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Well, no Sabbats in time to report in this edition. Beltane in next one. We're all most happy that Dean R. is back with us. Guess he can stop putting his drawings on envelopes now. And now that he's back...we have no drawing this month. The Tomfoolery Faire at Cal State went about as expected. We made very little money but we enjoyed it. I think that everytime we go there our people spend more of their own money at the food booths than we take in for the church. Since this is often the last page I write, I don't always know about the photos. Don't know yet this month since they are now a day late in coming back. If we gwt some good ones, they'll be on the photo page.

Everything goes beautifully here both with the coven and the Pagan Way.

Finally found the little occult supply shop on East 19 th here in Dakersfield open. Not really a lot in supplies yet but they tell me the owner has been sick so things are not yet all as planned.

Insight Bookshop, 1037 H St. still going great. Seem to be more people in there every time I go there. They are very helpful in ordering anything they don't have in stock...and you don't have to wait forever to get it.

Had another call about property...this one near Panorama Heights where we've gone for the mountain meet the past few years. Only trouble is..it's right on the road, too small, too much money. If we were any other religion we'd probably have companies falling over themselves to donate property for a tax write-off.

MODESTO - "The Coven Of Trothland is proud to announce that on the first of March we were blessed with the arrival of Dios, our new initiate.

Then, on the 20 th of March, Iris was brought up to third degree and then was crowned Queen of the Order of the Silver Crescent. Her crown was a large silver crescent with semi-precious stones scattered on the surface. The whole coven participated in getting it all together for the event. And we would like to say... she looked radiant!

Best wishes to Pat and the Georgians. Blessed Be."

Leila and Dailene

ODESSA, TEXAS- "We are happy to tell you that we are members of The Church of Eternal Light" (out of Austin).

I guess I will suspend my opinion on the Kundalini article for awhile. Tell everyone we'd love to hear from them."

Blessed Be.

Marlene & Robert

BEING A WITCH IS

from Rus & Ruthi (Arcane Crafts)

...overhearing your Witchlet saying to another Witchlet: "Aw go on! Your grandmother studied with Gavin Frost!"

How can you tell if the HPs is a real snob?

Her article to the Georgian Newsletter begins: "Being a Goddess is..."

How can you tell if a Promethean is visiting in Dakersfield?

Count the number of empty champagne bottles outside the doghouse.

FROM ROBBIE IN PITTSBURGH

How's Wickian Pooka? Still getting into trouble? My puppy is eating everything in sight...including furniture, shoes, cigarettes, ink pens, curtains, just about anything he can sink his teeth into!

ED. NOTE: W. Pooka has eaten all those things and even chewed up some mail (just got the corner off one check) but he's 5 months old now and not quite so destructive. I found he had no interest in the doggie toys I gave him...but he loves an old shoe, an old sandal, a paint roller, an old rug, etc. You might try this on your pup but teach him that he can only chew on the things you give him.

LETTER: I had the most beautiful Spring Equinox ritual. I had a solitary Circle. I made my Circle with all the house plants, and put a candle in each one, and my room was ablaze! I planted new flower seeds and consecrated the earth I planted the seeds in. Three days later they sprouted! (Just like magic!) By April first all were 3 or 4 inches high. In fact, all my plants are sprouting new leaves.

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FROM PAUL in FAIRFIELD, CAL.

If anyone wants a copy of my newsletter, they can send a couple unused stamps. Grace in Florida might try vinegar...a tablespoon of vinegar and one of honey in enough water to taste like sweet cider. Will also prevent colds if taken soon enough.

Any ladies who might be interested in living on my mountain or holding coven meets could write me...it is secluded.

For an herb necklace, would the scent be stronger if the plants were ground in a grinder or blender with least water rather than boiled?

Slippery elm and other materials can be bought from herb gatherers or botanical houses. Fur Fisf Game magazine will have the latest addresses.

Paul Doerr, 225 E. Utah, Fairfield, Cal. 94533.

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BEING A WITCH IS....

from Rus & Ruthi (Arcane Crafts)

...lying at death's door, and the hospital finds out you're a Witch, and sends Anton LaVey to do Last Rites. (Enough to bring anyone back to life!)

...driving in to a Pagan Festival only to be told that your "vanity" license plate is a Craft Secret.

...discovering that your Witchlet and the neighborhood kids all went to the Halloween party dressed as your coven..(er...it's a skylad coven.)

...braving arctic temperatures at 2 A.M. to put out wine and cakes for the Guardian Spirit of the covenhead.

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FROM JIM IN WINCHESTER, CALIF.

Spring has really sprung here in Winchester and everything is green and sprouting. The Goddess has returned to truly touch our land with Her hand and heal the Horned God's winter rule. This is my favorite time of year as later in the summer it gets very dry - almost desert-like - and we have many brush fires.

I will include some fresh Eucalyptus leaves and seeds. We have huge groves of it here. I like to crush the leaves and seeds. It gives off a wonderful smell. You can rub it on your skin as a fragrance, and it is a great healing agent for cuts as a salve. Also, boiling it in water and breathing in the steam helps clear the head and upper respiratory tract.

ED. NOTE: Thank you for the seeds, Jim. I planted them in a small pot, put it in a window sill where it gets morning sun...but no luck yet.

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FROM JEANNIE IN LONG BEACH

I got back to L.A. Monday afternoon. I had planned my jaunt so I could get to your house about the same time you did in the morning (breakfast break) but the state police had I-5 shut down at Castaic for 2 hours because it was snowing on the Grapevine. I ended up in Willows my first night out and drove into Seattle the second evening. Mount St. Helens was clouded over at the top, so I didn't get to see it. Didn't see much of the Seattle bunch either. Got rid of the van while up in Washington so I flew back on a Boeing 727 broom. Nice ride, although I care not for landing at LAX.

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FROM LE ANN IN MISSOURI

I have been accepted here at UMC but the class I wanted (Magic and the Occult) has been canned.

The weather has been really great, and I've been wanting to motorcycle ride but my boyfriend's Harley has to be fixed first. Speaking of Harleys, I just remembered a story in a bike mag about a biker and a Witch. The story wasn't too bad.

ED. NOTE: Le Ann, you go to the doghouse for not telling me the story.

LETTER: Been working on a costume all the past weekend for a party. We are going to have a combination oriental-Roman toga party. My costume has been hand done. It took me 16 hours to embroider and dye it but it's going to be the best toga at the party.

BEING A WITCH IS.....

- ...having your boyfriend who does not believe in the Craft buy you a surprise gift which turns out to be a copy of the Necronomicom.
- ...your Xian neighbor doing you a good deed by mowing your yard, and thinks your herb garden is a patch of weeds.
- ...having one of your best friends give you your first pentacle.

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1. magickal clear rock
2. sixth note
3. Beltane season
4. suffering
5. every non believer (abbr)
6. Beltane symbolizes this
7. elevation (abbr)
8. back-ordered (abbr)
9. lazily
10. a type of grain
11. the May Tree
14. having or being for one
16. Spring Sabbat
19. wife of Myrddin
21. religious expression
22. form of TO BE
24. to dress again
25. handfasted male
28. grand celebration
29. an aromatic, diaphoretic herb
31. a type of grand or barrier
33. northeast (abbr)
38. appreciator of fine foods
40. an athlete has _____ good condition (3 wds.)
41. bone-_____ herb
42. extremely bad
45. what the dancers do around the May-pole
47. wipes out
51. making up the words and actions as you go along
52. morning, Thursday (abbr) (2 wds.)
53. the divine beings
54. prefix meaning having to do with
55. a short sleep
57. to revise and prepa
59. see 22 down
60. father, country sty
62. lower case (abbr)
64. doctor (abbr)
65. exclamation

ACROSS

1. grasped & held
6. a new beginning
12. Egyptian Sun-God
13. goat-foot god of Nature
14. a soft song played
15. a string wound around the maypole
17. left (abbr)
18. you & I
20. common country boys, shepherds, peasants
23. capacity for action, has many forms
26. total loss (abbr)
27. ripped
28. it is used to decorate Spring altars
29. an indefinite pronoun
30. when you are sorry for what you have done, you have one (2 wds.)
32. _____ ite, a blue or purple flowered poisonous herb, related to the buttercup
34. a lovey term, short for bee's fruit
35. left side (abbr)
36. as soon as (abbr)
37. Saxon Britain in Celtic Myth

39. "_____ arrived?" "No, _____ (abbr)." simple question, 4 wds.
43. I _____ going to the Sabbat.
44. prefix meaning total, infinite
46. I used to have faith _____ (2 wds)
48. The Lady presiding over the MayDay activities
49. where an indoor plant is kept
50. Irish (abbr)
53. a flower necklace worn on MayDay
56. Gollum's favorite word
58. center of MayDay dances
61. The Piper _____ the people to Sabbat
63. three parts working together
64. Her _____ of the Sabbat was so vivid we could smell the flowers!
66. female fowl
67. night light
68. an impersonal pronoun

by LADY ALLUSHA

KUNDALINI Part 3 By LEVANAHA Chemdah Coven (also in HomeBrew)

It is my belief that Kundalini is an energy that coveners in the past naturally acquired as they reached the point of getting sexually initiated (formally) - (the Great Rite; same-sex and hetero-sex initiations). - Somewhat similar to many methods used in Tantric sex practices - except used naturally - with not as much of the restraint and preparation and just good old natural "go with your feelings." People who have sex together who are both running their Kundalini match their energy not only on a body level but on an affinity energy level - matching affinity on all chakra levels, too! This, I believe, was one of the original gifts of the Goddess bestowed upon humankind - to know your body and your being as ONE - when you were one with the Divine Ones (Goddess; Goddess and God, and so forth depending on your tradition and practice.)

I have also come to view this energy, this Kundalini, as probably the earth energy that many used to build and create gargantuan ancient stone temples and astronomical sites. I have seen in my past lives where priestesses have used this energy to channel the moving of large stones. (It actually fits - as Kundalini is stored in the first chakra and as it awakens and moves, one of its first actions is to clean that energy center. In order to work telekinesis (moving physical objects with your mind) you must have a clean and powerful first chakra that can work in conjunction with your Crown Chakra (the biggie) in order to channel and control that amount of raw energy. (Most people do not use their telekinesis these days because on one level they are afraid of their power - with all of those tall cement buildings out there - fear of one's own power, fear of mistakes and not being clear enough seem to prevent people.) So, it is my belief that Kundalini is one of the Wiccan "lost arts." -Something that was taught and handed down by word of mouth- something that actually occurred naturally and that was explained as it happened (similar to menstruation), and, you experienced it (as it truly can not be taught easily) and when you were part of a tribe or spiritual community you had already seen others go through this growth or knew it would happen and had many to aid and guide you.

People who run Kundalini and are somewhat grounded and focused seem to have a natural predisposition to Magick. One friend described someone she knows who runs Kundalini as just having to think something and it would happen. She attributed this phenomenon to the amount of energy at the person's disposal: ergo - Kundalini.

I would like to say one more thing about Kundalini - It is not something you strive for to become "powerful." KUNDALINI IS AN ENERGY THAT NATURALLY BEGINS TO RUN THROUGH THE BODY WHEN THE BEING OR SPIRIT AND THE BODY ARE READY TO USE THIS LEVEL OF POWERFUL ENERGY. I have seen several people who have gone to Tantric workshops, and due to the exercises taught therein have begun to run their Kundalini. Actually, I have done several healings on these people. Invariably the workshop practitioners have not prepared the people to expect this reaction nor what to do with it, and so most of the women I have seen have gotten stuck - having terrible headaches with energy stuck up at the top of their head, or other not too pleasant reactions! Some people associate Kundalini with sex since many people who start to run their Kundalini seem to awaken their sexuality more. I perceive this as only happening because as that powerful energy runs through your 2nd chakra (your sexual chakra) it breaks up old blocks and cleans away old patterns and rejuvenates your energy. It does that in every chakra, but in this

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culture people seem to have collected more sexual restraints and taboos and so that is one of the most natural reactions. Kundalini does not appear to be a sexual energy - just an energy of change - A CATALYST. - An experience of mother earth - for Kundalini seems to be just that - the very raw energy of the earth of the entire planet. (People who run Kundalini seem to tap into the very vital raw energy the entire planet is made of - and that is why it is so powerful and so never ending. It is a tremendous force, but in order to channel it you have to work with your body. It helps to do exercises that stretch your spine and make your body feel more fluid. Your body is your temple- your tool, and to be able to own so much energy, you have to oil and exercise and love and live in it!

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FROM LORETTA in Austin, Texas

We are happy to announce the creation, in the best pagan tradition, of a contest for art and poetry on the theme of the Pagan Festivals. A first prize of \$10., and a second prize of \$5., will be awarded in each of the two categories. Pen and ink drawings, and short poems. The contest will run until August 1, 1980, when the judging will take place. The winners and a selection of the runners-up will, hopefully, be published in a collection of pagan art and poetry. If you wish your entry returned, please enclose a SASE, and it will be returned after judging. Art should be no more than 8" x 8" in size and poetry no more than 25 lines long. They should be submitted on plain white paper with your name and address on another sheet.

This contest is being sponsored by The Church of Eternal Light, Inc., and entries should be sent to T.C.O.E.L.I., % Loretta King, 909 Reinli # 115, Austin, TX 78751. Blessed Be.

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FROM LADY ALLUSHA Pismo-SLO area, Cal.

BASIC MAGICK NOTES (or words of wisdom)

Sorrow is only a transition between ignorance and illumination.

Know the COLD of fear, and the WARMTH of happiness.

As you thinketh in your heart, so are you.

RIGHT-MINDEDNESS is the concept of responsibility for our progress into the future.

Moderation becomes a state of mind.

Learning is done through experience; as a child learns about a sharp knife through suffering, he learns respect for one of its characteristics.

That which is not used will be taken away, and to those that make use of what they have, more will be given.

The stronger the faith, the more intense the reality that results.

HOW TO MAKE A GARLIC TINCTURE from MARILEE in San Diego

Tinctures are an important herbal tool. They don't spoil, are highly concentrated and can be used as an antiseptic on wounds when necessary. Tinctures are made by extracting the properties of herbs into an alcohol or vinegar base, then straining out the herbal material. If you plan on using alcohol as your base, 80 proof vodka is a good choice. It is a balanced compound and has no artificial ingredients. If you choose vinegar as your base, apple cider vinegar is best, particularly for topical application. Vinegar-based tinctures are a weaker solvent, and are $\frac{1}{2}$ as potent as an alcohol-based tincture.

The extraction process takes from 2 to 6 weeks, until the herbs cease releasing their healing agents. This is judged by the color and taste of the tincture. The easiest way to prepare a Garlic Tincture is to place for every $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of peeled clove of garlic, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of Apple Cider Vinegar. Place ingredients in your blender, process mixture on high until it is thoroughly chopped or liquified. Pour this mixture into a clean, dark glass jar, seal it, and set it in a warm area for approximately 4 weeks, shaking it every other day.

At the end of 4 weeks, strain the mixture through cheesecloth or a paper filter, again into a clean, dark glass jar. Seal jar and place in a dark cabinet or shelf. The left over garlic can be utilized in salad dressing, soup, or with vegetables.

A normal dose of this medication is 1 teaspoon garlic tincture to $\frac{1}{4}$ cup water. It can be used for swollen lymph glands, colds, flu, intestinal disorders and bronchitis. The tincture mixed half-and-half with water is an excellent gargle for sore throats and/or coughs. It can also be used for the elimination of toxins.

Tinctures are an inexpensive and valuable aid. They can be made from a variety of herbs, each giving a concentration of its property. When correctly made, herbal tinctures are highly effective, relieving our dependency on prescribed or over-the-counter drugs.

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FROM JANICE & DENNIS in Houston, Texas

We now have a temple again. Animals are still largely in focus here. We now have two dogs, a cat, two rabbits, four parakeets, a Myna bird, three gerbals, and a guinea pig. Last week Janice tried to convince me that a lion would be a good guard dog (or cat) for only \$750. I tried to tell her that they cost too much to feed, but she said we could always feed it Baptists...but how do you get a Baptist into your backyard?

Janice says: I was trying to convince Dennis that with a lion you don't get many unwanted visitors. We have a new Witch cat, black, $\frac{1}{2}$ Siamese, 4 weeks old. It's really cute.

ED NOTE: Janice & Dennis are Georgians and they have kindly offered to initiate any of our students when they are ready if it is more convenient for them to visit Houston.

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WE WERE TOLD THAT THIS LETTER WAS NOT FOR THE NEWSLETTER. SO WE'LL PRINT IT WITHOUT SAYING WHO IT WAS FROM.

We don't know enough about the dangers of Nuclear Power to condemn your point of view. You are entitled to your opinion. Everything we have read indicates that the dangers to the environment especially around the seashore and to human life are very real and not mere speculation or superstition. The pregnant mothers who live near Three Mile Island Plant certainly seem worried about something. Anyway, we don't want to argue this with you because we don't know enough about it.

ED. NOTE: Nice that you admit you don't know enough about it. Most people who are anti-nuclear won't admit that. My first notes on this 2 months ago mentioned that all precautions should be taken in the use of nuclear power. Of course the mothers at Three Mile are worried. They have been conditioned to it. If you lived next to a shoe factory and didn't know what it was, you'd be very damned worried if every day you were told that it was a dynamite factory that might explode any minute.

LETTER: If you don't mind a personal question, can you tell us a little about why you decided to become a Witch? Was it the religion of your parents? What was the major motivating factor that made you decide to follow this path? The reason we ask is because we have met a lot of people who say they are Witches but who have totally different views than our own. We are beginning to wonder if it is the right path for us.

We originally felt a bond with it because we loved nature and felt strongly that religion should embody a love and appreciation of Nature. Also because we couldn't buy the singularly male gods of the Christian path. Now we really wonder if other Wiccans really feel the same way?

ED. NOTE: No, Wicca was not the religion of my parents. I suspect for various reasons that it may have been the religion of my father but he never told me that it was. He died several years before I entered the Craft so I didn't know enough about it to question him when he was living. I entered the Craft because I already believed most of the Craft principles before I ever heard of it. When people I grew up with asked me to join them, I was most happy to find something that fit my own beliefs: love of nature, love of animals, personal freedom. You can not expect everyone in the Craft to totally agree with your ideas.... no more than you would expect all Jews or Catholics to be in complete agreement. And don't forget...there are many who claim to be Craft who are not.

LETTER: About that tiny fish that nobody knew of..If it DID exist some larger fish may have fed on it and some larger fish on that one and so on up the line. When man disregards the ecological balance of Nature the results can be pretty bad. The Ancients respected all living things; no matter how great or small it was a part of Nature's cycle. I'm sure you know this(we think?)

ED NOTE: The tiny fish does exist. However, even those who fought to save it never claimed any value for it in any way. Now which Ancients are you talking about who had so much respect for all living things? It doesn't take much of a study of history to discover that most of them were pretty damned barbaric and had little or no respect even for human life. We certainly have a long way to go but I think you'll find that people today have a greater respect for life
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than most of the Ancients would have thought possible.

People get so excited about killing that little fish. When they get concerned about the tons of fish used daily for fertilizer, or the thousands of cattle and sheep slaughtered every day to fill their bellies, then I may take them seriously.

As to nuclear power and fear: not one person has ever been killed by a reactor generating electric power, but people have been conditioned to fear it. How many people are killed every year by electricity? Has anyone suggested banning it? How many thousands are killed each year by cars? Has anyone suggested banning them?

So nuclear power may have some dangers if not properly handled. There are also certain dangers in hypnosis, astral projection, spirit communication, and many other things if not properly handled.

Part of being a Witch is learning BALANCE and REASON...not unreasoning FEAR!

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FROM MIRANDA IN HONOLULU

I went on TV last Thursday and talked about tarot cards and did a reading. It wasn't much time but it was good exposure and experience.

ED. NOTE: Miranda, now that you have a radio series and have been on TV.... the ham is beginning to show.

Now that the weather has been getting warmer in Hawaii (a chilly 72 and now it's in the 80's) we're searching for an outdoor area to worship Deltaine and the High Sabbats.

BEING A WITCH IS....

...laying a pentagram on your car in a tow-away zone so that it is still there when you return.

...always finding a parking place close to the grocer.
The Goddess provides!

...having your ears pierced with pentacle ear rings.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Well, Miss Gotapair, and do you enjoy Tchaikowsky with your dinner?
No, I prefer Roquefort on mine.

Why did you park here? Didn't you see that sign that says "Cars Parked Here Will Be Towed?"

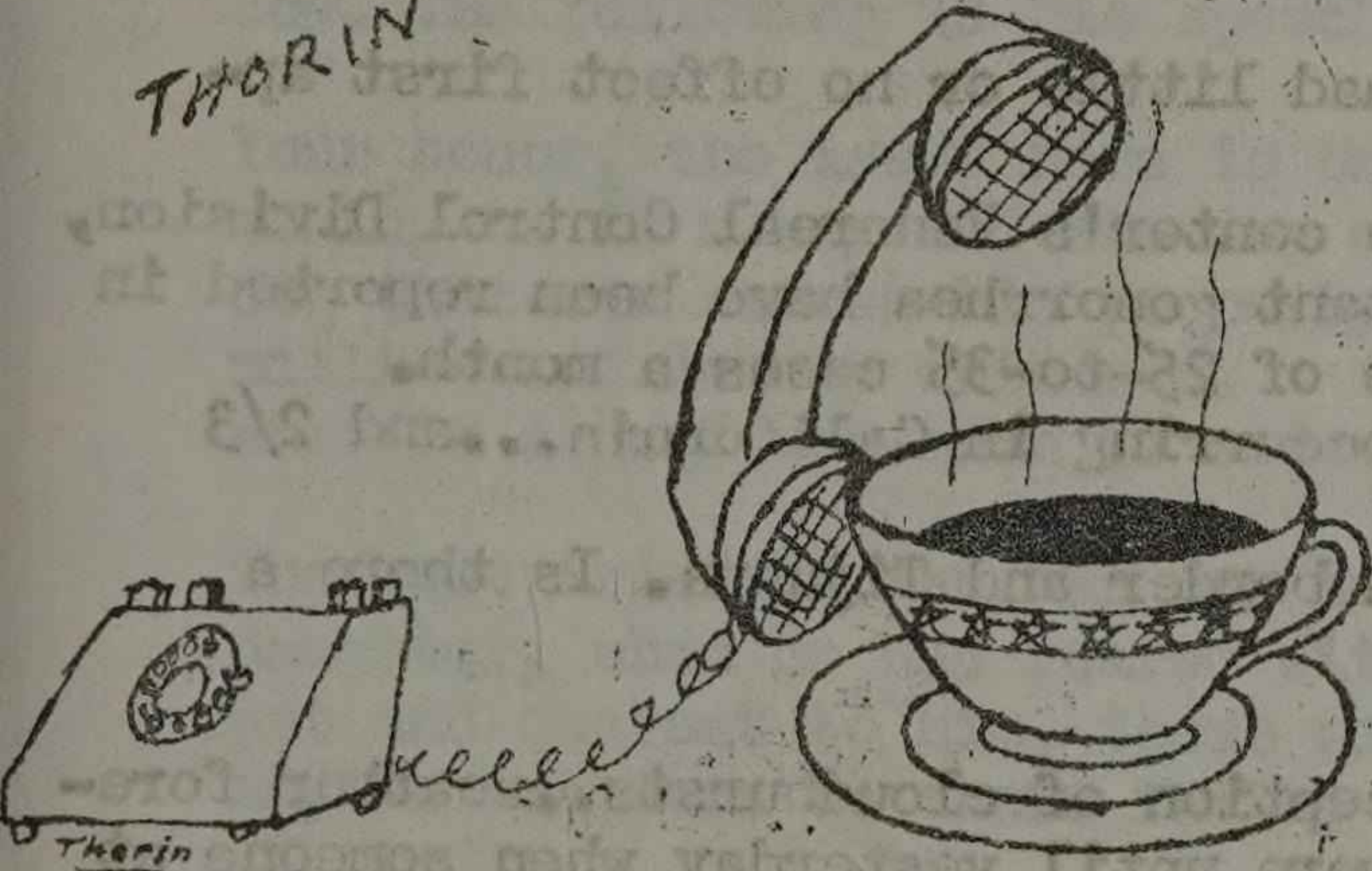
Yes, I saw it. I'm having car trouble. I need a tow to a garage.

