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BAKERSFIELD - Our Beltane celebration went as nicely as usual. Our special thanks to Mariah (a Druid) for filling in as HPs in the Pagan Way ritual when the girl scheduled for it was taken ill the morning of the ritual. Dean R. is back with us, and even though he hadn't done a ritual in a long time, he and Mariah did an excellent job. Then Shirley & Les took over for the Craft ritual and it went quite well. A bit crowded for some of the dancing we tried to do with 31 people in the Circle.

We still have nothing definite on the August meet but we're working on it.

MODESTO - (Letter) Hope this letter finds the Georgians prospering and healthy-enjoying the warmth of Spring.

All of us here at Trothland have been busy. We celebrated the full moon and Beltane, and were proud to see Dailene receive her 2nd degree. Dailene's daughter had a Beltane baby girl. Of course, the new grandma was glowing with pride. We had a lovely feast which included a beautifully decorated May Pole cake to celebrate Nimrod's natal day.

Preparations are now being made for the Summer Solstice which will also bring about the raising of Lela to her 2nd degree.

May the Lady's light shine all about you.

Love 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 deosil. 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

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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

IMAGE

MANTRA

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.

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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 churchfol picket your house by mistake.

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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.

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.

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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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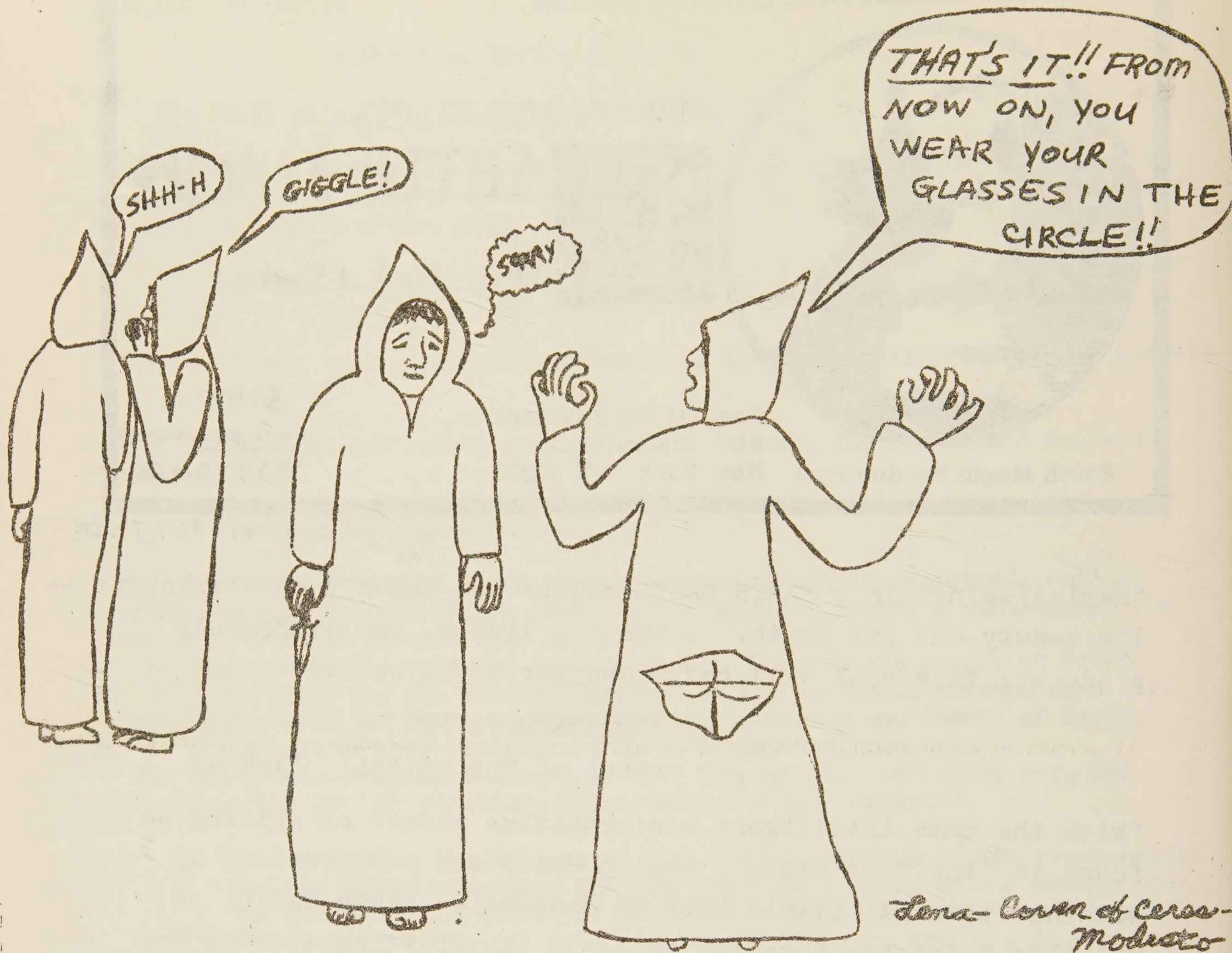
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Gwenkin, the littlest Witch.



