically all night on this.

Mercury. (13) From bad to worse. The ass-quack of pasteboard - Chausse-gros (I should say so!) sent by Jarvis in a hurry to ~~inject~~ inject heroin - which I refused to allow, not wishing to be forced into drug-addiction, even by the most eminent medical muttonheads - put me off with a mess of heroin, bismuth, & lactose, which clogs the nostrils with a chalky paste & hardly acts at all. The 5 c.g. Heroin in the powder was less useful than 1 c.g. pure would have been. On pointing out these facts - which I had predicted - he prescribed an inhalation of ----- Cocaine!!! I refused to have this made up at all, knowing well that it is worse than useless.

Jupiter (14) Another bad night constant waking and coughing. Forced myself to get up & feed out. Too late to call in Jarvis as intended: O.P.V's call on Chaussegrps led to nothing.

Venus (15) 12.30 a.m. Prostrate - exhausted - both dyspnoea and coughing spells. All heroin gone - only hope in a little morphine yet left me, a far too small amount of ether (too small i.e. enough to make me drunk 6 times at least in normal circumstances, & in these all but useless), and in the strength of my will-to-live, but none whatever in the common-sense or humanity of men.

--- And so -- what of my J O B ? --- lucky me to be at it "without lust of result"!

12.50 A.M. I wheeze painfully. I can't even cough: it hurts too much, & doesn't clear the chest.

Saturn (16th.) (c. in Mudd's hand) General symbol for Linden & how to deal with him. Water of Earth. No. XXXI. His sympathetic interest once set in motion could rebuild our fortunes. Be very careful not to press or talk. A single syllable too much might be fatal. The scheme should be represented to him as worthy, amusing, & ~~not~~ ultimately profitable. I must touch the right note at the start & this to arouse those feelings of which such a man is capable. Good-fellowship & a love for art are the principle ingredients. (c. end Mudd.) Advocatus diaboli must win some cases, or the office would be a farce. Therefore Divine Justice sometimes errs, or the Devil is sometimes right.

(c. Mudd again.) General symbol for Rousseau Voorhies & how to deal with him. No. XII Phallus of Yoni. Pa & Ma no intercourse. Quite useless unless he gets the trance of sorrow & I am called in to initiate him. Should that happen great success might follow. General symbol for Goldsmith & how to deal with him. No. 47 Water of Moon. He must help us on his own terms which might be ~~weezy~~

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hard. Those terms should not be refused but great sincerity, prudence, & caution are essential, & we must be careful to avoid the repetition of former errors. (c. end of fragment in Mudd's hand).

Sol. 17th. Still in bed.

Luna. 18th Much better

Mars. 19th 3.0 A.M. Tried to sleep from 2 A.M. circa. Now seized with violent coughing. Attempts to cut it short led to (a) clogging of the nostrils with Lactose (b) narcotisation - headache, short spell of phantasm-haunted sleep (Confused ideas of writing this report shewn by images, at the time supposed rationally identical.) At 8.30 the attacks culminated in retching, bilious vomiting, & a light diarrhoea. I am left exhausted, & with the hopeless feeling that I can never be well enough again to have the rest of my operation done. 7.15 P.M. I wish I were well enough to paint, & had technique sufficient to make a very large canvas of Mudd Sweeping through the gates of the New Jerusalem Washed in the Blood of the Lamb! 10.30 P.M. Last night drafted a letter to Aimée Gouraud - part in cipher - on a page with several other notes. O.P.V. (or rather H.L.A Mudd) mailed this to her without my knowledge. I forget his explanations: but they tended to try to persuade me that he was acting in good faith!!! My reason has proclaimed the General Strike - but, what can I do about it? The only way is to purge him systematically of his grossness & so rid the HLA of its physical basis. 10.40 P.M. Last night I found out what the Comment on AL really is: a well-thought-out plan of the Thelemic social order.