Judy, if you had a brain to match your body, you'd be an Einstein.

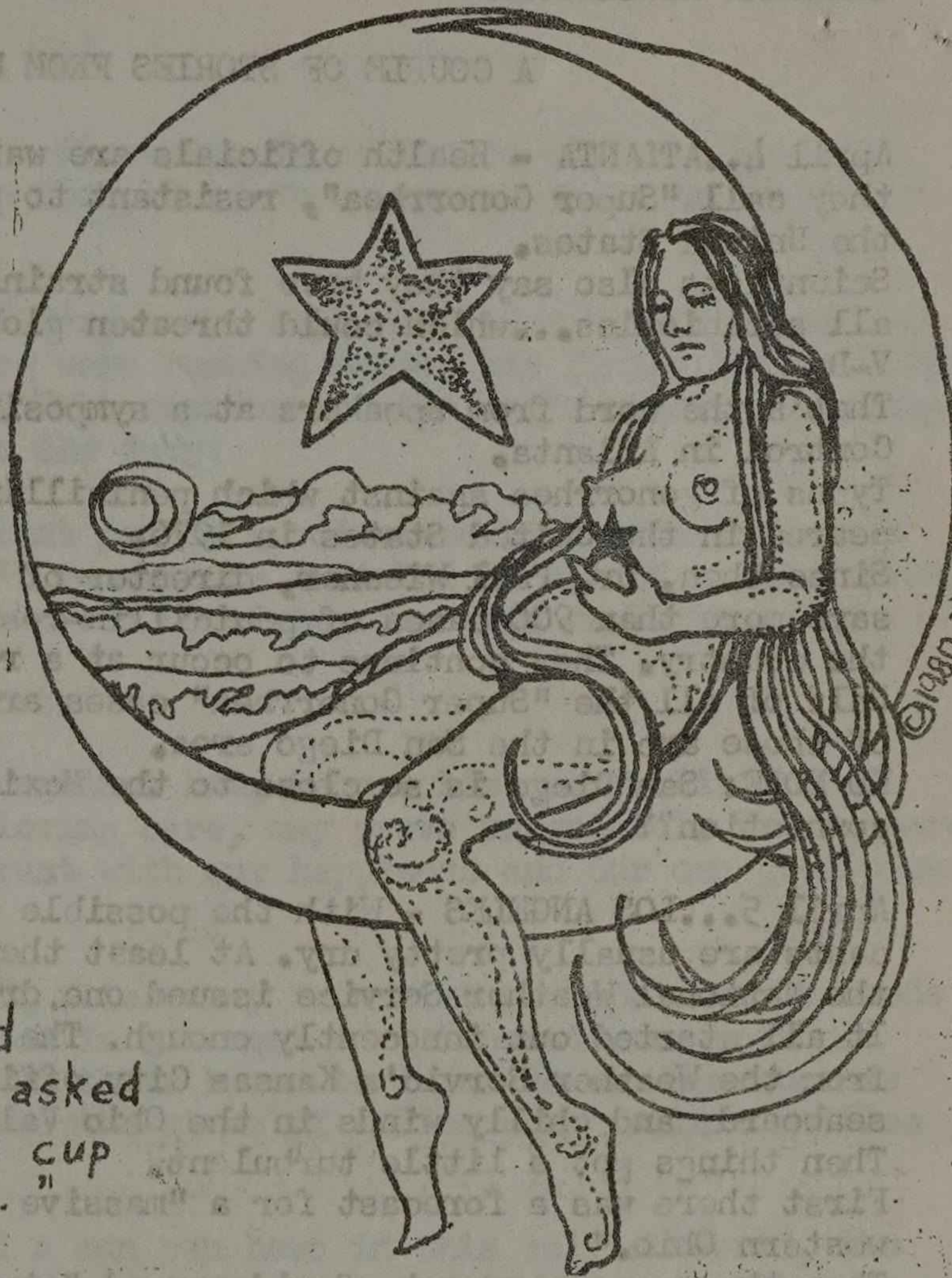
Well, if you had a brain to match your mouth, you could be president.

She won't let her dog sleep on her bed because she promised her mother that she'd sleep alone.

THORIN

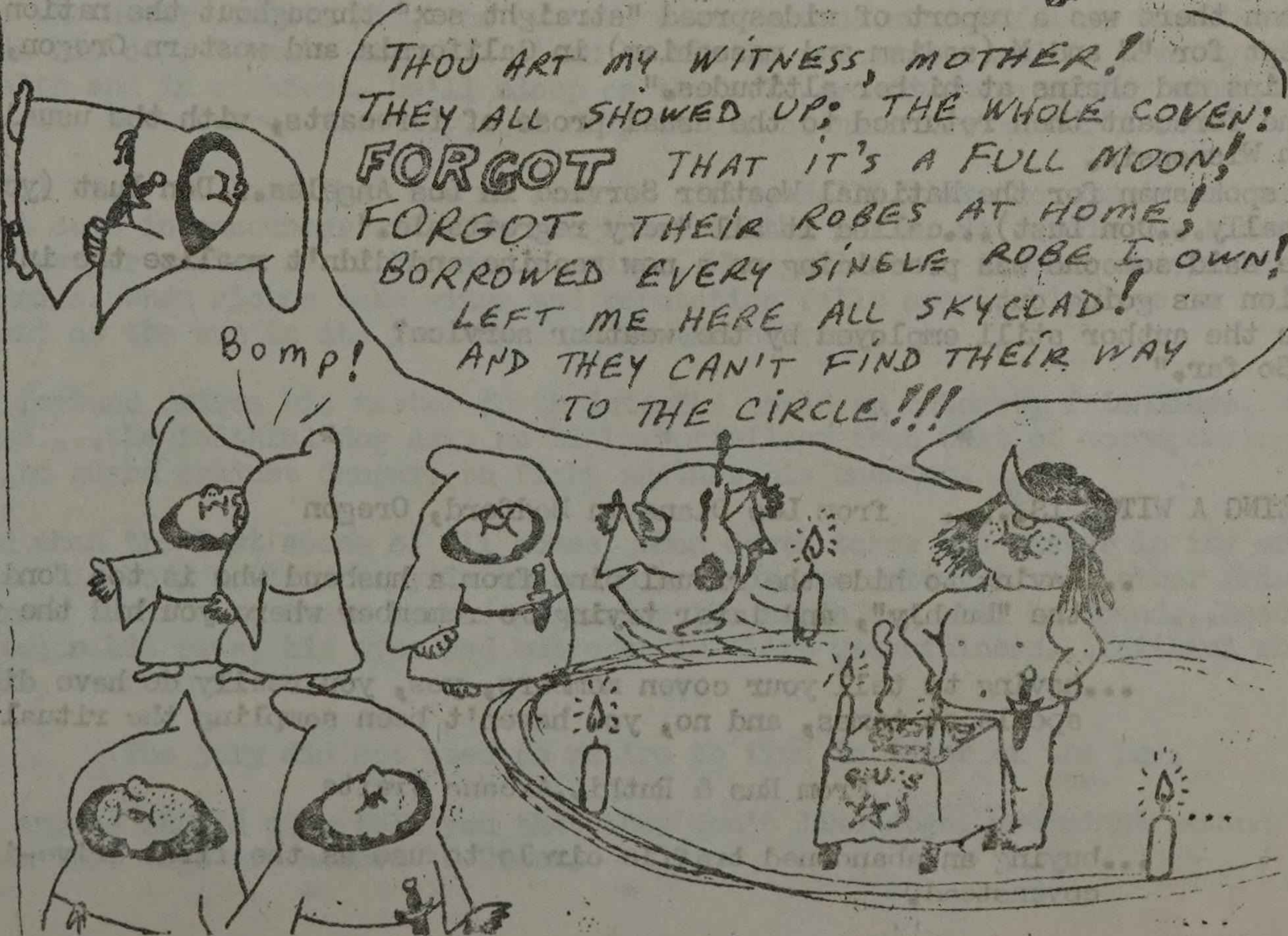


"Hello, Pat? I need
some help. You see, I asked
my H.P. to make me a cup
of coffee....."



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THOU ART MY WITNESS, MOTHER!
THEY ALL SHOWED UP; THE WHOLE COVEN:
FORGOT THAT IT'S A FULL MOON!
FORGOT THEIR ROBES AT HOME!
BORROWED EVERY SINGLE ROBE I OWN!
LEFT ME HERE ALL SKYCLAD!
AND THEY CAN'T FIND THEIR WAY
TO THE CIRCLE!!!



Bomp!

A COUPLE OF STORIES FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL

April 4..ATLANTA - Health officials are warning that the number of cases of what they call "Super Gonorrhea", resistant to penicillin, is increasing rapidly in the United States.

Scientists also say they have found strains of the disease that are resistant to all antibiotics...which could threaten global efforts to control the spread of V-D.

That's the word from speakers at a symposium at the Federal Center For Disease Control in Atlanta.

Types of gonorrhea against which penicillin had little or no effect first appeared in the United States in 1976.

Since then, Dr. Paul Wiesner, director of the center's Venereal Control Division, says more than 900 cases of penicillin-resistant gonorrhea have been reported in the country. They continue to occur at a rate of 25-to-35 cases a month.

Half of all the "Super Gonorrhea" cases are occurring in California...and 2/3 of those are in the San Diego area.

ED NOTE: San Diego is so close to the Mexican border and Tijuana. Is there a connection??

April 5...LOS ANGELES - With the possible exception of cloudbursts..weather forecasts are usually pretty dry. At least they were until yesterday when someone at the National Weather Service issued one dripping with sexual innuendo.

It all started out innocently enough. The nationwide forecast was sent over wires from the Weather Service's Kansas City office with talk of rain on the eastern seaboard and chilly winds in the Ohio Valley.

Then things got a little turbulent.

First there was a forecast for a "massive orgy in southwestern Georgia and northwestern Ohio."

Then there was a report of widespread "straight sex" throughout the nation, except for "S and M (sadism and masochism) in California and western Oregon, with whips and chains at higher altitudes."

The forecast then returned to the usual prose of forecasts, with the usual snow, in Wisconsin.

A spokesman for the National Weather Service in Los Angeles...Don Lust (yes...really...Don Lust)...called it all "very regrettable."

He said someone was practicing on a new machine and didn't realize the information was going out.

Is the author still employed by the weather service?

"So far."

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BEING A WITCH IS..... from Lee Diana in Medford, Oregon

...having to hide the ritual wine from a husband who is too fond of the "bubbly", and later trying to remember where you hid the wine.

...having to tell your coven members, yes, you really do have dizzy spells at times, and no, you haven't been sampling the ritual wine.

From Rus & Ruthi..Arcane Crafts

...buying an abandoned traffic circle to use as the first drive-in covenstead.

TRIBUTE TO A DOG

Mr. Pal, registered as Pal Pancho Electron, is no longer with us. He lived 17 years and 2 months, and for more than 17 of those years he was my very dear friend. I shall miss him.

In western Kansas back in the 1890's, a man shot a dog for no better reason than that a neighbor boy and his dog were running across his field. This resulted in a court trial. Senator George A. Vest represented the dog's owner, the young boy. The following is his speech to the jury:

Your honor, the issue here is one that cannot be dismissed. What is the world coming to if a boy and his dog can't run across a field? If all of us shot every dog that ran across his property, there'd be mighty few dogs on Earth...and millions of lonely children.

What is a dog? How much is a dog worth?

The best friend a man has may turn against him, become his enemy. His son or daughter, whom he has reared with loving care, may prove ungrateful. Those nearest and dearest to him, those we trust with our happiness and our own good names, may be traitors to their faith.

The money a man has, he may lose. It flies away from him, perhaps when he needs it most. His reputation is sacrificed in a moment of ill-considered action. Those people who are prone to fall on their knees to do us honor when success is with us, may be the first to throw the stone of malice when failure settles its clouds upon our heads.

The one absolutely unselfish friend a man can have in this selfish world, the one who never deserts him, the one who never proves ungrateful or treacherous...is his dog. A man's dog will stand by him in prosperity and in poverty, in health and in sickness. He'll sleep on the cold ground where wintry winds blow and the snow drives fiercely...if only he can be near his master's side.

He'll kiss the hand that has no food to offer. He'll lick the wounds and sores that come in encounter with the roughness of the world. He guards the sleep of his pauper master as if he were a prince. When all other friends desert him, he remains. When riches take wings and reputation falls apart, his love is as constant as the sun in its journey through the heavens.

If fortune drives his master forth into the world an outcast, friendless, homeless....the faithful dog asks no higher privilege than that of accompanying him...to guard against danger, to fight against his enemies.

And when the last scene of all comes, when death takes the master in its arms, when his body is laid away in the cold ground...no matter if all other friends pursue their way, there by his graveside the noble dog will be found...head between his paws, his eyes sad but open in alert watchfulness...faithful and true, even in death.

The jury did not need to retire to find in favor of the boy.

If anyone should ever tell you that they don't like dogs, you might remind them that dogs are sacred to Diana.

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FROM KATRINA in Utah

Though I do not have time at the present to construct an actual article on this matter, it is something that I would like to bring to your attention and to the attention of your readers. Here in the Salt Lake Valley we tend to be a bit behind the times and out of the mainstream of communications, Craft and otherwise. So much of our local news is colored by the LDS (Mormon) philosophy, and things get blown up out of proportion. In the two years I have been here it has been evident that the covens in our Valley have been engaged in a running battle with groups or members of an organization which call themselves "O". Lately these affiliates of "O" have been engaging in animal mutilations with increasing fervor and regularity. Eight months ago this practice seemed to be confined to livestock, but lately the victims of this outrage have been neighborhood pets, dogs and cats in various sections of the Valley. I realize that animal mutilations are nothing new, but these atrocities are compounded by the fact that members of this organization called "O" seem to be going more or less public, and are calling themselves Witches.

Pursuant to this, on the radio this morning, one of the local stations was conducting quite a discussion on the evils of Witchcraft, espousing all of the usual tripe which comes up in matters such as this when a public forum is led by the uninformed. Fortunately the format of this particular program happened to be a Talk Show which afforded members of the Wiccan community a chance to refute some of the charges. But I have digressed somewhat from my original intention in writing this letter. What I am wondering is, do any of your readers know how widespread the organization of "O" happens to be? I doubt that these degenerates are confined to the Salt Lake Valley, and I would be interested in knowing if they are stepping up action in other parts of the country, too. I have strong feelings that the battle will shortly be coming to a head as we are working strongly against these soul-less monsters who have no regard for life. Perhaps I am somewhat wrongly informed, but I am reluctant to believe that Satanists and others who practice such perversions are so well organized as to be responsible for such widespread phenomena as cattle mutilations. I would be interested in any information you or your readers may have.

ED. NOTE: I haven't heard of the organization but perhaps some of our readers will have something on it. However, it doesn't take organization for outbreaks of stupidity and insanity. Haven't you ever noticed that the news seems to provide ideas for nuts? Anytime something strange or unusual occurs, there are always creeps around with no imagination who must imitate. Probably the same kind of mentality that run the TV networks. But seriously, it is obvious that the people who do these things are sick in more ways than one. They'd probably like to take out their brutality on humans, but that would mean the possibility of a death sentence or life in prison if they were caught, so they use helpless animals. They are not only a lower form of life than the animals they mutilate, they are also cowards. Probably scream their heads off if anyone even threatened harm to one of them. A dose of their own medicine would be too good for them. Maybe karma will work it out that way.

Did you know that several years ago a teenage girl, for a science project, took some small birds (I think they were wrens), plucked out their eyes and then trained them to respond to electrical shocks. For this gentle act she was awarded a top prize from one of the large corporations. What can we expect if children are rewarded for such acts of cruelty?

WHICH WAY IS WITCH WAY?

Not so long ago we had some debate over which way is deosil and which is widdershins. Australia has had some debate over whether or not everything should be reversed south of the equator. The following is reprinted from THE Wiccan, a newsletter printed in Australia.

Dear Editors,

Some years ago an English friend was looking over our garden. He looked puzzledly at our climbing beans and said "They are spiralling the wrong way". He told us that climbing beans in the Northern Hemisphere spiral clockwise. Our beans, in the South, spiral anti-clockwise. These plants are quick growers and are photo-tropic. They coil around their stakes. DEOSIL. All the traditions of Wicca, well attested or dubious, are based on Northern Hemisphere conditions and seasons. Our attempts to transplant these traditions to the Antipodes results in such ludicrous spectacles as Yule festivals on the Summer Solstice; the Spring Rite at the beginning of our winter, and the Samhain Invocation to Our Lady in her Dark Mother aspect in October: well into Spring.

When my partner and I first began working, we had no contact with other Witches. We fell back on reading everything we could find in print with any bearing on the Art, and putting our rituals together by feel. We circles Sun-wise - not clockwise, and kept our Sabbats, so far as we could, by the seasonal calendar, not the printed one.

Despite, or because of this apparent reversal, our meetings were always good and frequently very powerful. Our spells seemed to work and we were both very conscious of the blessings of the Lord and Lady.

Very little has been written of, and for Wicca in the Southern Hemisphere. One or two Northern writers, notably Doreen Valiente, in her "A.B.C. of Witchcraft" have suggested the possible requirement to reverse things in the South, but most writers seem to assume that Wicca exists only in Europe and North America. Perhaps it is time for a Wiccan tradition adapted to our part of the globe!

Blessed Be. Colin, Sydney.

It appears we have started a controversy on this subject. The H.P. and H.P.S. of an ancient British tradition disagree with you, Colin. The H.P.S. wonders if our clocks run backward in Australia? My personal feeling is agreement with the U.K. comment, but I will be interested to hear more on the subject from anyone who cares to write.

C. co-Editor.

ED. NOTE: We'll have more on this from THE WICCAN next month. Cost of The Wiccan in the U.S. is \$1. per copy. Write to: The Editors, The Wiccan, P.O.Box 80, Lane Cove, New South Wales, Australia 2066.

WORDS OF WISDOM

If everything in Australia is reversed, do men have the babies?

FROM SHADOWHAWK of Elvenhearth in Washington

NIGHTSADNESS

MOONFIRE

Last night I walked in Quietude,
 and as evening wrapped me in a startorn
 blue,
 I watched the naked mountains move.
 Their jagged teeth, against the ragged
 sky,
 snagged the fog, as it floated by.
 And while the silver fish, in black
 pools splashing,
 Chased tattered dreams in visions
 flashing,
 Cloud fetters bow'd to the evening's
 passing.

Moonfire runs, on twilight plains,
 Her feet unshod, and wet with rain,
 Her golden hair, flies in the wind,
 Her silver eyes, gleem from within.
 Moonfire stands, in shadows of light
 Her shoulders bare, glow milky white.

* * * FROM ARMEETA in Pittsburgh

Another good book on magic, covens, thought power, etc., written up as a fantasy but is it really fantasy?? The Masters Of Solitude by Marvin Kaye & Park Goodwin. July 1979 \$2.50.

Did you know that in the 13 th century the Hippocratic doctrine was founded at Salerno, Italy by four healing masters, an Arab, a Roman, a Jew, and a Greek... where they established a famous medical school?

A good book on reincarnation by Eva Martin (The Ring Of Return) August 1964, University Books. It deals with reincarnation throughout history from ancient times to the present of various nations; a lot in poetry. Hardback. Worth having in anyone's library.

Here is a treasure: The Healing Gods Of Ancient Civilizations by W.A. Jayne, M.D. 1925 & 1962. Hardback, precious. I keep it at my headboard at bed and refer to it often. It is a must for anyone interested in healing. It might be a little expensive if you can find it.

Another unusual book: on flowers. Flower Cookery by Mary MacNicol, \$2.95. (The art of cooking with flowers.) It deals with flowers as food by various nations and as they have been used in the past, such as in salads, condiments, jams, and etc., pickling and oh, so much. Has many anecdotes and unusual information connected with flowers. Very interesting. Collier Books, N.Y., N.Y.

Another interesting book: Folklore and symbolism of flowers, plants and trees of various countries throughout time; Legendary Stories & Secret Meanings by Ernst and Johanna Lehner, Tudor Pub. Co. New York 1960.

Another: Kate Greenaway's Language of Flowers, is a delightful little book on the symbolism of flowers. Precious. Avenel Books, a division of Barre Pub. Inc. distributed by Crown Pub. Inc. One Park Ave., N.Y., N.Y. 10016.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

No, Priscilla, the water bed does NOT do ALL the work!

STUFF & THINGS

The Folk, 14808 Fairgrove, Valinda, Cal. 91744. A newsletter by donation. Also catalog of clothes...some robes.
 Rose Runes newsletter, 8 per yr. \$9. Sample \$1.50 1793 McNary Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221.

The Gryphon, \$2. yr. T.C.O.E.L.I. c/o Loretta King, 909 Reinli #115, Austin, Tx. 78751.

The Barter System, POB 9513, N. Hollywood, Cal. 91609 \$7.50

Unicorn Gardens, POB 45061 Dallas, Tx. 75245. Membership \$7. yr.

Circle Network News, now an 8 page quarterly newspaper. \$5. yr. in the U.S.

Circle would also like donations to purchase land for a Pagan Sanctuary.

New: Songs of Pagan Folf, 13 bardic songs and ritual chants. \$9.95.

Also write for info on Pan-Pagan Festival..Aug. 21-24 Near Baraboo, Wisc.

Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

We're also trying to find some suitable land within 50 miles of Bakersfield (hopefully closer) for our annual meetings, Sabbats, weekends, and any other time our Crafters or Pagans want to get away from it all. Hope we can find something suitable before August...and by the time my IRS refund comes back to use for a down payment. We hadn't thought of asking for donations but we certainly wouldn't refuse any.