(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 any attention to it. Let Morgan Le Fay know that she is number one, and that 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 Minie.

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!"

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..Ballantine 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 Babylon, 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.

HELLBANE 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.

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
Anchoves, Runic Rolls, Bessom Butter, Cancer Canape, Tarot Card Truffles,
Runestone Relish, BeDevilled Eggs.

VEGETABLES

Sagittarius Spinach, Pentagram Potatoes, Merry Greet Beets, Blessed Be Beans,
Candled 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

LUNCHESES

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 Flambleau
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 Liqueur
- 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 nosey 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 BOBBI 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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Being a Witch is...



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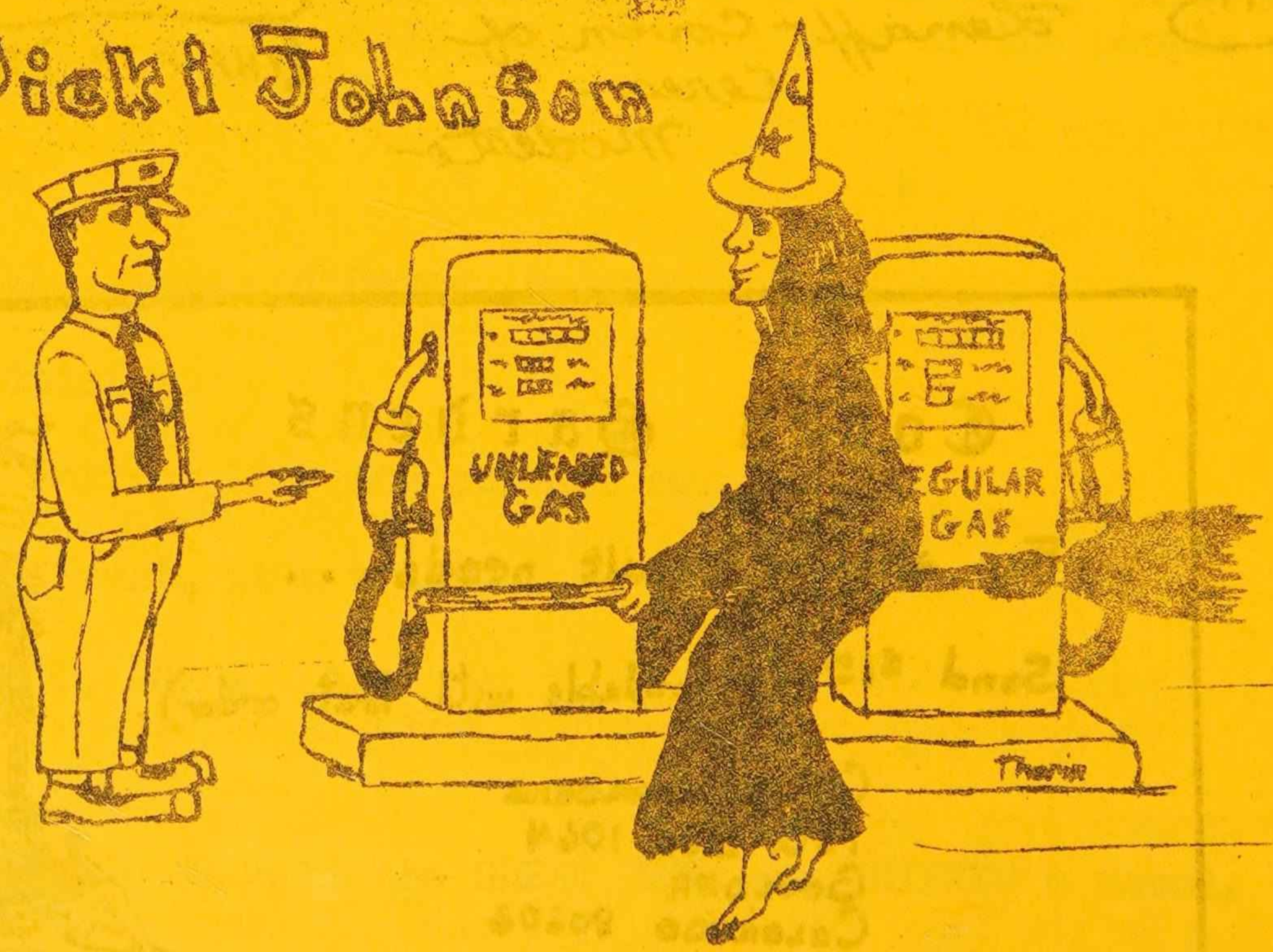
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STAR GAZER JUNE 1980