Our special thanks to those of you who responded to the call for Man, Myth & Magic. Here are some of what we've recieved: Nelson Doubleday, 501 Franklin, Garden City, N.Y. 11530. Grolier Enterprises Inc., Sherman Turnpike, Danbury, Conn. 06816. Purnell Reader Services, Maple Plains, Minn. 55359.

Marshall Cavendish Corp. 1970 BPC Publishing LTD., N.Y., N.Y.

Also a phone call about a used set in good condition...24 volumes for \$85. plus postage and insurance. Write Sanctus Spiritus, P.O. 664, Chicago Heights, Ill. 60411.

Just recieved in the mail that THE SUPERNATURAL set of 21 volumes is still available. You pay for 20, one per month at \$7.95 plus shipping. For info write to Grolier Enterprises, Sherman Turnpike, Danbury, Conn. 06816.

We have both of the above sets in our library here. They are handy for reference like any enclypedias, or just nice to sit down and start reading.

WORDS OF WISDOM from W.C. Pasture

When a guy is a sap, let him really pay for it...when he gets smart, give the poor guy a break. Marriage licenses should cost at least \$1000. and divorce only \$1.

People are complaining about the world being over-populated. I say it's all the fault of those darned kids!

My neighbor keeps telling her kid that he should be seen and not heard. But I say the little brat is OB-scene and a little nurd!

The state of matrimony should be expelled from the union!

The Los Angeles Herald Examiner decided to look into why it takes so long to get paid off on auto insurance. Here are some of the reasons they found, reasons for accidents given by various drivers.

Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.

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FROM BOBBI in Pittsburgh

I was having problems with my house plants. It seemed the winter took a toll on them. Nothing would help them perk up. I tried changing the earth, feeding them vitamins, changing windows..just about everything. I decided they needed some help from the Lord and Lady.

I had my full-moon ritual and brought my favorite plants into the Circle with me. I placed a plant at each corner of the Circle with a white candle in each pot. I also had 3 plants on my altar. During the ritual, I consecrated a bowl of water, and charged it up. I sprinkled a pinch of salt in the water, then I added some dried rose buds. I let it sit until the ritual was ended. The water turned a pale yellow.

After the ritual, I mixed this water with tap water (enough to water all my plants) and left the rose buds in the water. Then I watered all my plants.

They are all growing like weeds! (Just like magic.)

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A nice letter from Rhea in Georgia. She recently moved (again) and was pleasantly surprised to find that her new neighbors are former students of a few years ago who just returned to Georgia. Rhea sent a very nice gift for our money-raising booth at the fair. Rhea also sent a very nice little Witch about 10 inches tall made with thread and hook (whatever that's called). The little Witch did not go to the fair. Thought she'd be more comfortable staying here with other Witches.

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FROM TANYA in Colorado

My current projects: making a Wish Box and a wand.

I'm getting several more contacts. Also junk mail...such as the correspondence course in Witchcraft, "taught" by Raymond Buckland! I couldn't believe that. Complete with a "Witch I.D." card! And a diploma, no less!

ED. NOTE: We find that difficult to believe, too, Tanya. Never thought we'd see that happen. Too bad.

We recently recieved a letter from a group here in California which has been running ads on Witchcraft lessons for sale. They tried to convince me that it is okay for them to sell lessons because they say they charge only for their

TIME and cost of Printing. Well, I still can't agree. If they can't do their teaching for free...nobody is forcing them to teach at all. And if they're not making a profit, why spend money for advertizing? Or is it just an ego trip?

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Just recieved a very nice letter from Elizabeth Pepper. Apparently the letters about The Witches' Almanac didn't work so it seems there won't be any more of it. Very sad. But Elizabeth seems to be very happy and positive about something. I'm sure she'll let us know what when the time is right. She knows we all wish her the best in whatever she does.

FROM THE LETTER: "And I've just read the manuscript of Marion Weinstein's novel. It is marvelous! A blockbuster! We all must concentrate great energy toward its publication. She has enormous talent as yet unrecognized. Fate has brought us all together into one BIG CIRCLE. Marion's novel is titled 'Yesterday's Kisses.' Maybe you recall a 1930's tune called 'Gone with the Wind,' wistful melody, sad sweet lyric...Billie Holiday recorded it. Anyway, Yesterday's Kisses is in a line from that song."

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ED: NOTE: If you haven't yet ordered Marion Weinstein's new book, don't forget. EARTH MAGIC, A Dianic Book Of Shadows. Order from Earth Magic Productions, P.O. Box 1202, FDR Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10022. \$5.45 for book rate, \$6.45 for first class mail.

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Nice letter from Cyprian in Nashville. Not really anything to quote but he is enthusiastic about a Neophyte ritual several of them have been preparing. Hope we get a copy for publication.

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Nice letter from Mariah (L.A. AREA). She enclosed a photo she took of Hans Holzer and Lady Sara Cunningham (see photo page). Hans says he planning to come for a visit (he's been saying that for several years). Hans is busy working on a new movie based on his book "Murder in Amityville". Lady Sara has republished her book "The Magical Virtues of Candles, Herbs, Incense and Perfume". Doesn't say how to get it but I suppose you could order from The Magical Way, POB 10753, Glendale, Cal. 91209.

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BEING A WITCH IS from Bobbi in Pittsburgh
preparing some water for scrying...and your puppy decides he's thirsty.
 having your puppy eat your ritual candle.
 brooming away your in-laws!
 ... taking a vacation without ever leaving home.

SYLVIA in Lawndale, Cal. says you might order M, M & M from Gordon & Gotch, Inc. 6223 Selma Ave., Hollywood, Cal. 90260.

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FROM RUS & RUTHI

ARCANE CRAFTS

Some time ago we wrote "They Say That In The Pagan Way," about the trials and tribulations of a kid waiting for initiation, and waiting, and waiting, and waiting... Well, she finally got it. Now that her troubles are over, the real troubles are beginning. And so, we now offer this song, called "Being A Witch" sung to the tune of "Mack the Knife."

In the Pagan Way
It was boring;
In the coven
There's just no time..
Being a Witch is
not a picnic;
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

The morning after
Initiation,
You can't sit down from
Those forty strokes..
Being a Witch is
not a picnic;
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

When your Witchlet
takes the coven-sword
to Kindergarten
for show-and-tell...
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

When at Beltane
you jump the cauldron,
and come down with
a roasted bun..
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

When your Sabbat cakes
turn out like charcoal,
and someone lights one
by mistake...
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

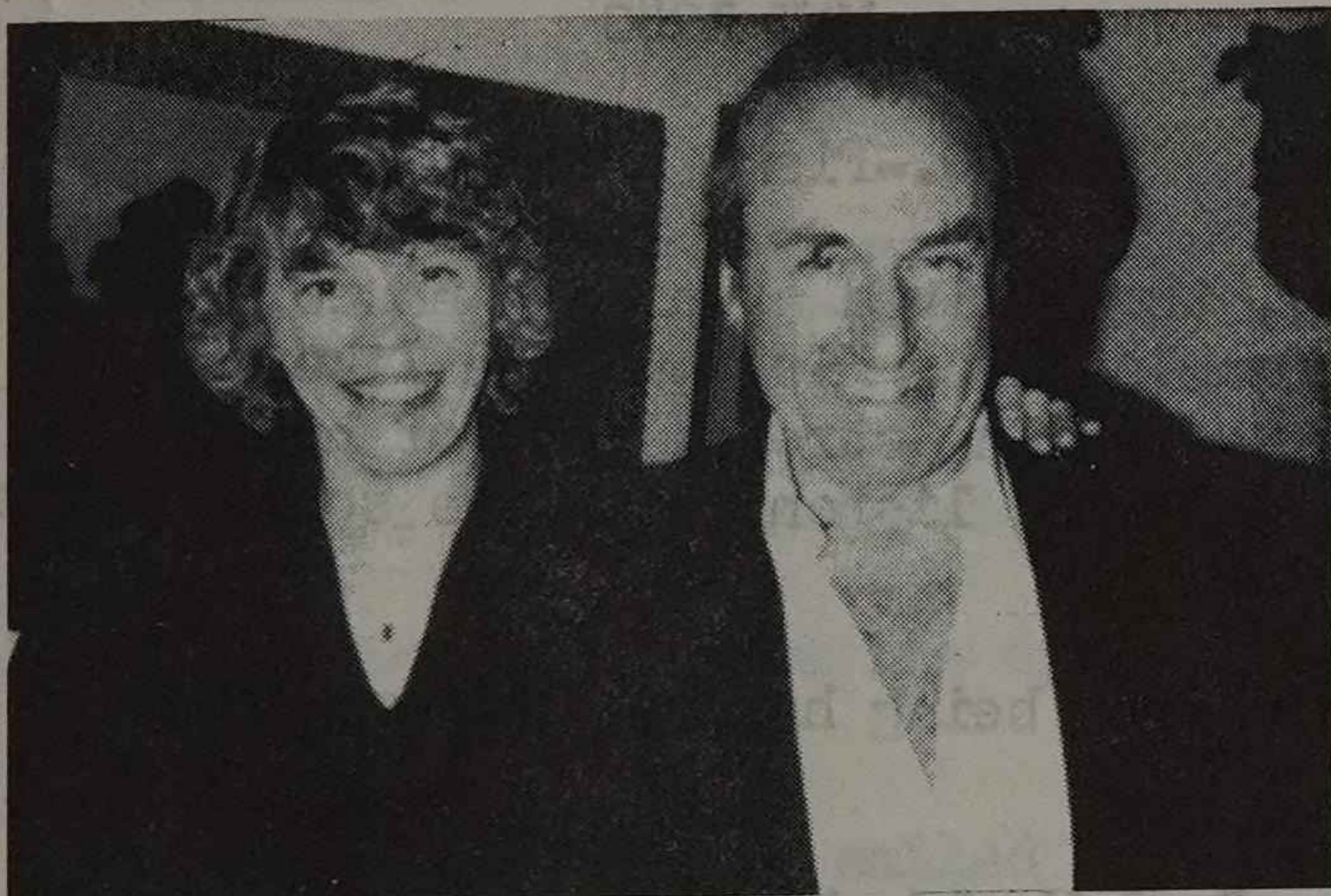
When the dancing
is interrupted
to look for pieces
of contact lens...
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

When your partner
drops her athame,
and you can't account
for all your toes..
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

On the herb jars
you've mixed the labels,
and your coffee tastes
like Frankincense...
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

When you forget to
write a letter,
and get the doghouse
for thirty days...
Being a Witch is
not a picnic.
It's not a life of
cakes and ale.

But when the Horned God,
And the Goddess,
With Love and Laughter
join your dance...
Being a Witch is
worth the trouble,
for it's rewarding
in the end!

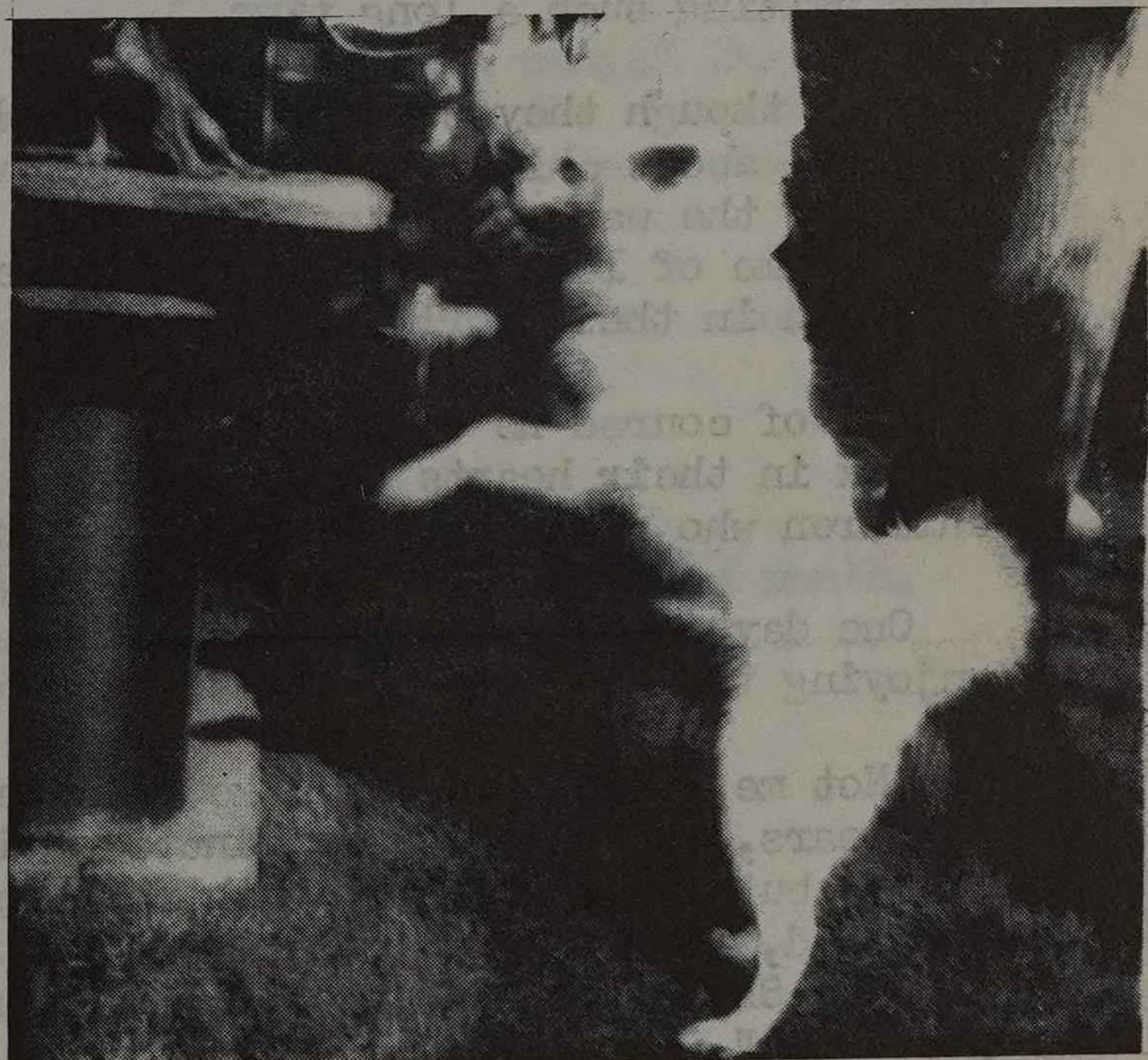


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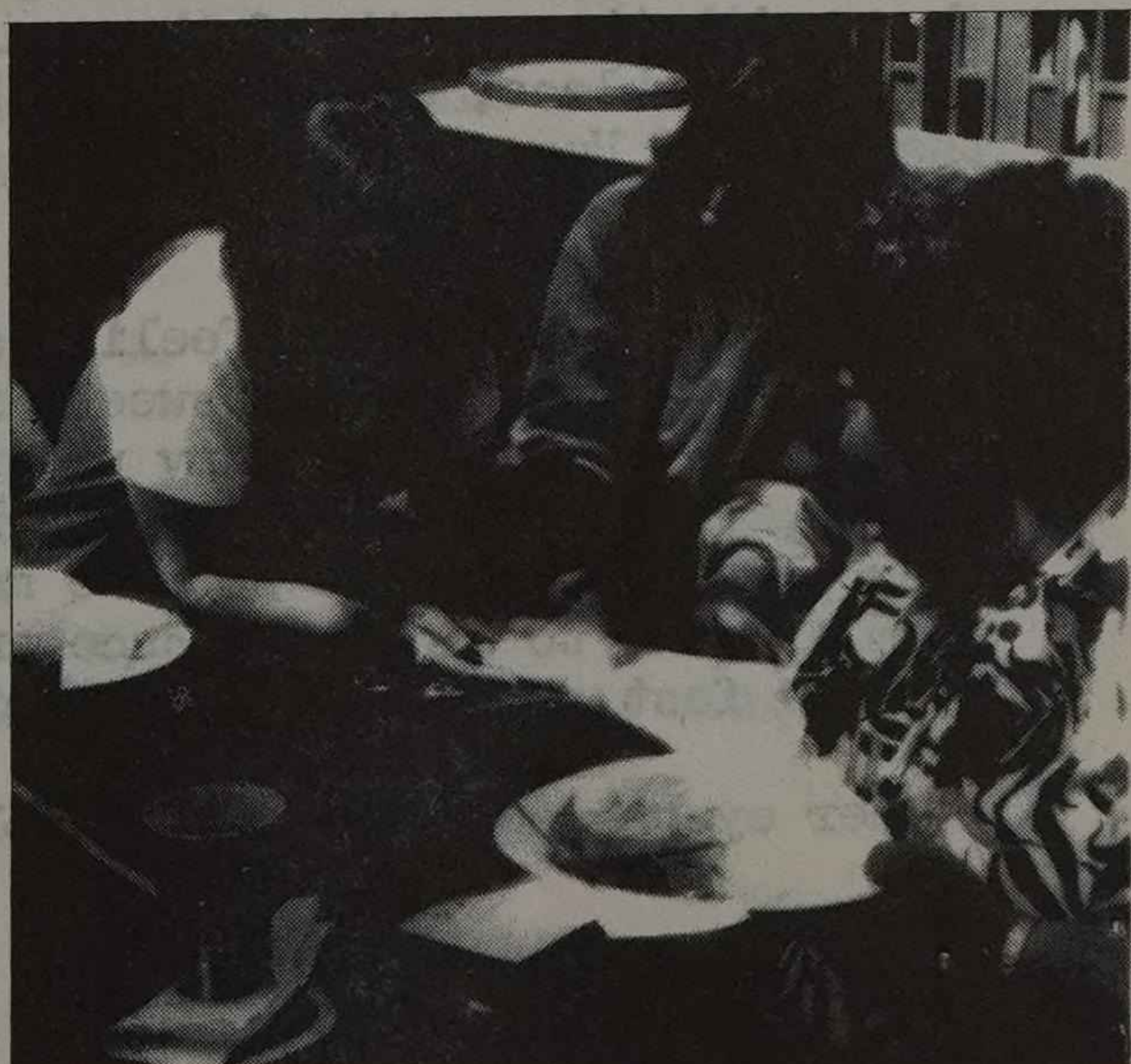


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STAR'S WISH by Lady Allusha S.L.O.-Pismo area of Calif.

Many, many ages ago in the Land of Faery, there lived a unicorn named Star. He was a young unicorn, only 205 years in People Time. His mane was like long silken threads, his coat was the color of a sparkling stream. Most of his time was spent playing games with the elves and fairies, listening to the songs of the water-sprites, and taking long walks on rainbows.

But he had one special wish that kept him from being happy. Star wanted to play with the children.

The children played in the meadow of the Real World, by the rainbow's end. Many times he had watched them from the edge, knowing they could not see him. Only in dreams were they allowed to come into the Land of Faery, and he had been waiting such a long time.

Even though they were of the Real World, there was something so pure and magickal about children. Their laughter as they sang and danced blended with the songs of the water-sprites. They were so happy and free as they played. Life was a game of love to them. The little unicorn wished so hard to be with the children in their world.

But of course he could not. He was a magickal beast, and only others with magick in their hearts could see him. He had heard that there were a few special children who could see unicorns, but he didn't know any. So he kept wishing.

One day, while watching the children play, he asked a little fairy that was enjoying the sun nearby what she thought of his wish.

"Not me," she said. "I like being a magickal creature. I can live for years and years, and enjoy every minute of it, I'm not bound by the rules of the Real World, but I can still play there." Then she looked thoughtfully over at him, and said, "But if you really want to be part of their world, go ask the Great Mother. She's the mother of all things, magickal and not. I'm sure She would help you."

So off Star went to ask the Great Mother for his wish. When he arrived before Her, he was amazed at Her beauty. Her eyes sparkled like diamonds, Her smile shone with the warmth of the sun. She wore the moon for Her crown and the stars for Her necklace. She sat on a throne of living trees covered with ivy. From the edge of Her dress flowed the River of Life, carrying the seeds of magick to all parts of the world.

He bowed before Her, feeling so small and unimportant. She spoke to him, and Her words, so gentle and sweet, fell like a soft summer rain.

"What is it you wish, my precious little unicorn?" She asked.

"Oh, Great Mother! I wish to live in the world of children! Every day I see them play, but they do not see me. I hear them laugh, and I want to laugh with them. I want to sing and dance and share love in their worlds!" His heart was beating fast as he waited for Her answer.

Her eyes grew dark as she explained to the little unicorn what that would

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STAR'S WISH continued

mean. "If you are to go and live in the Real Worlds, then you must be like the other mortal creatures who live there. You must give up your magickal horn, and never again walk upon a rainbow. You will not live for 800 years, but for only 20. And you cannot visit any of your magickal friends, except in your dreams. Are you sure you desire this?"

A tear fell from his eye at the thought of leaving Faery, but he was sure he wanted his wish.

The Great Mother smiled and said, "So be it!" Soon billowy clouds of magickal smoke surrounded him. His knees were getting weak, he couldn't see, and his forehead hurt. When the clouds disappeared, he found himself in the meadow where the children played.

When the children saw him, they all shouted, "Look, a pony!" They ran over to him, and started hugging and petting him. They noticed the beautiful star on his forehead, and named him Star. They shared their joy and love with him, as only children can.

So Star got his wish, and he was the happiest creature in the whole REAL World.

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ED. NOTE: Lady Allusha has also sent the crossword puzzle for this month.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

WHY ARE YOU FRYING THAT FOOD IN BUTTER?

The doctor told me I should cut down on fat.

An old song goes, "If I had the wings of an Angel"....and if I did have them, I wouldn't have to depend on this damned broom with its lousy gas mileage.

The Air Force says all those flying saucers people are seeing are really weather ballons. But where did all those little green men in them come from?

Young lady, I have a bone to pick with you.
Marvellous, I haven't had lunch yet.

What do you mean, "Your place or mine?" You know my car has more room than yours.

People who call me a nympho are not allowed to bring their friends to visit again.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

Visitors from other places are often surprised to see that we sometimes pass the cakes and wine widdershins rather than deosil. Do you remember several months ago when I spoke of how the same basic ritual could be done at different phases of the moon according to how you approached the problem of whatever you were doing? It depends on your thinking or how you look at it. The same applies here. We partake of the cakes and wine as symbols of the good things we receive from the earth, and return a portion of each to the earth as a symbol of our appreciation for those good things.

Now we think of deosil as good, positive, life. We think of widdershins as harmful, negative, death.

If we keep this in mind when passing the cakes and wine, we would think of the deosil direction in association with the life-giving qualities of the things we receive from the earth.

When passing it widdershins, we would think of it as the death cycle of the cakes and wine. Part we return to the earth directly. The remainder passes through our bodies and again back to earth. So either way it is the death cycle of that material as it returns to earth where it will once again give new life to growing plants...reincarnation.

Remember, it is often your thinking that makes a thing good or bad.

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We no longer turn people into toads. For the month of May, we turn people into mangy, musky, mad mustangs.

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STUFF & THINGS

We received a letter from a reader critical of the cross cartoon in last months issue. This reader accused us of ridiculing another religion. Now that could only be considered in that light if the reader jumped to the conclusion that the person on the cross was Jesus. Even if this were true, it would not be ridiculing since many Witches believe that he was a Witch. If so, the comment in the ballocn would have been reasonable. Then again, the reader may not know enough of history to know that there were a lot of people on a lot of crosses. Or maybe that reader just didn't have a sense of humor that day.

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WORDS OF WISDOM from Jim in Winchester, Cal.

Marriage is a great institution if you like living in an institution.

I told my wife that when she turned 40 I was going to trade her in for two 20's, and she told me that I wasn't wired for 220.

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Happiness is watching Penny Hill on TV.

STUFF AND THINGS

We do seem to have trouble getting through to some of you about deadlines and mailing dates even though we've mentioned these a number of times. Recieved in March notice of a meeting late in March...next newsletter went in the mail April 1. Recieved this month notice of a meeting starting on May 2. May newsletter goes in the mail May 1. Nobody will recieve the newsletter until AFTER that meeting. SO SEND THINGS ON TIME.

We must recieve here news and ads no later than the 25 th for the next month's newsletter. Articles, poetry, etc. should be recieved here much earlier. It takes time to put the newsletter together. I start typing the next one as soon as I get one in the mail.

You know how slow the mail can be, so assume the earliest people will get the newsletter is the 5 th, and some later than that even though it is mailed on the first. So...for example: if you have a meeting coming up in July before the 7 th, you can be sure people will know about it if it's in the JUNE issue. There is no point to sending a notice in July for a July meeting since the next newsletter won't be in the mail until August 1.

We're still looking for property. Found one nice place of 60 acres in the mountains but it's 90 miles from here. We must stay withing 50 miles if we hope to get any practical use out of the place. The temple and outdoor Circle were only a dream for several years until we got them. The new dream is the mountain property. The Goddess will provide.

Just got another dog, a beautiful little tan Chihuahua about 1 yr. old. Her owner had to give her up since he had to go for a long stay in the hospital. It is really funny to see her chase Wickian Pooka if he gets near her food. I've been calling her Ladybug but some think she should be called Lady Bambi. Have you got a better name? Photo this issue if they turn out.

Ellen, North Hollywood, has been very busy. Runes newsletter, published on the festivals is \$7. yr. Also busy with the Le Cauldron Bleu cookbock. Needs more recipes and artwork. Write to RUNES or LE CAULDRON BLEU, POB 9513, N. Hollywood, Ca. 91609.

Gail & Dan, in the military, are going to try to get the Army to implement a Wiccan chaplaincy. They would like all Wiccans and Pagans in the military to write them stating their position. They also would like to know how to get an ACLU chater. The letter wasn't really clear about giving our their address so you can write and I'll forward.

We finally got it straight about where to write for info about Pan-Pagan Festival. As in the past, you should write to Circle, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715. Recieved the new Circle Newspaper format. You'll like it. \$5. yr. Also just recieved Circle's new song tape, SONGS OF PAGAN FOLK. If you enjoyed their earlier tape, you're sure to want this one. \$9.95 U.S. or \$12. overseas..post-paid.

WORDS OF WISDOM

People who write 10 and 12 page letters, don't number them, and mix them up, should recieve replies that are cut up like a jigsaw puzzle.

I'D like to get to know you better. Could I have your number?
Sure. 40-25-37.

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RUS HAD A FEW COMMENTS ON THE NEW HOME OF ARCANE CRAFTS.

Mastic Beach is so small, they think Jimmy Carter grows watermelons. It's so small, the sewage treatment plant is a spittoon. Mastic Beach is so small, one robin does not always a spring make, but one seagull can sure make a big splat. Mastic Beach is so small, they complain about lousy water every time someone flushes a toilet in Shirley. The last surprize blizzard in Mastic Beach happened when a kid in Shirley threw a snowball at a kid in Center Moriches, and it fell short.

Mastic Beach is so small, the town limits signs are back-to-back; one says "Shirley," the other says "Center Moriches." Mastic Beach is so small, our car won't fit into the garage. We parked in front of a fire hydrant, and got away with it-- the cops couldn't decide if we were parked in the fire district of Shirley, or Center Moriches.

Someone sent a postcard to Mastic Beach, and it came back stamped: "Too large to fit in Post Office." Mastic Beach is so small, the town hooker has to do it standing up. It's so small, the railroad has to include Shirley in the name of the station (the station is called "Mastic-Shirley". The only such double-name in the whole system.).

Mastic Beach is so small, we can't leave our car out at night--airplanes can mistake the hood for Brookhaven Airport. Mastic Beach is so small, I pulled up behind a Volkswagen at a gas pump, and the papers reported that the gasoline line ran all the way to Center Moriches. Mastic Beach is so small that I can't fit any more jokes about it into this letter.

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MORE BASIC MAGICK NOTES (or Words of Wisdom) from Lady Allusha

The mind must be exercised.

Desire is stronger but not wiser than rationality.

You need the quiet hour for communion with your own heart and with Nature.

The Gods help those who help themselves.

BEING A STUDENT WITCH IS... from Lady Allusha

...looking over the list of topics to be covered in the classes and thinking if you can learn ALL those things, THAT indeed would be magic.

...the excitement of the first spell come true.

...getting mad 'cuz your aura-seeing exercises aren't working, and your aura turns bright red before your eyes.

...trying to laugh at BEING A WITCH IS.

...that feeling of dread when you go to class and the HPS says, with a glint in her eye, that those who did not do their homework will be turned to toads, and you didn't do yours.

...trying to believe the story of the people being invisible by wearing bunny-rabbit tails.

MAY 1980 STAR GAZER by Lady Fauna

- 1- Your restlessness leads to a wish to indulge in a trip or buying some new candles.
- 3- Take that walk if you feel depressed. White candles.
- 4 Accept responsibility; act with prudence. Multicolored candles.
- 5- Make decisions in finances, remembering to minimize disputes. Blue and green candles.
- 7- A personality conflict should not invite you to gossip. White candles.
- 8- Do not destroy the fruits of your work in disgust. Wait until you have conveyed them at a later date. Yellow, blue candles.
- 10- Yield to others. Blue candles.
- 11- Work on a business project. Green candles.
- 12- Express your love for others. Continue on the business project. Pink, red, and green candles.
- 14- New moon. Read and work on projects. Allow room for the opinions of others. Possibility of an earthquake. Yellow, white and blue candles.
- 16- Work on an invention. Yellow and green candles.
- 18- If nerves feel frazzled, meditate and consciously relax. Blue candles.
- 21- Use energy positively. White candles.
- 25- Watch where your impulsive behavior takes you. Blue candles.
- 26- Much plotting, scheming. White, yellow candles.
- 29- Full moon. A personality conflict may be the result of an inner conflict. White, blue candles.

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PHOTOS ON PAGE 21.

- 1 - Lady Sara Cunningham and Hans Holzer.
- 2- Cinda does a Tarot reading at the faire.
- 3- Ladybug: "What's that thing you're pointing at me?" (notice ears down.)
- 4- Wickian Pooka: "What's that big mouse doing up there?"
- 5- Wonder who that is?
- 6- Barbara does a palm reading at the faire.

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DRAWING DOWN THE MOON by Margot Adler
The Viking Press, New York, 1979

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Part I of Drawing Down The Moon contains some history and background on Pagan religions in the United States. Part II explores Witchcraft and the many Craft traditions in America. Part III deals with the Neo-Pagan movement. Part IV discusses some of the debated issues in the Pagan community. Appendix I contains five short rituals and is followed by the Manifesto of the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League and "Pagan Musings" by Tony Kelly. There is also a short resource list and notes to supplement the text by Ms. Adler.

Ms. Adler is a former staff member for Pacifica Radio, where she worked for ten years. At the time of publishing, Ms. Adler was a reporter for National Public Radio. She graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. Ms. Adler is a Gardnerian Witch. She travelled extensively throughout the United States and Europe in the compilation of her work.

Ms. Adler has undertaken a noble and demanding task in a scholarly and objective manner. It is an excellent and original portrayal of American Paganism. Ms. Adler does not render a judgment on the merits or demerits of any group although she does point out the validity and actions of some groups have come under criticism within the Pagan Community. In all cases, she allows a spokesman for the group to defend their actions and leaves the value judgments to the discretion of the reader.

The notes at the end of the book should not be overlooked. Even the most well-read Pagan will find reference to articles of interest that perhaps they have overlooked in their readings. The notes will also help the novice in clarification and elaboration on Ms. Adler's work. Chapter Thirteen, "Living on the Earth", is also noteworthy as it ties together many of the themes of all Pagan religions.

Drawing Down The Moon will provide endless reference and resource materials for anyone at any stage of their studies. It will find a place among the working reference volumes of your library and, indeed, Ms. Adler's work deserves an honored spot there.

LADY FAUNA

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BEING A WITCH IS....

from Miranda in Honolulu

...having your friends understandably excuse you because you're howling at the moon.

...telling someone at a party (non-Wicca) that you dance under the light of the moon, nude, for fun; and they either think you're joking or "coming on" to them.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

No, I do not need an aspirin. When I said you give me a pain, that was not the area I had in mind.

GOLLUMS COLLUM

MEOW, MEOW, MEOW. HELLO, HELLO, HELLO.

If I sound happy, I am. Tia & Bright Eyes had their kittens. Tia had 4 little ones, and Bright Eyes had 3. And they all look just like ME. Purrrrr. Well, it's time to get to work even if I would rather talk about me.

Last month we talked about breeding & reproduction. This month let's take it one step more.

PREGNANCY

Your Queen is probably pregnant now or soon will be. So let's go from there.

Your Queen's body weight and appetite will increase. After 35 days, the belly and breasts will start to enlarge. A physical exam at this time will confirm pregnancy. Monitor the health and nutritional status of your cat.

Your Vet should also tell you when to expect the kittens, and he should help you formulate an emergency plan in case problems arise during delivery.

Pregnancy lasts an average of 63 days after conception. After 50 days, milk production will begin, and a few days before your cat gives birth, the breasts may secrete a milk-like substance.

PREPARING FOR DELIVERY

Maternity box should be large enough for the cat to stretch out and nurse the kittens comfortably. Box should be high enough to keep the kittens inside, but low enough for the mother to get out. Line the bottom with several layers of newspapers, towels, or sheets, but whatever is used, clean the box regularly. Be sure that the material that lines the bottom of the box goes to the edge of the box so that the newborn kittens will not get caught underneath and smother.

The delivery room should be a familiar area, perhaps the Queen's regular sleeping area, as long as it's warm and draft-free.

THE DELIVERY ROOM SHOULD BE SUPPLIED WITH:

- * thread dipped in alcohol
- * a bowl of water for the mother
- * scissors dipped in alcohol
- * your Vet's phone number
- * warm, rough towels

After delivery, do not disturb the maternity box, especially if it's the Queen's first pregnancy. Some mother cats, if they are disturbed, will attack those in the room, or even eat their own young during the first few days after birth. She is frightened and a little uncertain. Of course, each cat is an individual, and many will be happy to have you around as long as you are quiet and gentle, so play it by ear. Clean the box after the third day.

DELIVERING THE KITTENS

Generally, your assistance won't be required, but it's a good idea to be there, if the Queen will endure your presence, to monitor the process in case something goes wrong.

When the kitten is born, it may or may not be enclosed in an amniotic sac. The mother chews open the sac so the kitten can breathe, and stimulates the kitten by licking it.

If the mother does not chew open the sac immediately, gently tear it open yourself and clean the mucus from its mouth with your finger. Wait a few minutes to see if she chews the umbilical cord. If not, tie it tightly with a piece of thread that has been dipped in alcohol, about one inch from the kitten's abdomen. Using scissors that have been dipped in alcohol, cut the cord on the mother's side of the thread. Rub the kitten gently with a clean, soft towel to stimulate circulation and respiration.

If a kitten is not breathing, wrap it in a warm towel with its head down (but support the head so it doesn't wobble) and shake it downward. This should stimulate respiration and remove fluid from its breathing tubes. If a breath still is not taken, gently blow into the kitten's nose until its chest expands, and try

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GOLLUM continued

rubbing it in a warm, soft towel to stimulate respiration.
IF THERE ARE ANY PROBLEMS AT ALL DURING DELIVERY, TELEPHONE YOUR VET.

The mother may rest anywhere from 15 minutes to 2 hours between deliveries. After all the kittens are born, the mother will stop straining. Instead, your cat will comfortably lick and clean the new kittens.

Now RELAX and enjoy your new family.
Next month...The Nursing Period.

MARIAH - Thank you so much for your letter about your cat, Baste. (Baste is a white, deaf cat, and Mariah wanted to share what happened to her and Baste).

Mariah used E.S.P. to let her cat know when it was time to eat and when she just wanted him with her.

One day he got out of the house and didn't come back. "I was worried and upset and kept thinking of my cat beside me and me petting him...using E.S.P. On the third day, I was sitting on the couch, and had my head resting on the back of the couch with my eyes closed. I then felt a rough tongue licking my hand." (At that time, Mariah had only the white cat.) "I opened my eyes to see what it was, and it was my white cat. I could see through him. A thought, loud and clear, came to my mind. It was just like a human was talking to me with a male sound. He said, 'It's alright, goodbye.' And then my cat disappeared. I never worried about my cat again 'cause I knew that my cat was alright, and he came back to me 'cause I kept trying to reach him no matter how far away he was. The young man who wrote about his white, deaf cat is very lucky 'cause now he can learn to talk to his cat using E.S.P."

Thank you, again, Mariah.

Marilee- Yes, I'm feeling better, thank you for your thought. I hope Soujee is better, too.

Bastet- Cats Paw (Creatures Against Technological Stupidity Plus Atomic Warfare) I am not into politics. We were here long before the humans and we will be here long after they are gone, but I will miss them very much. But you know as well as I that not all the humans will die; there are too many good ones around.

Bright Blessings, and may the Lady walk with you always,
Gollum

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STUFF AND THINGS

You remember Jeannie said she wouldn't be able to do any crosswords for awhile. It was very nice of Lady Allusha to send one this month. Sorry it came out a bit smeared. Not Allushas fault. It's just the way the stencil reacts to dark spots. Guess we'll have to stick to pentagrams or X's in the unused boxes.

For those of you who have newsletters, catalogs, etc. : Please include name of publication, address, cost, etc. with each letter. I don't promise to print it every issue but it will save me the time of trying to find it in old letters or old newsletters. Just can't remember everything...and time is limited. If you want a reply to your letter, please enclose SASE or a stamp. Received a nice little check from Penny in Florida and one from Walt in the T.A. area; they go in the fund for buying property.

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FROM MARILEE IN SAN DIEGO

Well, now that everyone has made their fresh orange blossom flower water -- let's do something with it. An excellent face freshener consists of 1 part Rosewater, 1 part orange flower water, and 1 part Witch hazel. And here's the extra one I promised:

Cleansing Grains to clean your face with before using your face freshener -- 1 part Cornmeal, 3 parts oatmeal, and 1 part clay -- mix together and grind (a molinex works well for this) to preferred consistency.

I noticed the article on essential oils in the April Newsletter and was glad to see it. If only Charmaine had written it sooner -- that's what I've been working on recently (the ratios) and figured out on Jan. 11 th! Wish I'd known it sooner -- it would have saved me hours of work!

Everyone here has been suffering with colds and flu as well. We haven't found anything to knock it entirely, but here's a non-alcoholic (what I call) Hot Toddy to make someone you love (yourself included) feel a little better.

Honey 1-2 Tbs. , Lemon juice- 1 Tbs. down to 1 tsp. (per taste , 2-3 Tbs. of apple cider vinegar, 1 clove of garlic - chopped into pieces, add Mo's 24 or a combination of Angelica, Coltsfoot and Comphrey, ginger can also be added for coughing problems -- Drink the tea hot and eat the garlic after (like a pill).

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Rik in Tucson called me recently upset about someone signing his name to letters. Cyprian concerned that his name might be used in connection with a group he is not a member of.

Someone ordered a classified ad for me that I knew nothing about.

Must be some childish minds playing games.

A contest for art & poetry. First prize \$10. , second prize \$5. for each category. Runs 'til Aug. 1. For more info, write: Church Of The Eternal Light, 909 Reinli #115, Austin, Tx. 78751. Gryphon Newsletter is \$2. yr.

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Don't forget to write to CIRCLE, Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715 for info on this year's PAN-PAGAN FESTIVAL.

BEING A WITCH IS.....

from Lee Diana in Oregon

..... Mis-placing your glasses and accidentally choosing some firecrackers and a Roman candle left over from last July 4 to use on your altar...thus starting the Sabbat ritual with a BIG BANG!

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

PAT AND ALL THE GEORGIANS

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INTERNET ARCHIVE



... as nicely as usual. Our special
... as HPs in the Pagan Way ritual when
... the morning of the ritual. Dean R. is
... done a ritual in a long time, he and
... & Les took over for the Craft ritual
... some of the dancing we tried to do

... August meet but we're working on it.

... the Georgians prospering and healthy-

... busy. We celebrated the full moon and
... receive her 2nd degree. Dailene's daugh-
... the new grandma was glowing with pride.
... beautifully decorated May Pole cake to

... the Summer Solstice which will also bring
... gree.

... out you.

... and Blessed Be

Iris (Coven of Trothland)

AUSTRALIA - (Letter) We have explained the Wiccan situation over here to you, and I'm sorry to say it has not changed much. Apart from Kent and I no one will make any public stand. We are now putting our given names on the Wiccan, but as for using our surname, that will have to wait a bit longer. In Western Australia a Grand Council is being set up, but we are not too sure yet of its use; already we have had letters decrying the idea. But time will tell.

One thing we must ask before forgetting: in the last G.N. you quoted The Wiccan as \$1.00. Sorry. For overseas air mail it is \$2.00 U.S. Even then it is a loss to us as air mail is \$1.20.

We recently had a visit from Russell Williams and his lady. Valerie is coming on a visit soon so we hope she, too, will visit with us for a rap session.

Anyone travelling to Australia is more than welcome to call on us. Our phone number is Sydney 427-0663. By ringing us, the door will be open! We would be pleased if you print this for intending travellers.

By the way, we accept payment for T.W. in ordinary bills or Confederate. Kent has wanted a confederate bill all his life; maybe some kind Wiccan over there would do a swap with him?

BLESSED BE

Catherine and Kent

THE WICCAN, P.O. BOX 80, LANE COVE, N.S.W. 2066 Australia

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She is so dingie...she watered the TV to make it grow. It works on flowers.

FROM UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL - The London Daily Telegraph reports a hotel in Helsinki, Finland, has posted a sign - in English - to its guests that - quote- "In the hotel restaurant the waitress will give you a bill and you may sign her on the back side."

HELPFUL HINTS FOR BEGINNERS

Recently a young woman insisted that her 5 year old daughter should be initiated; the child had been Wiccaned several years earlier. As always, there are probably differences of opinion in various branches of the Craft, but the Georgians look at it this way:

A Wiccaning can be given at any age since it is merely the mother dedicating the child to the Goddess...that is, it expresses the wish of the mother. The child has taken no oath nor made any commitment. This is as it should be for a very young child has certainly not had enough exposure to the various religions nor does it have sufficient experience in general to make an intelligent decision in this matter.

If a child has been raised from birth in a Craft family, we feel that age 13 is early enough for initiation, but only if the child really desires this and the parents desire it.

If a child has been in a Craft family for several years and expresses desire for initiation (with parental agreement) then 16 might be a suitable age. In the case of those not of a Craft family, but who have studied much on their own for a long period of time, 16 would seem permissible WITH WRITTEN CONSENT OF A PARENT.

We do not feel that anyone under 18 should be initiated without parental consent since this could lead to legal problems and bad publicity. Since many covens work skyclad and serve wine in the rituals, can you imagine the fun the news media could have with a story of nude teens and alcohol??? not to mention the legal hassle! It just isn't worth it.

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A History of WITCHCRAFT Sorcerers, Heretics and Pagans
by Jeffrey B. Russell

Thames & Hudson
May 19, 1980
\$15.95

Well, we finally recieved the book we've been waiting for for so long. It arrived the day after the last newsletter was mailed.

Jeff is a Professor of History at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has written a number of books...Dissent and Reform in the Early Middle Ages, Medieval Civilization, A History of Medieval Christianity: Prophecy and Order, Religious Dissent in the Middle Ages, Witchcraft in the Middle Ages, The Devil: Perceptions of Evil from Antiquity to Primitive Christianity.

Whether or not you have read these earlier books, you are certain to enjoy this new one. Professor Russell covers origins and forms of magic in various parts of the world, what people believed of Witches and why, and then on up to the present time. He does punch some holes in a few of our favorite theories, but remember he is not a Witch, he is a historian. His approach to the present day Craft is certainly a positive one. In addition to all the written info, the book has 94 illustrations.

This is another book that should be in every Craft library, and I'd recommend it for anyone who wants to know more of what the Craft is and is not.

The book was released May 19 so it should be in your favorite bookstore or they can order it for you.

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If they had had vacuum cleaners in the old days...Witches would have had nothing to fly to the Sabbats.

MORE ON "WHICH WAY IS WITCH WAY"

Again a reprint from THE WICCAN published in Australia. Sorry I made a mistake about the cost in U.S....it is \$2. per issue. Costs them more than \$1. to send it airmail.

Dear Editor,

A few lines regarding the controversy surrounding the best direction to work in the Southern Hemisphere, i.e. clockwise or deasil. I have worked both directions and found while working the latter, a far better affinity with the natural sources than with the former. I have also changed the attributions of the cardinal points to suit, i.e. North for fire, South for earth. As for the seasonal festivals, I agree with Colin of Sydney, it is ludicrous to perform a Summer ritual in the middle of winter. If your personal comment and the comment of the H.P. & H.P.S. from the U.K. is influenced by the psychic snowballing effect of constant performance of ritual at a given time, I don't think it's valid in this instance. Nature has been doing it for hundreds of thousands of years and it is easier to work with her than against her. One final thing: a question for the H.P.S. of the ancient British tradition (Patricia Crowther perhaps?) If we made all the clocks run the other way, would the sun rise in the West? Would the seasons reverse themselves? Remember, clocks are man made!

Wayne. Adelaide

Dear Editors,

Regarding Colin's letter in the last issue of The Wiccan, and the editorial comment, I don't think that plant spirals and clocks are relevant to directions in rituals. Both right hand and left hand spirals are to be found in my garden. Clocks were developed from mechanical models of the heavens, and this originated their direction of rotation. (See The Prehistory of the Clock, by D.J. Price, Discovery, April 1956) Had clocks been developed independently, in the same way, in the Southern hemisphere, (instead of being imported from the Northern hemisphere) they would indeed have rotated in the other direction.

C. T. Geeson. N.S.W.

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BEING A WITCH IS..... from San Dee in Oklahoma.