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 percieves 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 SUSAN 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!

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-B--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-I-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.

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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 which ever way you wish.

PSYLLIUM SEEDS: good for constipation as it is mucilaganeous. 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 Deltane was also special because it was the first ritual I worked with the coven.

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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.

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response on Wicca Ways is not too good so far. Unless there is more resonance... 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.

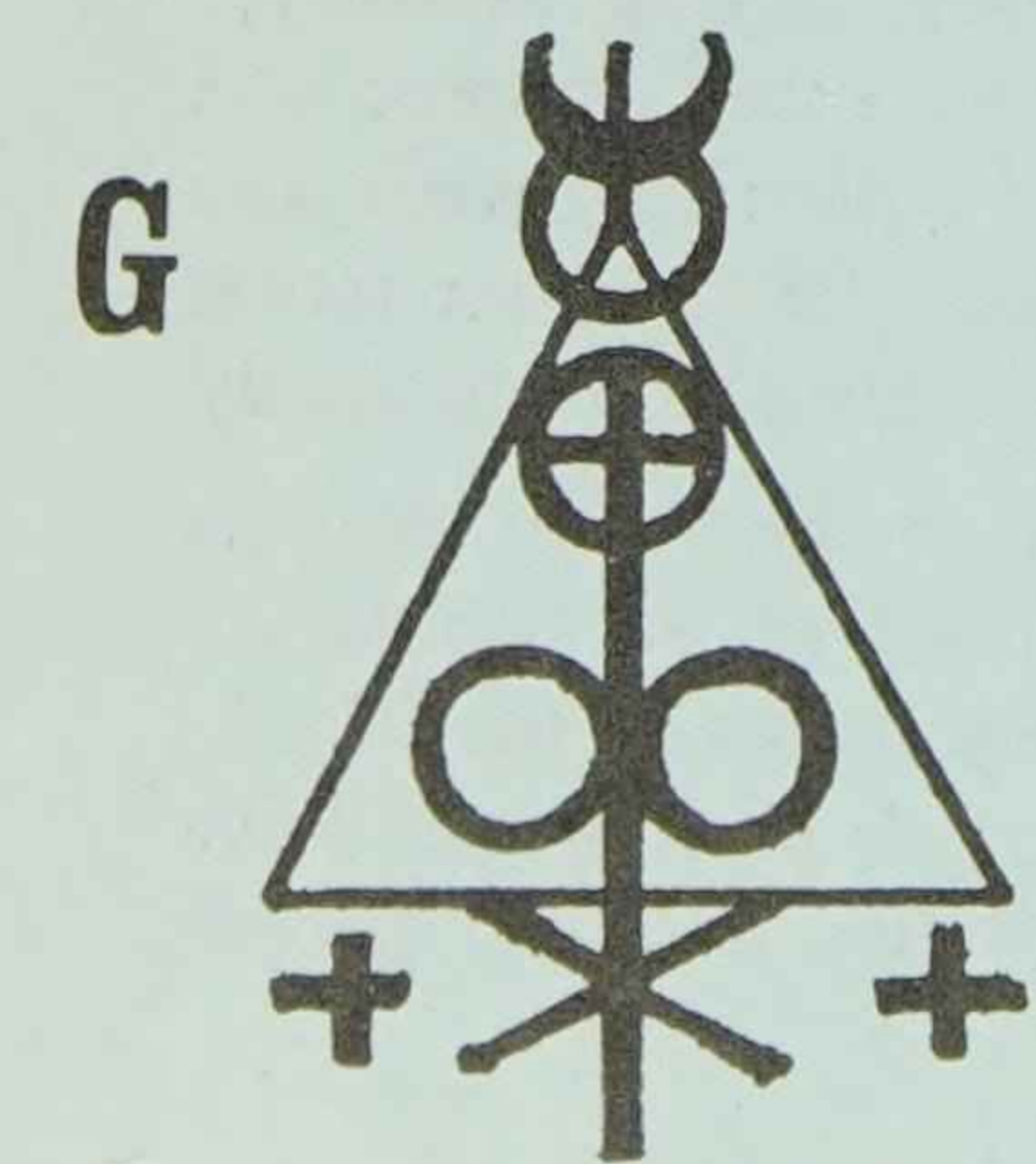
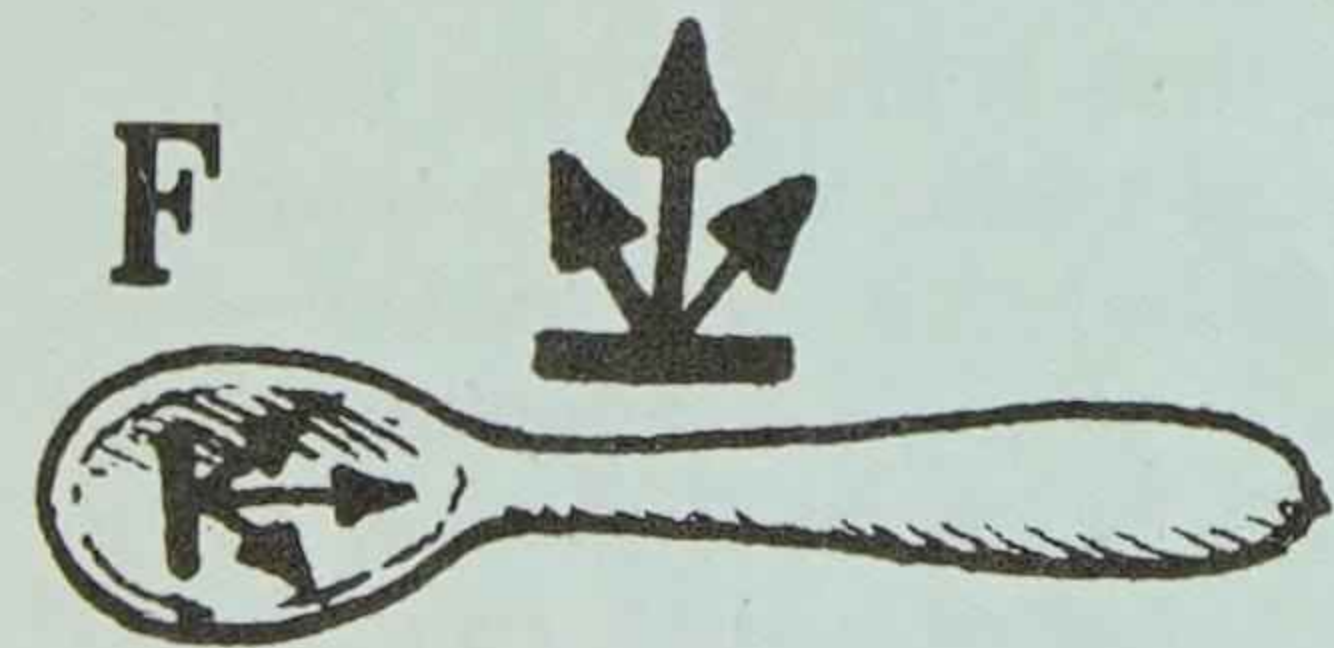
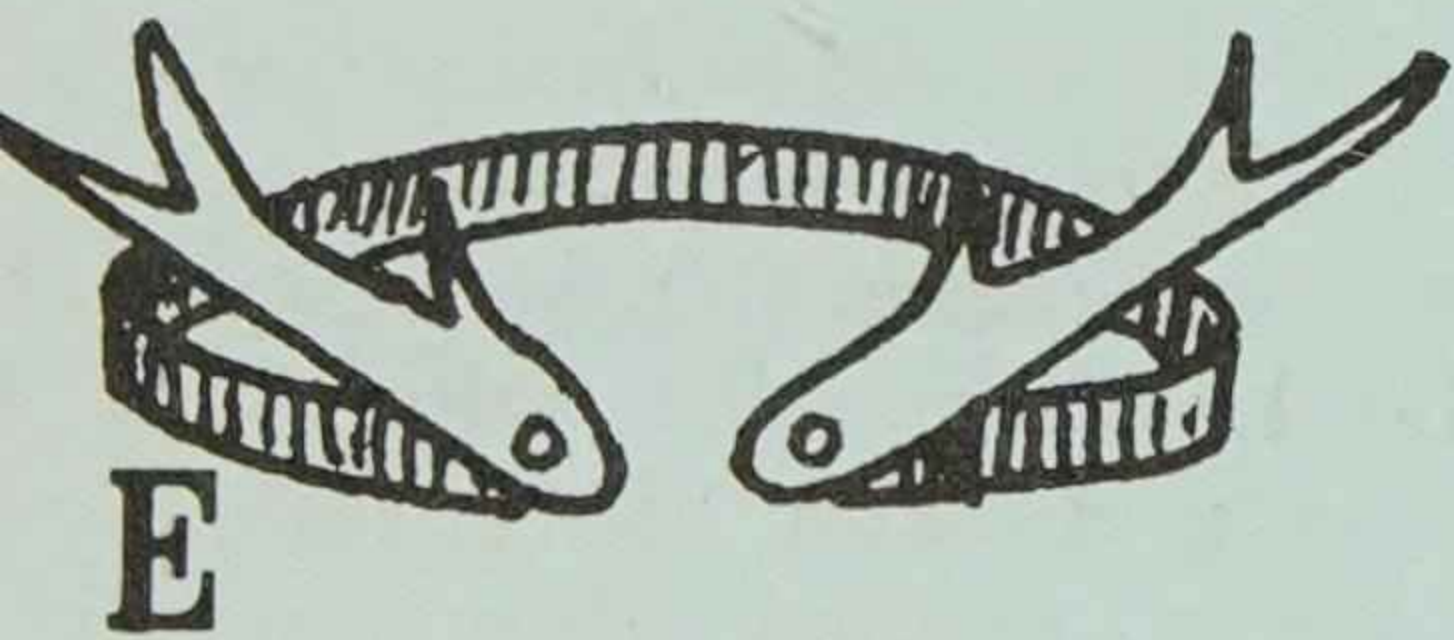
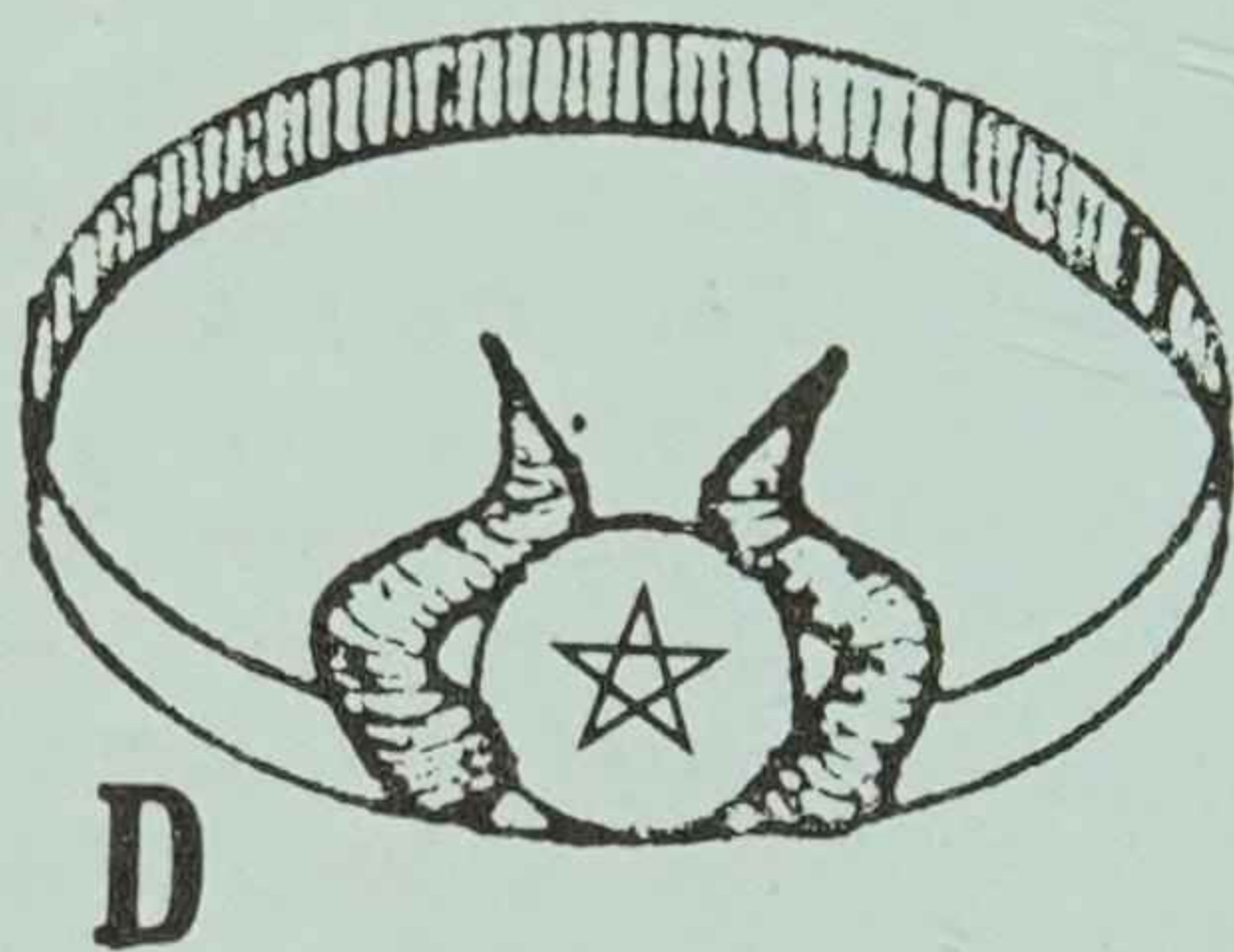