...your 8 year old reminding you of the New Moon and the Full Moon dates for the month.

from Frank in Long Beach

...finding a recipe in an old magick book, goof it up, and turn everyone in the coven into toads.

From A California Reader Who Asked That Her Name Not Be Used

All of the people who have written to you about nuclear power have said that they have not been involved with nuclear power but have just enough information to make them say that the Earth would be better off without it.

I am married to a man who works with nuclear energy and also nitroglycerin. They have used this type of energy for some time to get oil that we all need. Are we also going to ban the use of nuclear power to get oil? Nuclear power is used for reasons other than those of Three Mile Island. It has been used for years in other types of work that the public does not know about, but they will use the product that is obtained by the use of nuclear power.

I have known men personally who have been hurt by nitro, but not "one" man has been hurt by nuclear energy. At first I was upset knowing all the dangers, but I had to use my own free will of thinking and reasoning out the good and bad of nuclear energy.

I studied my husband's manuals and asked questions about things that troubled me. And when I saw first hand the good that comes from it, I realized that what we don't understand we fear. Look around you and see that "everything" has good and bad involved. When there is danger, there is also a safe way. The men who use nuclear power learn how to balance and handle the power they are using. The men who are afraid of that much energy do not handle it. Remember, the people who work with it would be harmed first. Safety is # 1, and people who do not go by the safety rules are asked to leave before they work with it.

The use of nitro to get oil disturbs the Earth underground, but no one is trying to stop the use of nitro. Where nuclear energy is used to get oil, it does not disturb the underground.

As life goes on we must turn to new ideas. As one example: the laser beam can kill all life, but it can also be used to save lives during an operation. Even a "kiss" can kill.

As Pat has said, people are afraid of every new idea they encounter.

Remember, when you protest nuclear power at Three Mile Island, you may also stop the use of nuclear all around which is used in ways which you are not aware. So we'd better get used to the words "nuclear energy" because it is here and it will stay because it is used by many companies to get various resources that millions of us use daily.

Blessed Be.

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BEING A WITCH'S NEIGHBOR IS

from Rus & Ruthi (Arcane Crafts)

...explaining that a cross is not an inverted athame.

...being told that Revelations 12:1 is a description of Isis.

...having to deal with all those Witnesses, J-Freaks, Found-its, and Bornagains your neighbor turns away.

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FROM RUTHI (ARCANE CRAFTS)

Charmaine's article on oils was very welcome, as I have been trying for the past couple of years to learn how to make them. Trouble is, as she mentions, very few Crafters know this art, because there is practically no useful information available on the how-to aspect, mainly because most people who know how to make perfume oils prefer to guard their knowledge selfishly and will not share with others. What I've found in books isn't very informative, and isn't very much.

Couple of comments on Charmaine's article: I'm sorry she isn't planning to discuss the preparation of essential oils from plants, as many Crafters would prefer to make their own essences from scratch, rather than relying on commercially-made essences.

Secondly, in dealing with commercial sources, I've found that a lot of the products sold are synthetic, or artificial oils, rather than natural, and you're lucky if you can find a supplier who will be honest and specify which oils are natural and which have artificial or synthetic ingredients. There are also varying grades of quality, and a lower-grade oil will be cheaper, but not necessarily as good, as a higher-grade oil.

I remember asking a supplier for myrrh oil, and he asked me which grade of myrrh oil I wanted, as it came in about half-a-dozen different price ranges, depending on quality. You have to know what you're doing, and almost nobody will teach you. If Charmaine could name some reliable suppliers, and give some tips on specific qualities, I'm sure they'd be appreciated, and not only by me.

FROM SHADOWHAWK of Elvenhearth in Washington

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Pale horse standing,
In the shadows of the moon;
A glimmering light reflection,
through the windows of my mood.
A half forgotten recollection,
of an uncommenced intention,
Pale horse formed, of mist and
moonbeams.
The nightwind cries,
The comet screams,
Tearing naked through the skies...

I went to the forrest,
to launder my mind.
And the birds, and the creatures,
of forest kind;
Helped hang meditations,
to dry on the line;
Of the forces, about which;
this world enterwinds.

BEING A WITCH'S Neighbor Is... from Rus & Ruthi (Arcane Crafts)

...learning not to call the fire department unless the smoke from
next door smells like the real thing.

...having the local churchfolf picket your house by mistake.

FROM DEMETER (Ye Full Moon Wicca) Mastic Beach, N.Y.

Lady Levanah's articles on the Kundalini are quite good - please pass that on to her for me and our group here- and perhaps even to your other readers. When someone is willing to share knowledge - give the benefits of self-education- it is a boon to others to have even a capsulated idea of an area, to discover whether or not it is an avenue to be investigated further at the present or at a future time.

I know, as a HPs, I can't cover all the various fields, especially in my Pagan groups, and yet there is so much to teach and learn. That's why I appreciate & recommend the Georgian Newsletter for so much of the good stuff is covered with humor, grace or poetry.

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From Armeeta in Pittsburgh

God/Goddess love Levannah. Wonder if she realizes what havoc can result from arousing the Kundalini. It is not for everyone. Beware. It can knock a person for a loop. Arousing the serpent fire force can make some persons go bonkers, and flying around trying to bed anyone they can, making some women nymphomaniacs and men satyrists, and consequently burn themselves out. I know of a famous Hindu from long ago, (before my time) "Hamid Bey" who taught it, but even he couldn't properly control it and he really paid for the experience, even though he was an expert teacher in Hindu Philosophy, mysticism and occultism.

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FROM RUTHI (Arcane Crafts)

Penny may be able to get a copy of WHAT WITCHES DO from the publisher, Coward, McCann, & Geoghegan, Inc. Don't know their address but they're in New York City. We got ours from Samuel Weiser, Inc., New York's largest occult book publisher, but that was several years ago and it may be out of print. If all else fails, I suppose she could write to Stewart Farrar, c/o The Wiccan, in Australia.

We're planning to go to the Rites of Spring Festival in Mass. this Memorial Day weekend, and will be leading a workshop on Creating Original Rituals. Will let you know how the festival turns out.

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So, tell me, what makes you think she's a dumbbell?
Well, her father is a coal miner, and she thought she was black until the day her father got caught in the rain.

So how come you became a prostitute?
Well, you told me I had one great asset and I should make use of it.

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Willy is so dumb he thinks a "C" cup is something you take to the beach.

Say, when did you start wearing glâsses?
When my teacher told me I should read between the lines, and I couldn't see anything there.

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A NEOPHYTE RITUAL

from Lady Bridget, Bro. Cyprian and with special thanks to Karen for additional material

Some of us have long thought the traditional Craft structure of three degrees was not sufficiently open at the front end to allow interested persons to come, study and participate enough to honestly determine if the Craft is their Path. In an effort to rectify this situation, we have proposed establishment of a Neophyte degree prior to Initiation and 1st Degree. Thus, under our modification, there would be four degrees.

Neophyte:	The Student
1st Degree:	(Initiation) The Practitioner
2nd Degree:	The Teacher
3rd Degree:	The HP/S

This arrangement seems logical because, of course, as one advances one does not abandon previous degrees. Thus, a 3rd Degree HP/S also remains a teacher, a practitioner of the Craft and most certainly one must ever be a student.

It is important to understand that in our conception the Neophyte ritual does not supplant nor does it confer formal Craft initiation. No measure is taken and no Power is conferred upon the Neophyte. As will be seen from the ritual, the emphasis is upon "introduction;" introducing the Neophyte to the Quarters and Elements, and they to the Neophyte.

This ritual was first used at Candlemas, 1980 ce, to introduce Xenia as a Neophyte of the Craft. Later discussions have served to validate our initial impressions that this ritual is a true and valuable addition to our Craft traditions. And in this spirit, then, the Neophyte Ritual is offered. Please note, too, that precise details have been omitted because we recognize each coven has its own practices, and these practices can be readily applied to the broad outline we present here. The ritual is given as if the Neophyte were female. If male, the roles of the HP and HPS would be reversed except for the HPS giving a portion of the Goddess' Charge.

The altar is prepared and the Circle cast in the usual manner. The Neophyte is brought to the Circle and challenged by the HP: "You would enter this, our place Between the Worlds. I warn you not to assay upon this Path unless your heart be true and your faith be strong."

Neo: "My heart is true and faith is strong."

HP: "Speak, then, of your faith that we may know your heart."

Neo: "I believe in the Goddess and in Her consort, the God. They have created my beautiful Earth and me, its guardian; I will not profane Their Creation. I am Their custodian of all life and I gladly bear my duties. The God and Goddess have given me Mind and Body and Spirit, and with these I worship Them; not through fear but in Perfect Love and Perfect Trust.

And when this life is ended I will return to the God and Goddess for rest and strength and wisdom. When I am prepared, They will return me to my beautiful Earth to live again amongst those I love."

All: "So mote it be!"

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A NEOPHYTE RITUAL continued

HP: "Well said; You are welcome in our Circle."

The HP and HPS bring the Neophyte into the Circle, and escort her first to the East. The HP stands on the Neophyte's right, the HPS on the left. All three facing East, the HP calls out:

"Oh ye Lords of the Watchtowers of the East! I bring before you (name) who would be a Neophyte of our Craft. She will study well!"

HPS: "I call upon ye Sylphs and Powers of the Air! I bring before you (name). Remember me!"

The Neophyte is now censured with the coven incense. The HP and HPS declare together:

"We invoke the purity of Air upon you."

The Neophyte is now led South where the same ritual is performed, calling upon Salamanders and the Powers of Fire. The Neophyte lights a candle, and the strength of Fire is invoked upon her.

The Neophyte is led West for introduction to Undines and Powers of Water. She is given water and the Wisdom (Mystery) of the Waters is invoked upon her.

The Neophyte is led North for introduction to Gnomes and Powers of Earth. She is given salt and the Humility of Earth is invoked upon her.

The HPS stands before the altar, and the Neophyte is led before her. The HPS assumes the Goddess position, and declares to the Neophyte:

"As our Goddess has told us of old; I am the beauty of the green earth and the white moon among the stars and the mystery of the waters and the desire of the hearts of men. Let my worship be within the heart that rejoices; for all acts of love and pleasure are my rituals, so let there be beauty and strength, power and compassion, honor and humility, mirth and reverence within you. And this secret I will share with thee: if you would seek me, you must find me within thyself, for I have been with you since the beginning, and I am that which is attained at the end of desire."

The HP now turns to the Neophyte and asks:

"You have been granted a glimpse of our Path. It is gentle yet dangerous, it is Life but leads through Death. Would you, then, seek it further?"

NEO: "I would."

At this declaration of intent, all present applaud and come forward to welcome the Neophyte. A small gift from the coven is appropriate, and wine and cakes from the altar should be shared to close the ritual.

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"How dare you say that I'm not feminine", she said, as she knocked him down and sat on him.

from the author of POSITIVE MAGIC...



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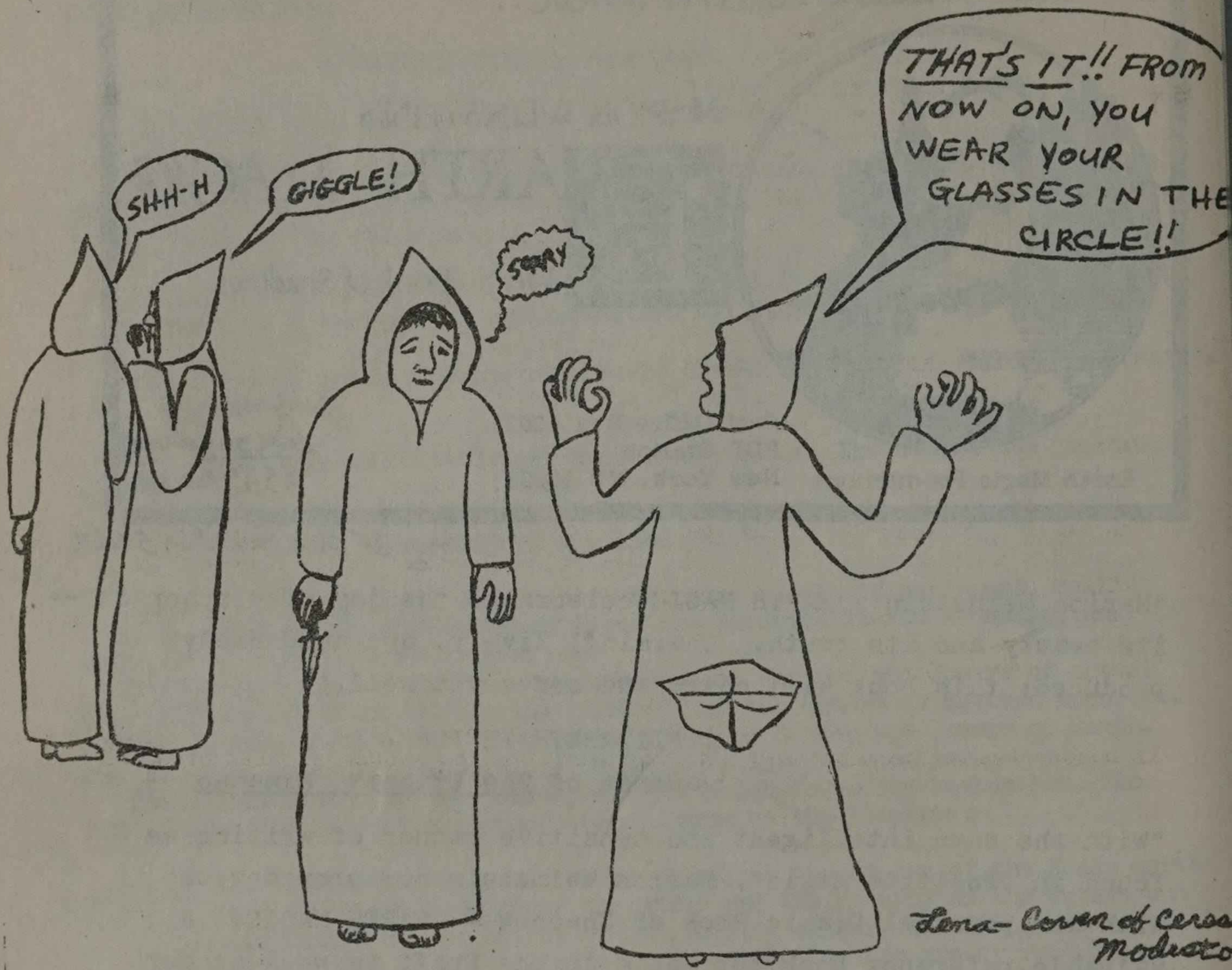
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Lena - Cover of Ceres Modesto

Gwenkin, the littlest Witch.



(EVEN "CASTLE RISING" CAN'T DOUBT THAT GWENKIN IS GENUINE.)

GOLLUM'S COLLUM

MEOW...MEOW!

O! Is it fun around here, all those kittens are all over the place. Seven of them. I can't find a place to sleep in quiet that doesn't have a kitten or dog in it. HELP!

My humans are going to take some pictures of the little darlings, and maybe we can get them in the newsletter. Now to work.

THE NURSING PERIOD

Usually this is pleasant for all concerned, mother, kittens, and you. Remember not to disturb your new cat family any more than necessary for about 3 days. But you do have a few important jobs during this time: cleaning the maternity box and mother's breasts, watching for signs of illness or malnutrition, and initiating solid foods (weaning).

The kittens will soil the maternity box, so on the third day, when the mother goes to relieve herself, change the papers or towels. Wash the queen's breasts once daily with warm water and clean wash cloth, but DO NOT USE SOAP.

The milk produced during the first 24 hours is called colostrum, and is rich in antibodies that protect the kittens from such diseases as panleukopenia for a few weeks. But if you see any signs of illness, see your Vet immediately. Most kitten's illnesses need professional attention.

Appearance and milk production are the best indication of mother's nutritional status. A well-balanced commercial cat food is adequate for lactating queens. If necessary, supplement this with high protein foods such as milk products and cooked eggs. A general rule is to feed an additional 100 calories per pound of kitten. By the end of the lactation period, your cat may be eating 3 times the pre-breeding level. Vitamin and mineral and extra calcium supplements should be fed to heavy lactators with large kittens.

Later in nursing, the kitten's teeth and nails may irritate the breasts, and the mother will lose patience and leave them alone for longer periods of time. Although you can help by trimming the kitten's nails, this is actually nature's way of telling the kittens to try some solid food. Now is the time to try weaning.

HAND-Feeding

Hand-feeding the kittens may be necessary if the mother becomes ill or dies, or if a kitten is too weak to nurse, or if the litter is unusually large. Borden's KMR is a very good commercial milk substitute. Cow's milk does not contain the level of protein, calcium, phosphorus, or calories needed by the kittens, but in an emergency, you can use one cup of homogenized milk mixed with 2 egg yolks, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon corn syrup, and a pinch of salt. The kittens should be fed 6 times a day at 4 hour intervals. One teaspoon per day for each ounce of body weight is each kitten's daily ration. Divide this by 6 to get 6 equal feedings.

First, warm the formula to body temperature (100 F). Feed the kittens using a doll-sized baby bottle with a nipple or Pet-Nip, which is sold in pet stores or by your vet. NOTE: Never use an eye dropper for feeding. The kitten may aspirate the milk into the lungs and get pneumonia. The formula should drip out slowly when the bottle is inverted; a heated needle can enlarge the hole in the nipple if necessary. Place the kitten on its stomach, open its mouth with your finger, and position the nipple on top of the tongue. As an extra treat, place

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GOLLUM'S COLLUM

a towel within reach so the kitten can knead. The kitten will suck vigorously and be very happy. At the end of a feeding, its abdomen should be enlarged, not bloated.

The kitten should be burped and stimulated to urinate and defecate after each feeding. Burp the kitten as you would a human baby. Hold it against your shoulder, and gently pat its back. A warm, moist cotton ball washed against the anal, genital, and abdominal areas will simulate the mother's tongue (which normally would do this) to initiate urination and defecation.

Be sure to keep kittens warm if a trip to the Vet is necessary.

O! by the way, the above portion was written by Tia and Bright Eyes. I'm a male; what do I know about nursing kittens...I just like to play with them. When they are hungry, they have to go to mother. I am not made that way.

MEOW... Gollum, Tia, Bright Eyes

May the Lady Walk With You All Ways. Blessed Be.

DEMETER: tells us about the home of Angora Cats that come from Ankara, Turkey. A special section of the zoo there is devoted to these lovely cats. Here are some interesting things about them.

- 1 - They are white with long hair (not necessarily as long as a Persian's).
- 2- Many have two different colored eyes.
- 3- A great portion of these cats were stone deaf.

Yes, I would like to hear about a cat haunting, and I'm sure others would, too.

RUTHI - As for bringing a new cat or kitten in the house, there are a few things you can try:

- 1 - Have a friend bring the new cat into the home. BUT, you do not pay any attention to it.
- 2- You can put the new cat in a cat box, and you can let your cat, Morgan Le Fay, look it over for a few days, but you do not pay attention to it. Let Morgan Le Fay know that she is number one. You will not let her hurt this new cat.

Maybe some of our readers will write in with some more ideas.

Be De

* Gollum *

FROM DEMETER...Ye Full Moon Wicca

Had a busy March, and the Equinox was great as were our esbats. April was enjoyed by all but our Lady Day Circle was beautiful. We had a few guests, one of whom made up a cauldron full of Maybowl...lots of May Wine, fresh strawberries, and a topping of a couple of bottles of champagne.

I guest-lectured at a Dowling College class about the Kaballa and Magic - also did another guest-speaking fling at a parapsychology group of about 40. In both cases we ran over the time limit but no one seemed to mind.

She thought she couldn't wear Mini-skirts because her name isn't Minnie.

He's so naive that he went to a massage parlor to get a massage.

FROM CYPRIAN in Nashville

Oh ratz! I might as well have my say about that "tiny fish" because the whole uproar was here in my state, Tennessee. The fish is the Snail Darter, scarcely larger than your little finger, and discovered in a small river to be impounded by the Tennessee Valley Authority's Tellico Dam. The environmentalists wept and bled that completion of the dam would mean extinction of the Snail Darter. As you and many of your readers know, great sound and fury were raised over the impending demise of the tiny fish. Samples of the Snail Darter were netted and taken to Washington to display before the tearful eyes of Congress...and TV cameras.

As it turned out, the nets were contaminated with some disease, and the fish all died. Things had just about reached the guns and knives and clubs stage when someone with $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of common sense decided to see if that precious Snail Darter could live in another nearby stream.

Yep. He took to it just fine. In the interim, that tiny fish has cost you taxpayers a few million dollars in construction delays, hearings, and all the rest of the bureaucratic bust-up that goes with it.

What I want to know is why wasn't that $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of common sense used in the beginning?

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FROM ARMEETA IN pittsburgh

Please do not make light of the Nuclear Reactor stuff. There are plenty out in California, too. All it will take is for some of those fissures deep down in the earth to set off the Nuclear Reactor stuff. Well, we are far enough away from it, but close enough to be concerned. Praise the two doctors who wrote in about it. They deserve some free subs from you, and many blessings for being so ecology minded and health minded. True Pagans, Crafters, humans, may they Blessed Be.

ED NOTE: Well, Armeeta, we printed your comments but I'm sure you know I don't agree with you. Nuclear power is just another of the wonderful forces of nature that man has learned to use. We think that we, as Witches, are somewhat special because we believe we know more about the laws of nature and how to use them than most people. Why should we rebel against this one...except blind fear?

This thing about Nuclear Power reminds me of a story one of my parents told me about the early days of the telephone. Many people considered it to be the work of the devil! One more knowledgeable young lady thought she'd do something nice for her mother, so she had a phone installed in the mother's house. Then she called her mother on the phone. The mother answered, saying, "Where are you, girl? You can't fool me. Come out. I know you're hiding under the table."

How many people are looking under the table for the answers to Nuclear Power?

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BEING A WITCH'S NEIGHBOR IS....

from Rus (Arcane Crafts)

.... learning very quickly that the Georgian Newsletter is NOT put out by Jimmy Carter's Church.

THE NEW COVEN

by Anon E. Mouse

"A High Priest", he said, "I want to be."

"A High Priestess", she said, "I want to be."

So they started a coven; they were all of three.

"We'll have many more, just wait and see."

Bill was the first to come their way,

just a nice guy in search of a lay.

When told that the Craft is work and not all play,

Bill pulled up his zipper and went on his way.

Then came Sally, a gal big and busty,

but her laugh was too loud and much too lusty.

"You must study, Sally, your brain will get musty."

"So long. What I've got just ain't gonna get rusty."

Then there was Joe, the guy with the dough;

through his hands so much did flow.

"You can't buy love, trust or initiation, Joe"

"Well then, I'm leavin', I'll be back no mo'!"

Simpering Sarah was the next to appear.

In her eyes there was always a tear.

"Life is so hard for poor little me; always so much that I must fear!"

"Your whining gets on our nerves, my dear;

don't drop in when you are near."

Now came Mike with big muscles to burn,

and a pea-size brain that a mouse would spurn.

A year in P.W. "Show us, Mike, what you did learn."

But no kind of degree could that boy earn.

Nympho Nellie now soon did appear;

practiced the Great Rite with all, far and near.

"Let's have a ball, we'll give a big cheer."

"Until you study, Nellie, you're out on your ear."

Then there was Porky who came just to eat.

Even bent over, couldn't see his feet.

He danced 'round the Circle, one 'round did complete;

knocked all out of the Circle, left none on their feet.

Joining next was Sinsa, not an ounce of fat.

In fact, she did much resemble a cat...

her claws always out to strike with a splat!

"Get lost, Sinsa, we won't put up with that!"

So two did discover, and they came to see

that running a coven just ain't all glee.

A year after starting, the two did agree..

"High Priest and High Priestess just ain't for me!"

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FROM ARMEETA IN pittsburgh

"and then I had afterthoughts about the story of Sir Walter and the potato. It was something I heard and read about a long time ago. It dawned on me that the tumors and cancer have not been wiped out. As I recall, there was something in the story about large cancerous tumors that led to leprosy, and not as I have stated. Anyway, people eat potatoes all the time but it is the fried potato in grease that is not the best to eat, such as french fries. Please do not use.

ED. NOTE: Sorry, Armeeta. That was already printed before I recieved the 2 nd letter.

A couple of books I read quite sometime ago by Joseph J. Weed, a Grand Counselor of the Rosicrucians who I met once when we had a convention at our local chapter where I was secretary. The books:

Psychic Energy...a lot about how to develop and recharge your psychic batteries and a lote more.

His other book: Wisdom of the Mystic Masters. These two books are worth reading and having in one's library. There are many laws and principles mentioned that we were under oath never to divulge when we were studying. Benjamin Franklin and Isaac Newton and many other notable people belonged. So did Napoleon.

The two foregoing books, I believe, are still on the market..1970 and 1973. Someone told me that they had been used as texts. The author is a wonderful man and is president of several corporations.

Dark Priestess by Juanita Coulson..Dallantine Books, 1977. \$1.95 at 1977 prices. Deals with Babylon under Hammurabi, a just and great king and lawgiver whose laws lived and were adopted in later times. When Sumer was conquered and made a part of Pabylon, a lovely young physician-priestess and her physician father migrated to the great city. She was called the Dark Priestess because of her dark hair and darker toned skin than the Babylonians. But throughout the story, which involves a lovely love story and court intrigue, it deals with her healing ministrations and the medical herbs they used, and the book tells for what ailments. Really good. In their healings, they did some divining and prayed to the Goddess practically throughout the book.

Marie Laveau by Francine Prose..A Berkley Medallion Book. \$2.25. Tells about her life, and her magic potions and service of good, and the prominent people she had slept with and helped, like for instance, even the Emperor of China. Easy reading and it holds a person's interest. Worth buying or borrowing, and nice to have in one's library.

HELLDANE by Anthony Esler...a Fawcett Crest Book...1975...\$1.95. It's about a pathological witchfinder who came to town and stays, and is determined to clear out what he came for. It makes you feel that a person might have been there, as the author brings out good characterization, where emotions have run rampant and the very accusers knew more. If they didn't like someone, they accused them. The witchfinder happened to be familiar with a lot of the accusations before he came to town...like Matthew Hopkins. There were some wonderful women healers who were accused and destroyed. They had done a lot of good. To me it brought out a lot of detail that I had not been familiar with. There is a surprise ending. I enjoyed reading it, not for the gore but more for the understanding and false accusations. A sad time in history.

More from Armeeta

Books by Robert Charroux dealing with past and ancient history and occultism that a person would not ordinarily have come to their attention. Most are short articles. I read them some time ago.

"Masters of the World"... "The Mysterious Past"... "Forgotten Worlds"... "The Gods Unknown". They were written in 1974, 1973, 1975. I hope to read them again. Once you read any of his works, you get hooked; at the time I got them they were only \$1.25 and \$1.50. They have such rare knowledge on the occult, and are the kind you don't like to loan out.

A.G. Jung and Herman Hesse, a Record of Two Friendships, Miguel Serrano 1966 Schocken Books, New York. I bought this one at the University of Pittsburgh Book Shop long ago. About Herman Hesse and Carl Gustave Jung that Serrano visited and their mystical experiences.

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FROM SHADOWHAWK of Elvenhearth in Washington

Jalop - is reputed to bring luck to Witches when carried as a talisman. It grew in groves sacred to Hecate, and attracts fairie and elffolk to an area.

In incense it adds a light solar touch and balances lunar and veneral aspects by "lightening" them (making them less heavy without lessening.)

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DRAGON SONG by Starrtower, edited by Shadowhawk

Mountain Dragon, fire on the hill,
Never harry your prey, nor waste your kill.
Flaming high over mount and dale
Breathing sighs over crystal vale.

Mountain Dragon, water in the lake,
Drink deep the liquid that thirst will slake.
Swim long in the water, oh so blue,
What do Dragons think? Give me a clue...

Oh Mountain Dragon, Earth on your paws,
Oh what are your natural laws?
Rolling long in the warm sweet earth
When summer days fill your eyes with mirth.

Mountain Dragon, soar long and far,
Flying ever closer to your distant star.
Glide always over earth and skye,
Keening in power, forever to fly.

NATURAL DANGERSIGNS by Shadowhawk

The tiger is a nasty fellow,
As are most things Black and Yellow.
Think also then, of hornets and bees,
and how fierce their stings can be.
And when a railroad sign you pass,
It's black and yellow, watch your ass!

QUOTES FROM LETTERS OF SOME BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE

"I'm so sorry about Mr. Pal. The tribute you quoted is so moving and fine. I'm glad you have Wickian Pooka and now Ladybug (Ilove that name) to fill the void. If I were asked to name the single most important qualification to practice the art of witchcraft, I'd say it's that deep love, natural response to animals. Over the years of so many letters to the Almanac, that genuine sense of kinship with the feathered and furred has come through again and again. For us no effort is too great or price too high to pay for our familiars' well-being. AND what a reward we get in love and companionship!

Spring in New England, especially beside the ocean, is lovely beyond description. Martin (my husband) and I are putting in a garden designed for birds... a rowan and hawthorn, honeysuckle, elderberry, columbine, phlox, larkspur. All flowers, bushes, trees providing seeds, cover, nesting sites."

Elizabeth (Witches' Almanac)

"I had a wonderful time with Elizabeth. It was all new, and yet so familiar to be with her in this life. It is perfectly fine that you ran that sweet quote from her about my new novel. She has been so encouraging and understanding about my work. I wonder how I ever managed to keep writing before I met her this time around.

The reviews are coming in from all over, and some of them are very understanding, about my Book of Shadows. IT's fun to get so much mail, too, from other Witches. I'm sure you know the feeling! WOW."

Marion (Positive Magic, & Earth Magic)

ED. NOTE: If you're lucky, you might find a copy of Marion Weinstein's POSITIVE MAGIC somewhere. It went out of print (sold out) in such a short time. Hopefully, a large publisher will decide to reprint it and also her novel, YESTERDAY'S KISSES".

Marion's book EARTH MAGIC, A Dianic Book of Shadows is available from Earth Magic Productions, POB 1202, FDR Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10022. \$5.45 for book rate, \$6.45 first class mail.

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Remember...we no longer turn people into toads. For the month of June we turn them into a jaded, jaundiced, jabbering jackanapes.

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UNHELPFUL HINTS

Always stand close behind the HPs when she is casting the Circle. When it's time to make the pentagrams, be sure to carelessly raise your athame point first. That is certain to get a rise out of her.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

That poor guy really fell for her. She tripped him.

GEORGIAN NEWSLETTER FROM DEMETER (Ye Full Moon Wicca) Masthead, N.Y.

If you get tired of Hospital Food...try the newest place in town.

WICCA WITCHES SNACK SHOPPE

MENU

SOUPS

Bat's Blood Broth, Spider Soup, Circle Soup, Sanhaim Soup, Soul-Mate Soup (for 2)

APPETIZERS AND SALADS

Sabbath Salad, Scrying Salad, Satan's Silly Salad, Sea Salt Salad, Athame Anchovies, Runic Rolls, Bessom Butter, Cancer Canape, Tarot Card Truffles, Runestone Relish, BeDevilled Eggs.

VEGETABLES

Sagittarius Spinach, Pentagram Potatoes, Merry Greet Beets, Blessed Be Beans, Canded Sweet Potatoes, Magic Mushrooms, Astrology Asparagus, Garlic Garnish, Fairy French Fries, Owl Olives, Zodiac Zucchini, Posiedon Peas, Cone of Power Carrots, Karma Cucumbers.

BREAKFASTS

Grimoire Grits	Athame Omelette
Pisces Pancakes	Witches Waffles
Virgo Vermachelli	Full Moon Fritters
Bacchus Bacon	Esbat Eggs
Black Cat Brunch	

LUNCHES

Scorpio Sandwich	Halloweenies
Solomon Salami	New Moon Macaroni
Broomstick Bologna	Godmother Goulash
Kabbala Kilbasi	Pentacle Pastrami
	Chai Hamburger

ENTREES

Taurus Tenderloin	Pan's Pot Roast
Leo London Broil	Sky Clad Shrimp
Capricorn Corned Beef	Skull Scallops
Poppet Pot Pie	Familiar Flambeau
Virgi Veal Chops	Merlin's Meatballs
Tetragrammaton Turkey	Handfasting Hollandaise
Cobweb Cornish Hen	Spirit Souffle

DESERTS

Aradia Oranges	Crescent Moon Cookies
Isis Ice Cream	Warlock Watermelon
Aries Berries	Angel Food Cake
Gemini Gingerbread	Devil's Food Cake
Aquarius Apples	Daphomet Banana Pie
Merry Part Pudding	Gardnerian Grapes
Pumpkin Pie	Dianic Doughnuts

If you're thirsty, you'll have to turn to the next page.

DRINKS

- Cauldron Coffee
- Blessed Be Tea
- Libra's Libations
- Jack O Lantern Juice
- Werewolf Whiskey
- Witches Brew Beer
- Lucifer Liquer
- Alchemy Alcohol

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THIS RECIPE FROM JIM in Winchester, Calif.

CURRY RICE

- 1 1/2 cups cooked rice
- 1/4 stick butter or margarine
- 1 or 2 teaspoons Curry powder (adjust to taste as it is strong)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter and add to it all dry ingredients that have been mixed together. Pour on to cooked rice and mix well.

It is good as is - but for a special touch, add the following:

Chopped onion, chopped olives (green, black, or both) peanuts, chopped pimento.

BEING A STUDENT WITCH IS..... from Lady Allusha Pismo-S.L.O. area

... trying to find an acceptable definition of Sex Magick to tell your spouse.

...trying to get out of Full Moon because it falls on a Saturday Night.

...being tempted to ZAP the nose off your nosy neighbor.

...wanting to hurry through flying lessons because you like to get "high".

BEING A WITCH IS from Lee Diana in Orego.

...explaining to a curious neighbor why you were out in the back yard at midnight, looking up at the full moon, chanting, and making 3 XXX's in the air with your right index finger.

from Rus & Ruthi Arcane Crafts

....biting into one of the cakes the new HPs made, and wishing you'd brought some Alka-Seltzer.

....hearing your Witchlet say in school: "And then Mister Gwydion ties up my mommy, and gives her forty whacks across the tushie."

WORDS OF WISDOM from Rus & Ruthie

How do you know the Witch is a baseball fan?

He refers to the Page of Wands as "the batboy."

FROM DOPPI in Pittsburgh

I took the tune of "IF I HAD A HAMMER" and re-wrote the words.

I am a Pagan
I love the Forest
I love the Ocean *
I love the land, too.

During a ritual,
the charge is made
I feel the power *
to help who I can

Chorus

Oh Horned Hunter
and Diana, help spread
love between brothers and
sisters all over these lands

Chorus

If I had a wish,
you know what it'd be?
that all would follow the Craft
and live in perfect harmony.

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FROM RUS (Arcane Crafts)

Bravo to Rik for the article on wood stoves in Tucson. I've been saying the same thing for years, with just as little effect. Another problem with wood stoves is the disposal of ashes. Wood ash contains some very caustic chemicals (the old method of making lye was to strain rainwater through the ashes). And since trees are a good natural air cleanser, it's better to leave them standing. Half our property is forest, and we're working on keeping it alive. For heat we rely on electricity, and it's cheaper than oil or gas.

Has anyone noticed? Not a word of protest has the ecology movement uttered against OPEC oil. In fact, the propaganda would have us believe that it is somehow "cleaner" than domestic oil! So well have they convinced the powers that be, that the company that provides electricity to New York City is forbidden from burning any oil other than the so-called "low-sulfur" oil (from the Middle East, of course!). American oil is supposed to be higher in sulfur (and therefore more polluting), though it is well known that all oil is chemically alike once it has been through the refinery. Oh, well, you can fool some of the people all of the time, and their number is growing.

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FROM LENA...Coven Of Ceres, Modesto

Overheard at an initiation:

HE: Perfect love and perfect sex.

SHE: Trust, it's trust.

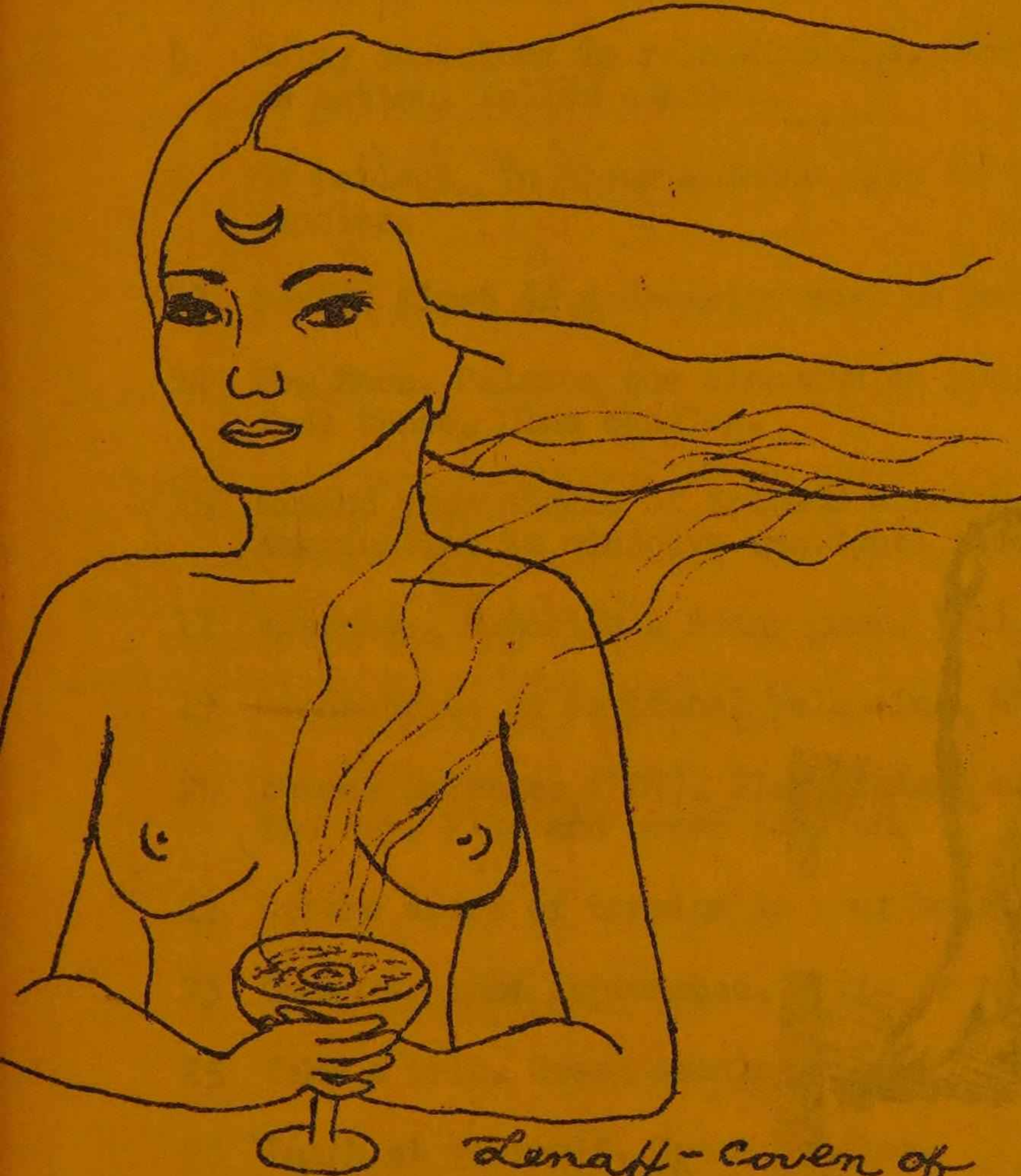
HE: Oh, Darn!

WORDS OF WISDOM:

She's so dumb she thought the GREAT RITE was WRITING a novel.

I slept too hard. My wife was out of town.

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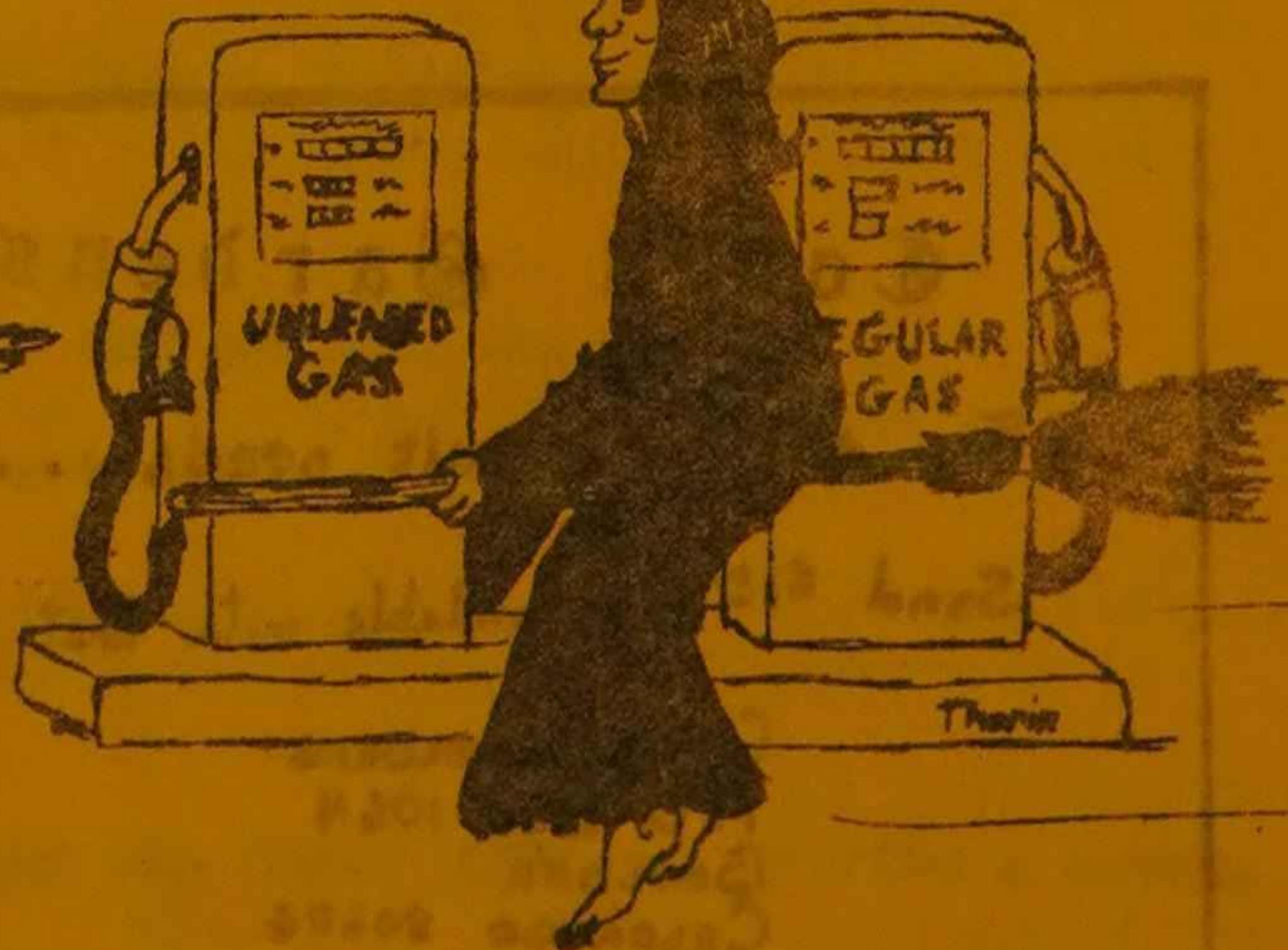
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by Lady Fauna

- 1 Meditate on responsibility. Blue candles.
- 4 Delay decisions in relationships. Surprise someone with a pleasant thought or action. Yellow candles.
- 6 Be patient. To cheer someone else is to cheer yourself. Yellow and blue candles.
- 11 Decide first if a decision must be made immediately. White candles.
- 12 New Moon. Balance the elements in you. Perform breathing exercises if you feel tense. Blue candles.
- 14 Expand your circle of friends through intelligent conversation. Allow imagination to dissolve emotional tension. Blue, white, yellow candles.
- 17 Exercise. Memorize a funny poem. Yellow candles.
- 19 Concentrate on emotional balancing. White candles.
- 20 Summer Solstice (PDT). Play flutes, sing and dance. Lay conflicts aside for the day. Blue and green candles.
- 22 Become aware of tension in your body. Blue candles.
- 23 Guard against imprudence. White or silver candles.
- 25 Take a trip. Green candles.
- 26 Laugh at yourself. Green candles.
- 28 Full Moon. Meditate on self-confidence. Purple candles.
- 29 Translate your energy into positive action. Blue, varicolored candles.

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 FROM TANYA in Colorado

AFTER I LEFT CHICAGO

Not long ago,
 on a high mountain pass
 desolate and wind swept,
 open and vast,
 the breeze held me and said
 "You are my child.
 You are home at last."

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LADY LAOVE by Lena *Coven of Ceres, Modesto

She's the one you can never forget
 An Image of beauty not hard to find
 In Her eyes are the Earth and the
 ocean
 The feel of Her engraves on your mind
 Look long for Her, She's beside you
 And long for Her- you feed Her
 Even as She feeds you and fills you
 Descending on Her crescent of silver

And She sees through eyes of love
 She looks out from behind my eyes
 She perceives the truth in us
 Making nothing of all our lies
 And as Her beauty blinds you
 In your blindness you can see
 How lovely is all creation
 How perfect you and me.

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From SUSA in San Francisco. Dated April 27..too late for last newsletter.

In San Francisco this weekend the Covenant of the Goddess sponsored a Witches Weekend..open to the public! Saturday night there was a May Ritual and Goddess Concert. Z. Budapest was the High Priestess, and a marvelous English Witch, Chris Carol, was the singer and guitarist. We sang Pagan songs and danced. Sunday there was a Witches' Picnic in Marx Meadow, Golden Gate Park, to declare the meadow a Sacred Grove. We did a Maypole dance, sang Pagan songs, and got to know one another. One of my favorite Witches, Starhawk, was one of the participants!

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From Lady Allusha...answers to Deltane crossword puzzle.

CLASPED-REBIRTH-

third from bottom line across

RA-PAN-MELODY-A-

MAYPOLE-CALLED-I

Y--RIBBON--IE-WE

TRIAD--DEPICTION

SWAIN-ENERGY--TL

HEN-STARS-D--THE

TORN-FLOWER--THE

We spaced this out this way to make it easier to read. Just follow the lines across, and when you get it filled in, the vertical words will be clear.

AREGRET-ACON-HON

LS--ASA-LLOEGYR-

--HASITNE-AM-OMNI

--IBELIEVED-QUEEN

--POT-V-IR-A-R--T

A-D-GARLAND-MEOW

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Eating garlic will keep Witches away...and everyone else, too.

More of "THEY SAY THAT IN THE PAGAN WAY" from Rus (Arcane Crafts)

They say that in the Pagan Way

There's one united Will,

If only they'd agree upon

Which way is deasil.

(chorus)

Goddess, I wanna be...

But they won't let me be...

Goddess, I wanna be a Witch!

Dance to your left, your right,

your left,

Dance to your left, your right,

your left.

They say that in the Pagan Way

The herbalism is dense;

Five pounds of asafoetida

To an ounce of frankincense.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

The High Priest is a thriller;

He acts like Marlon Brando

And looks like Phyllis Diller.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

The Priestess is so fine;

Her bosom is a 30,

Her I.Q. is 29.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

They're full of purity;

The Maiden's not a maiden

And has C-L-A-P.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

The rituals are fine;

The text is ersatz Crowley,

And twice as asinine.

(chorus)

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BEING A WITCH IS from Lena, Coven of Ceres.

They say that in the Pagan Way

No secrets may be taught;

The Circle's Book-of-Shadows

From Doubleday was bought.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

They're very circumspect

About their cherished Book-of-Shads

(A Promethean reject).

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

With mysteries they'll tease us;

The competition tells us

The answer is in Jesus.

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

There's always Gavin Ice;

(Initiation via

A sexual device).

(chorus)

They say that in the Pagan Way

There's selectivity,

But if you're good-looking

It's straight to 3rd degree!

(plaintive chorus)

They say that Rus and Ruthi

Composed this song in fun;

But if you've been in Pagan Way,

You know it's all been done!

Goddess! I wanna be...

If only first degree...

Goddess! I wanna be... a... WITCH!

Dance to your left, your right, your

left,

Dance to your left, your right,

your left...

...casting the Circle for the first time, and being so proud you did everything right...then looking down to find your robe is inside out.

FROM ARMEETA in Pittsburgh

To make an HERB PILLOW: The Chinese and Japanese use them extensively, but I think they make them out of hop buds.

Mixture: Mugwort, willow bark, rosemary, hops, chamomile, (there are two kinds, one is more fragrant than the other) catnip, ..you can add lavender flowers and jasmine flowers but that is optional if you can't get them) Dried, of course.

Make a small pillow either square or round about 6" or so, stuff, not too full, with the foregoing herbs. Then edge with lace to make it look prettier. Use fairly recently harvested herbs (dried) as if you use old stuff, (more than a year old) some of the fragrance and potency have deteriorated.

Now for some herbology: This comes to me when I see something on TV, reminding me, or when I'm reading and try to note what I have known in the past. A lot of folklore learned from my mother and aunt who have had it passed down from my grandmother.

CHIA SEEDS: May be purchased from any herb company or local health food store. Comes from a certain type of sage. The American Indians on their treks in hunting or exploring always carried a bag of Chia seeds for survival, because it didn't take up much room, satiated them, and gave endurance for long treks. The Roman soldiers also carried Chia seeds on their long expeditions for the same reason in wars.

I use Chia seeds sometimes when I need a lift, but I grind them in the Molyneaux. Can be mixed with honey to form as a ball of candy, used over salads, or just plain eat them whichever way you wish.

PSYLLIUM SEEDS: good for constipation as it is mucilaginous. Raw greens are good, too, as they have much potassium and fiber, keeping the peristaltic action of the intestines and colon active and healthy.

Also, if anyone has such trouble, a glass of citrus juice (room temperature) and/or bran taken in the morning is much better than taking any drug store cathartics. Anyway, at least they are natural and not manufactured in a laboratory.

The wonderful, but considered lowly, POTATO: Very therapeutic. When Sir Walter Raleigh came to Virginia, he learned from the Indians about the tubers, and took some back to England. To the Indians it was considered a medicinal food, wherein it absorbed the toxins in the body and expelled them. So, Sir Walter Raleigh took some home and planted them. But he made the mistake of eating the tops which made him deathly sick, and then he remembered to eat only the tubers. They found the cooked potato palatable, and so it spread through Europe as a food.

The people eating potatoes found that tumors, cancer and leprosy diminished to the point of non-existence. So the story goes. There is a health clinic in the Norwegian countries that feeds hopeless cases on raw potato, raw cabbage, sauerkraut, and raw apples, apple juice, cabbage juice, and potato juice.

CELTIC: An old folklorist axiom is that when you accidentally drop some food on the floor, don't pick it up and eat it, but leave it for the little invisible people (fairies, elves, etc.) I gently pick it up when it happens and take it outdoors and ask the little ones to come out and help themselves.

SOCRATES PRAYER: Something to this effect: "Lord give me all the experiences I need whether I ask for them or not, but keep all evil from me."

FROM LADY ALLUSHA S.L.O. - Pismo Area

Intense emotion is a strong power motivator, and can cause manifestations which we might not be able to totally control. It had been several years since I had felt pure, raw rage...until a few weeks ago. A situation arose in which a portion of my survival was seriously threatened. At the point where I could do no more about it for the moment, I found myself shape-shifting.

I was a jet-black panther, poised for the deadly strike. Claws extended, my paw started its path of death towards his head. Time had been stilled. Ever so slowly in that instant did I move. Just before my claws raked across my attacker's face, a stern but gentle voice from above and behind me ordered, "Stop!" My guide. A flash of resistance - "But he must pay!" I thought. Instantly I knew I was wrong, and was returned to my mundane body. As I stood there trying to calm down, my guide whispered into my ear, "Remember, you are Karma's servant, not its master."

Even though I felt justified to commit that action, it was beyond self-preservation and into the realm of vengeance. The power I would have released would have, as well as affected my attacker, returned and affected me. I don't need that. And since the power hadn't been released, I needed to ground it. It can be tough grounding a strong violent energy in nonviolent ways. Clearing took me three days. Writing this was part of the grounding process.

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STUFF AND THINGS

In his latest newsletter, Paul Doerr says, "I wonder if some publisher with a bulk-mailing non-profit permit couldn't make a small profit by mailing low-circulation publications for others, particularly those in an organization like CAW?"

Well, Paul, there are several reasons why this isn't done:

- 1- The postal regulations are very clear that anyone caught doing this will lose their mailing permit. Since the permit saves about 12¢ or more on each piece mailed....it just wouldn't be worth losing it.
- 2- To combine another's mailing with your own would be difficult. There would surely be duplication of addresses. The regulations say mail must go to DIFFERENT addresses.
- 3- The regulations also state that each piece must be of the same size and weight.
- 4- To mail the other's stuff separately would also present a problem since the requirements are a minimum of 200 pieces in each mailing.

So, I hope you see that it isn't just selfishness or meanness that prevents this from being done.

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Always examine a thing from both sides. She may look like a dream when walking away...and a nightmare when approaching.

Hadn't heard from Les & Marsha in the Chicago area in quite awhile. Thought maybe Les had been offended by a joking remark I made on a tape. But today received a nice card from Marsha. Beautiful card, too. Looks like an ancient magician calling up a sexy female spirit from some flowers. We'll have to find out where to get some of those cards. Back of card says available from Sunrise Publications Inc., Bloomington, Ind. 47401. Guess there must be stores somewhere that carry them.

LETTER: Les and I are probably in the dog house (or worse) for not keeping in touch. However, we have been in the process of moving, unpacking, etc., etc. Our new place is great - lots of room for everything and a nice area for our temple. I made a nice portable altar. Sent in our Pan-Pagan registration. We can hardly wait! Lots of workshops and famous Pagans. Looking forward to seeing Alison Harlow again and meeting Gwydion. We plan on camping the whole week and helping set up the workshop areas.

I'll be going to a company meeting in New Orleans in June and will miss our Midsummer festival again. Do you know any Pagans down there? I can't wait to dig around in some of those antique shops looking for interesting occult type objects. Speaking of nice occult stuff: I just saw Starwind's catalog. Beautiful stuff - and it seemed quite reasonable.

ED. NOTE: Lucky you! Wish I could go to Pan-Pagan but my job keeps me tied to this area.

I don't really have any contacts in New Orleans but we do have some readers in New Orleans. If they don't mind you contacting them, perhaps they'll write and I'll forward to you.

FROM BOBBI in Pittsburgh

I had to write and tell you that I was initiated on the eve of the full moon! It was a beautiful ritual and I am very happy. I finally have found what I have been searching for at long last! I will remember the ritual for the rest of my life as it will always be near and so dear to my heart. My Beltane was also special because it was the first ritual I worked with the coven.

WORDS OF WISDOM FROM W. C. PASTURE

It really makes my day to come home from work to be met at the door with a smile and a cold drink, and the sound of tiny feet running to greet me. I have a great housekeeper and wonderful dogs.

BEING A STUDENT WITCH IS... from Lady Allusha

- ...decorating your astral temple in Art Nouveau.
- ...trying not to laugh during chanting.
- ...explaining to your HPS that you HATE to dance.
- ...discovering the REAL beauty in Nature.

MORE BOOKS & THINGS

INSIGHT BOOKSHOP, 1037 H St., Bakersfield, Cal. 93304. 805-323-9929.

As we've mentioned, they have a nice selection of occult books and will order what they don't have. They don't have a catalog but say you may write them or call about any book you're looking for.

FROM JEANNIE in Long Beach

I'm taking an Astrology class at Mercury Books. Virginia, the lady who owns the store, is really nice. She carries one of the best collections of Astrology books I've seen, and also carries books on the occult & metaphysical. She also orders on request. The address is 1631 E. 4 th ST., Long Beach 90802...phone: (213) 436-0701.

The gentleman teaching the class is Ed Nelson, trained at The Temple of Astrology, which has been around since the 1930's. The class is very interesting and he is showing us a lot of shortcuts.

FROM DEMETER Ye Full Moon Wicca, 366 Neighborhood Rd., Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Would you believe I'm still working on a catalogue? One of my friends has taken up a whip to get me down to it. Sometimes I feel I should have 2 catalogs ...1 just for Pagans & Wiccans...oils, incense, candles, talismans, books, etc. ...and 1 for those who are into other avenues of the occult...Santeria, Yoruba, Voodoo. Be assured as soon as I get it printed, you'll get a copy.

Book bargains: Some Craft or Craft related books from PUBLISHERS CENTRAL BUREAU, Dept. 027, 1 Champion Ave., Avenal, N.J. 07131. Publisher's closeouts.

ED. NOTE: We have mentioned PCB in the past. There are some bargains but they don't have the selection and aren't as helpful since the new owners took over. But if you get on the list, they send catalogs regularly.

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BASIC MAGIC NOTES from Lady Allusha

To cast a spell is to inflame your will to such an extent that you may create a strain on the ethers that causes events to happen.

Divination and magick require the attitude of sincerity, humility, and reverence in order to get results.

To identify yourself with the object of your desire is an essential part of a magickal rite.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

He asked the doctor if a hysterectomy would cure his wife's hysteria.

When he asked her if she'd had silicone, she said, "No, I prefer vanilla cones."

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STUFF AND THINGS

We're still having the same old problem of the deadline. Today, that I write this, is the 29 th, but we've had mail coming in on the 27 th, 28 th, and even today...the 29 th. DEADLINE IS THE 25 th. Now, it really isn't too important for articles, poetry, etc. because those things can be held for the following month. but we can't do that with everything. This newsletter is all printed up and ready except the last page, and we just can't get all that stuff on the last page that comes in after the 25 th. Please allow at least a week for the mail to get here. We can figure at least 3 days from L.A....and that's only 100 miles from here.

The next 2 pages regarding the Necronomicon arrived on the 29 th. However, the pages were already printed at the expense of Ganymede, Elder & Summoner of Sacramento, New Wiccan Church. So all we had to do is enclose their pages. This is a reprint from their internal newsletter.

The 2 nd side is also from their newsletter from an article on Gardnerian history.

Anyway, the comments on the book are their own since we haven't seen a copy although we had thought of ordering it.

If you wish to contact them... New Wiccan Church, POB 162046, Sacramento, Calif. 95816.

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On the subject of books: just recieved a letter from a reader who has just read Jeff Russell's HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT (mentioned earlier). The reader enjoyed the book but wished there had been more on present-day Craft. Well, I know Jeff wrote a lot more on the Craft of today but the editors chopped it down. Their excuse was the high cost of paper, printing, etc. Maybe. Or perhaps they thought he was being too nice to the Craft. Jeff told me he had heard from a fellow historian who implied that Jeff's attitude toward the Craft might mean he was going to the devil. Maybe the editors feared readers might think the same of them. So...it's a good book. If you can afford it, buy it. You'll like it.

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If you'd like to join an East Africa Safari to Kenya...now's your chance. September 24 to October 10. Only \$2495. If you're interested, write: Park East Tours, 1841 Broadway, N.Y., N.Y.

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FROM LADY PHOENIX: The response has been almost unbelievable for the retreat. Already 40 prople coming from 3 states.

Respo's response on Wicca Ways is not too good so far. Unless there is more resonse... we will have to un-negotiate with the publisher who has already accepted. So write or send info on your branch of the Craft. Write Unicorn Circle, POB 45061, Dallas, Texas 75245.

BEING A WITCH IS..... from Lady Phoenix

...giving someone a ride from a P.T.A. meeting, and being overly thanked as a blessing from the lord Jesus for saving them such a walk.... and quietly answering, "And Goddess bless you, too."

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The recently published "Necronomicon" is a FRAUD. The following extracts from "A Note on the Cthulhu Mythos" are taken from "The Trail of Cthulhu" written by August Derleth and published by Beagle Books, Inc., 1971.

A close personal friend of H.P. Lovecraft, August Derleth, was a major contributor to the mythos and himself concocted many of the supposed "fragments" of the "Necronomicon" cited in the Cthulhu mythos stories. The Necronomicon is purely a literary invention on the parts of H.P. Lovecraft, August Derleth, and others. You can buy a copy as a joke or stage prop or even as a collector's item (it will probably be worth something to fans of horror, fantasy and science fiction stories in years to come). Do not buy it with the intent to use it. The processes at best will do nothing and at worst might, in the hands of a talented amateur, result in grave psychic/psychological injury. Most importantly, the book is an insult to the Goddess. To invoke, as this book does, the imaginary diety "Cthulhu" in the same breath as the sacred name "Ishtar" is blasphemous. This book deserves to be a resounding financial flop - I urge you to boycott it. If you already have a copy, you may return it and get your money back, as it was sold to you under false pretences. Please copy this page and widely distribute it.

- So say I, and I alone, Ganymede ★ Elder, Sacramento, May 1980.

We submit the following extracts, photocopied directly from the Beagle edition of "The Trail of Cthulhu", as evidence of our contention that the "Necronomicon" is a fraud.

A Note on the Cthulhu Mythos

The Cthulhu Mythos is a myth-pattern developed gradually by the late H. P. Lovecraft in the final phase of his creative work in the genre of the macabre. Lovecraft saw it as "based on the fundamental lore or legend that this world was inhabited at one time by another race who, in practising black magic, lost their foothold and were expelled, yet live on outside ever ready to take possession of this earth again." Its similarity to the Christian mythos—as well as to other myth-patterns common to both history and fiction—will be immediately apparent to the literate reader.

The Mythos was evolved very slowly, and there is much to indicate that in its initial stages at least, Lovecraft had no intention or plan to bring the Cthulhu Mythos into being as finally it did take shape. Its pattern grew piecemeal and finally took shape in definite form as Lovecraft himself became aware of the panoply of deities, books, place-names, and the other trappings of the Mythos which were already implicit in the stories he had written. There is, in fact, no hard and fast line separating Lovecraft's Dunsanian tales from the stories which are definitely part of the Mythos, though these latter may be said to have begun with *The Nameless City*, in which the *Necronomicon* of the mad Arab Abdul Alhazred first makes its appearance, and to have ended, chronologically, with *The Thing on the Doorstep*. It was given its first indication of shape in *The Call of Cthulhu*. other writers added almost a hundred more stories, sometimes expanding the Mythos with deities, place-names, books, etc., of their own invention, sometimes working with Lovecraft's original pattern—writers like Clark Ashton Smith, Robert E. Howard, August Derleth, Robert Bloch, Henry Kuttner, and, most recently, J. Ramsey Campbell, who constructed an entire milieu in England paralleling the Arkham-Dunwich-Kingsport setting in Massachusetts.

Thus, to the original Lovecraft collections containing stories in the Cthulhu Mythos were shortly added books by other writers further expanding the Mythos—Frank Belknap Long's *The Hounds of Tindalos* and *The Horror from the Hills*; Clark Ashton Smith's *Out of Space and Time*, *Lost Worlds*, *Genius Loci and Other Tales*, *The Abominations of Yondo*, August Derleth's *The Lurker at the Threshold*, *The Survivor and Others*, *Something Near*, *Someone in the Dark*, *The Mask of Cthulhu*, and the present volume; Robert Bloch's *The Opener of the Way*; and lesser, uncollected stories by these and other writers.

Lovecraft took pleasure in this *outré* world of his creation.

There has been some suggestion on the part of commentators and critics—among whom Colin Wilson is the most recent (see *The Strength to Dream*)—that Lovecraft took the Cthulhu Mythos seriously. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Lovecraft created his Mythos as pure entertainment, no more. It was not wholly original, for he freely borrowed trivial but colorful details from other writers—Poe, Arthur Machen, Lord Dunsany, Ambrose Bierce, Robert W. Chambers—and, to expand his original concepts, he urged other writers to add to the panoply of deities, to the pre-human races and the contemporary hybrid races serving them (like the Deep Ones, the Abominable Snow-Men of Mi-Go, etc.), the place-names (like Kadath in the Cold Waste, the Plateau of Leng, and those Massachusetts towns corresponding to Marblehead, Wilbraham, and Salem—Kingsport, Dunwich, and Arkham,—which was adopted for the imprint of Arkham House), the shunned books, so rarely found (like the *Necronomicon*, the *Pnakotic Manuscripts*, the *Dhol Chants*, the *Seven Cryptical Books of Hsan*, the *R'lyeh Text*, etc.).

Lovecraft's Cthulhu Mythos was his own imaginary "flying memory," intended for nothing more than his own entertainment and that of the growing audience, which, familiar with the stories as they appeared in *Weird Tales*, clamored for more. In sum, the Cthulhu Mythos stories are minor but curiously interesting tales in the Gothic tradition, and that readers should actually have presented themselves at bookstores and libraries in search of the imaginary books of the Mythos would have amazed Lovecraft as much as it would have offered him new evidence of the gullibility of many people before the printed word.

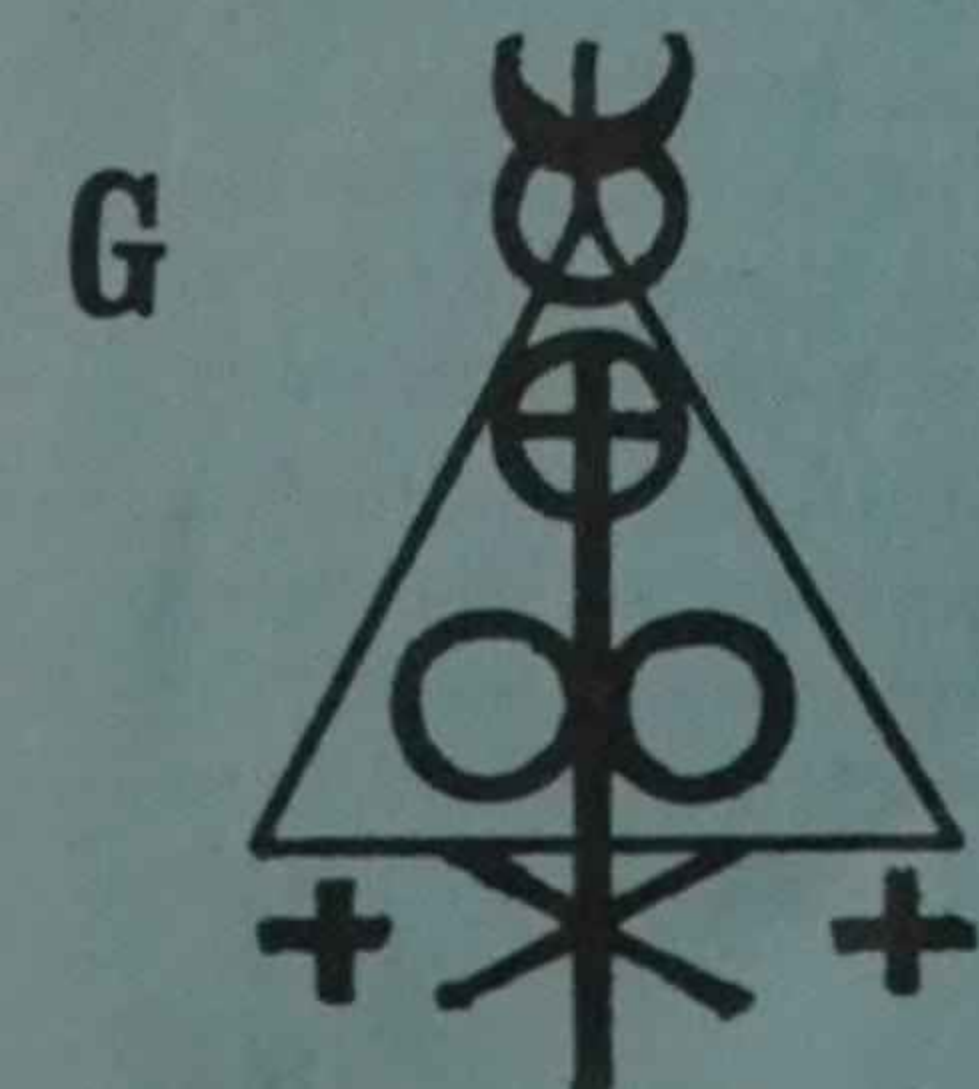
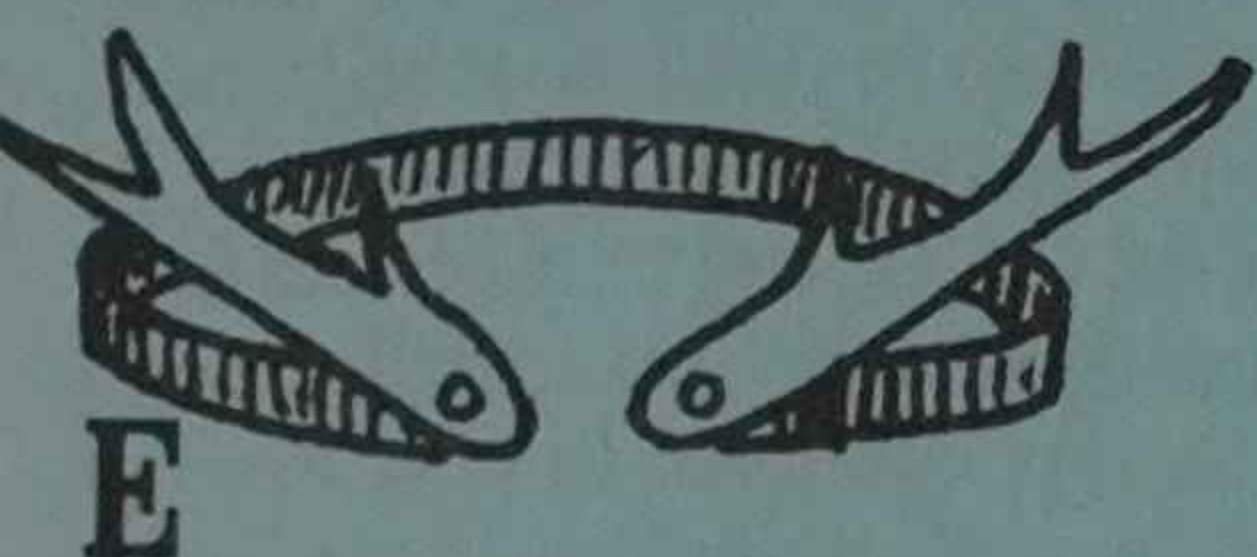
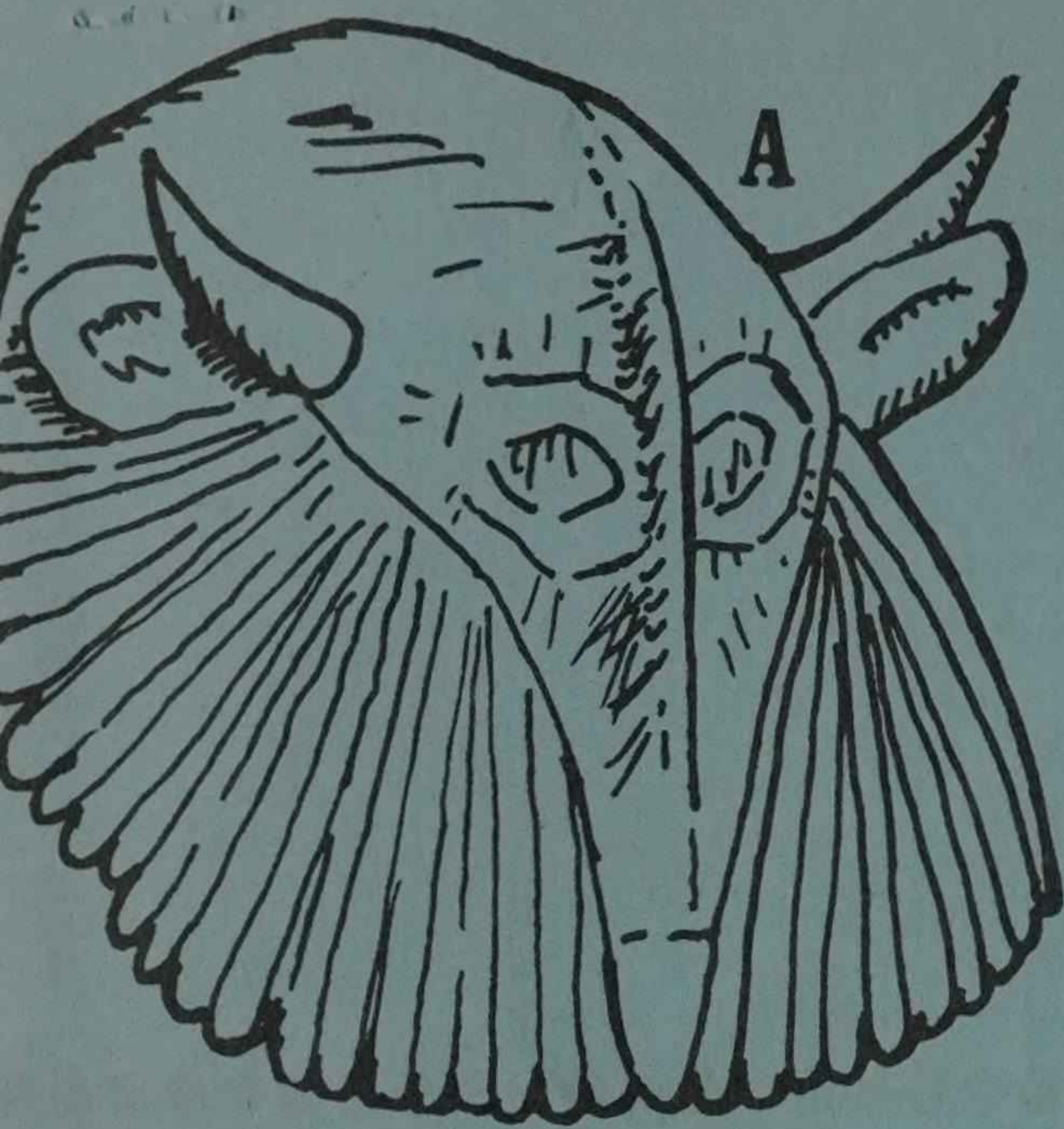


Fig. A: Horned Helmet from Dr. Gardner's collection; originally on display in his museum on the Isle of Man.

Fig. B: Same Helmet as worn. It is hammered from a sheet of copper, with the ears and horns (also copper) attached.

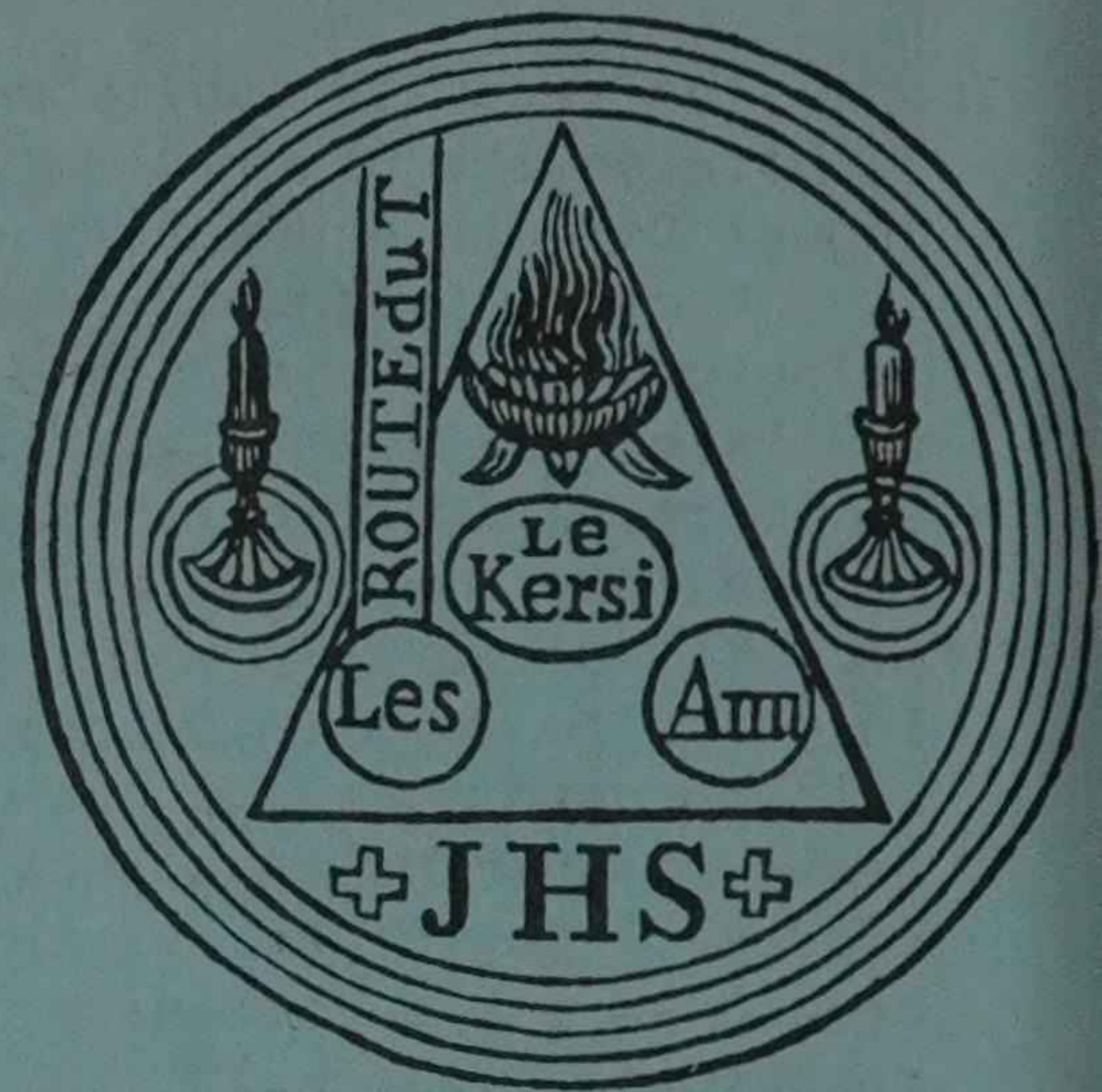
Fig. C: Dr. Raymond Buckland's Helmet (Gardnerian); stainless steel with real horns and stag figurine.

Fig. D: Majestic or Kingstone Horned Crown; copper band with real goat horns and gold plated lamen; signs on inside of band.

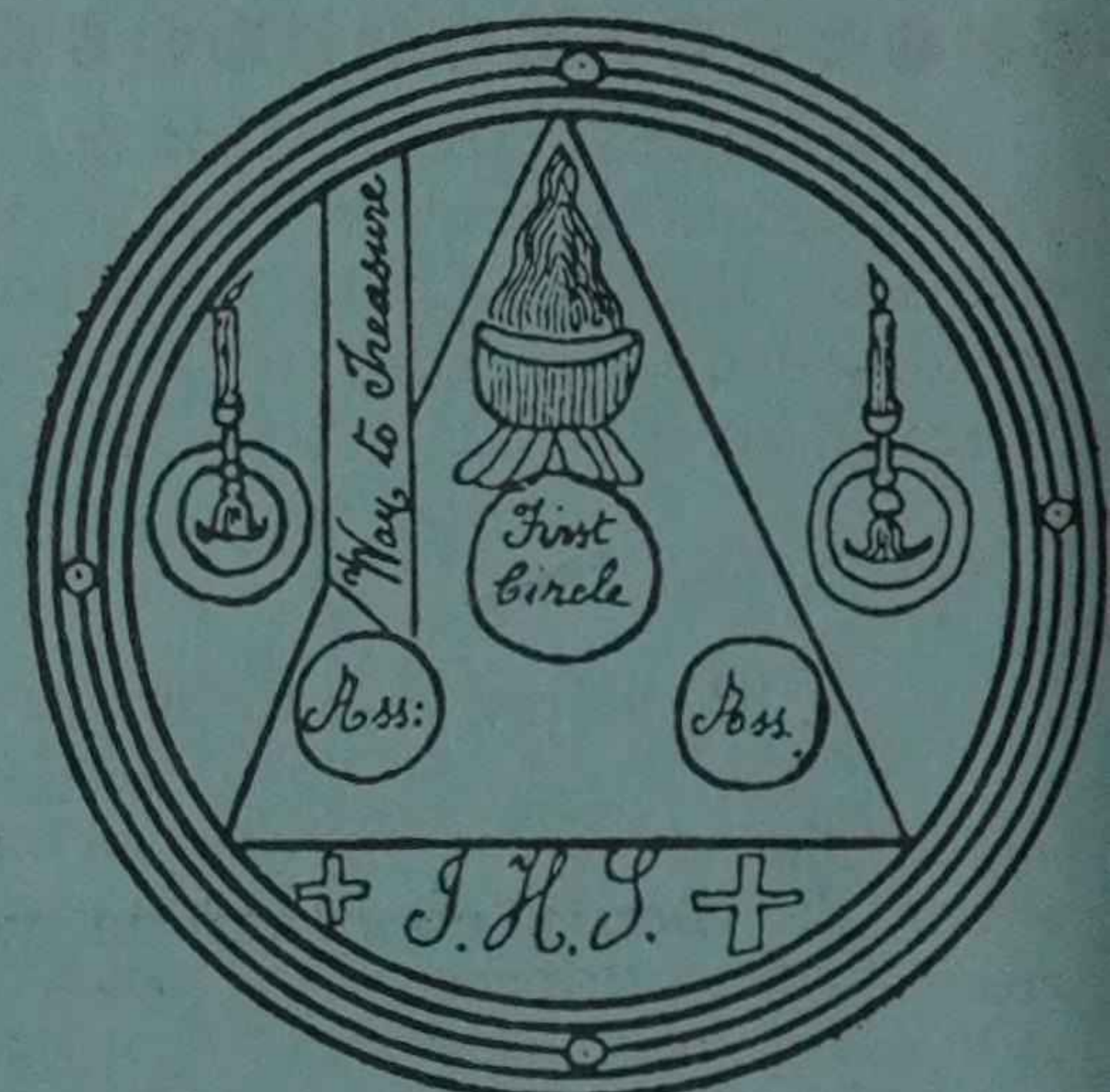
Fig. E: Silver Crescent Horned Crown; copper band with sheet brass antlers; signs washed off after consecration.

Fig. F: Consecrated spoon with sign from Dr. Gardner's museum; may be used for incense spoon.

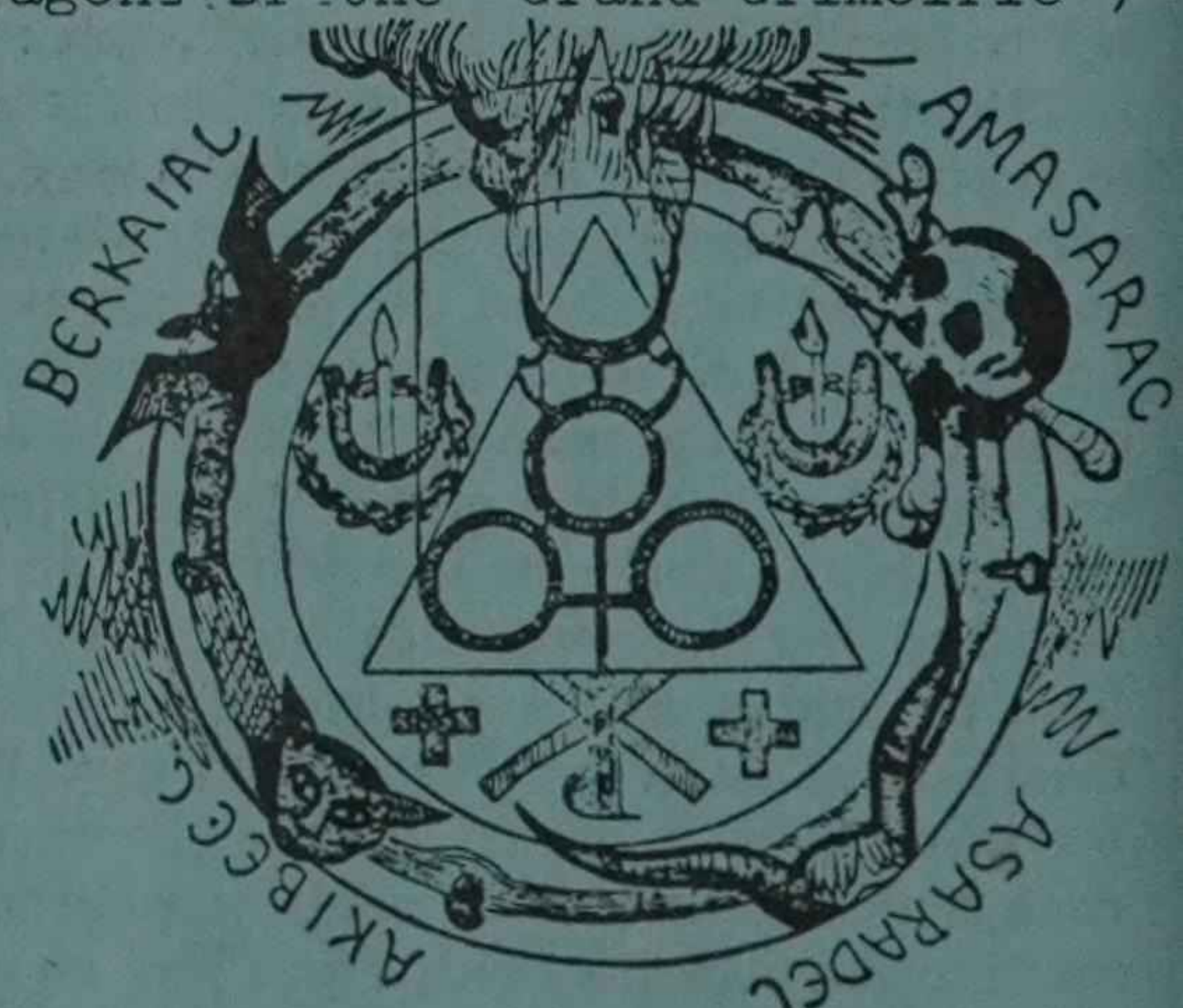
Fig. G: Sign from front of one of Dr. Gardner's Altars; figures at right show



"Le Dragon Rouge" Author unknown, (Avignon, France; dated 1522 A.D. but actually published 1822 A.D.)



"The Book of Ceremonial Magic" by A. E. Waite, Page 244, (Taken from either "Le Dragon Rouge" [The Red Dragon] or the "Grand Grimoire")



"The Book of Ceremonial Magic" by A. E. Waite, Page 259,, (Showing influences from the "Secrets Merveilleux de la magie naturelle et Cabalistique du Petit Albert" [The Marvelous Secrets of the Natural and Cabalistic Magic of Little Albert (Cologne, France 1722 A.D.)]. Probably the

THE BEGINNING - A NATIVE TRUTH

Was it an illusion?

The Great Spirit touched an illusory image. He touched a mystery. Nothing was there. The Great Spirit seized it, and, dreaming, began to think.

Then with a dream-thread, He held the illusion. Breathing, He held it, the void, the illusion, and felt for its earth. There was nothing to feel.

"I shall gather the void". He felt, but there was nothing.

Now the Great Spirit thought the word, "Earth". He felt of the void, the illusion, and took it into His hands. The Great Spirit then gathered the void with dream-thread, and pressed it together with gum. With the dream-gum, He held it fast.

He seized the illusion, the illusory Earth, and He trampled and trampled it, flattening it. Then as He seized it and held it, He stood Himself on it, on this that He'd dreamed, on this that he'd flattened.

Adonis (Sparrow Hawk) Coven of Ceres, Modesto

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STUFF AND THINGS

Don't forget: newsletter donation is presently \$3.00 per year. Some of you will have subscriptions expiring this month. Check your address label. If there is a pentagram drawn near your name, it's time to renew.

Don't complain if you move and don't get your newsletter. The post office WILL NOT forward them nor return them here. You must notify us of any address change so we can send it to the proper place.

Forgot to mention that we had a pleasant visit from Jeannie & Dean (Long Beach) over the Memorial Day weekend. We're always happy to see them. And Dean was a big help in putting up another storage building.

Good thing there is lots of room here. There is not only the house, but also the temple building, the print shop, two storage buildings, a swimming pool, and a 23 foot outdoor Circle. I think I need a full-time housekeeper-sexatary.... and maybe a gardener-sexatary to take care of the grass and trees. Which reminds me, no news of her Modesto Coven of Ceres from our regular sexatary.

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BEING A GODDESS IS... from Rus & Ruthi, Arcane Crafts

- ...having to argue Karma with a Witch who happens to be a lawyer.
- ...the knowledge that they still remember you.
- ...not being able to speak through the HPs at Drawing-down-of-the-Moon, because she thinks you'll "possess" her like some kind of-"demon".
- ...not knowing what the HPs looks like, because she never lifts her face out of the Book Of Shadows.
- ...not being able to appear to someone you really care about, because you're a "Craft secret", and they're not initiated.

MORE STUFF & THINGS

AS OF THE MOMENT, NOTHING DEFINITE ON THE MOUNTAIN MEETING. Guess the best I can suggest at the moment is that if you plan to attend, write and let me know, and I'll send you the info as soon as I know for certain. So, best I can say now, is that it should be in August about (or within) 50 miles of Dakersfield.

Church Of Eternal Light now has one & 1/3 acres (195 ft x 300) near Dastrop, Tex. Small but lots of trees and lots of work to make a sanctuary. Suggestions & contributions gratefully accepted. Gryphon newsletter \$2. yr. Church of Eternal Light, 909 Reinli #115, Austin, Tx. 78751. They're also running a contse for best art & poetry.

The Wiccan, POB 80, Lane Cove, N.S.W. Australia.2066 \$2. per copy in U.S.

The Folk, 14808 Fairgrove, Valinda, Cal. 91744. Newsletter by donation.

The Barter System, POB 9513, N: Hollywood, Cal. 91609. \$7.50 Also Runes newsletter.

Unicorn Gardens, POB 45061, Dallas, Tx. 75245. Membership \$7. yr.

Circle Network News. 8 page quarterly, \$5. yr. in U.S. Also Songs of Pagan Folk, new tape, \$9.95. Also write for info on Pan Pagan Festival. Box 9013, Madison, Wi. 53715.

HOMEBREW (Women's Witchcraft) \$2.50 per copy. Deborah Bender, POB 6, Berkeley, Cal. 94704.

THE UNICORN (at Sabbats) Box 8814, Mpls., Mn. 55408. \$6. yr., \$2. extra for gay supplement.

Beautiful Catalogs from Starwind, 3015 Classen Blvd., Oklahoma City, Ok. 73106.

ARCANE CRAFTS catalog, POB 383, Mastic Beach, N.Y. 11951.

Now that I have done my good deed for today, I shall print up this last page of the newsletter (I hope), laugh for 1/2 hr. as I watch Denny Hill on TV, then get some sleep as I wait for the gang to arrive tomorrow to start collating, stapling, folding, stapling again, addressing, etc. this cotton-pickin' newsletter. I won't even start writing the next one for two whole days.

THAT'S ALL, FOLKS.

LOVE AND BLESSED BE.

Pat and all the Georgians