Fig. A: Horned Helmet from Dr. Gardner's collection; originally on display in his museum on the Isle of Man.

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

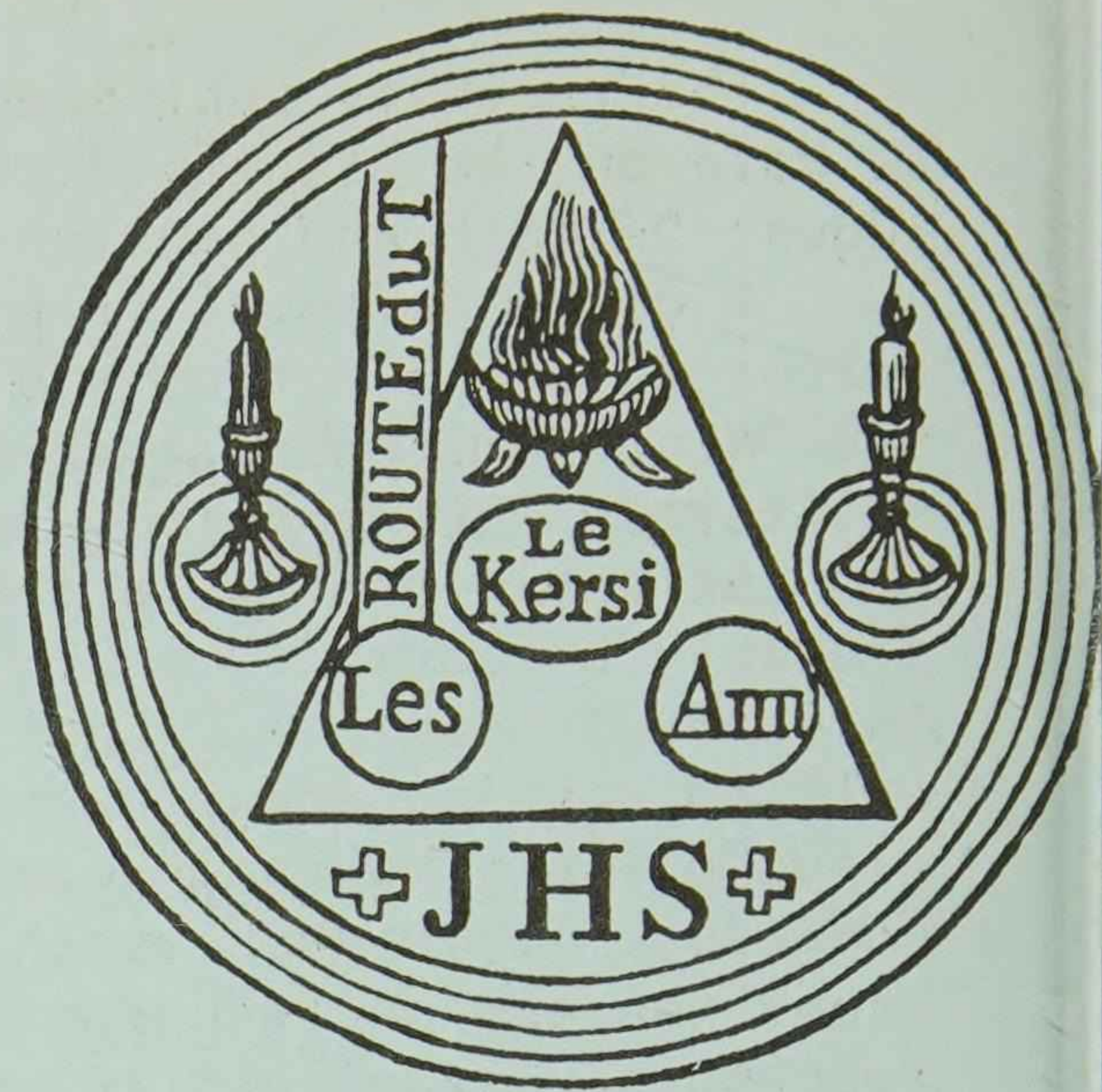
Fig. C: Dr. Raymond Buckland's Helmet (Gardnerian); stainless steel with real horns and stag figurine.

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

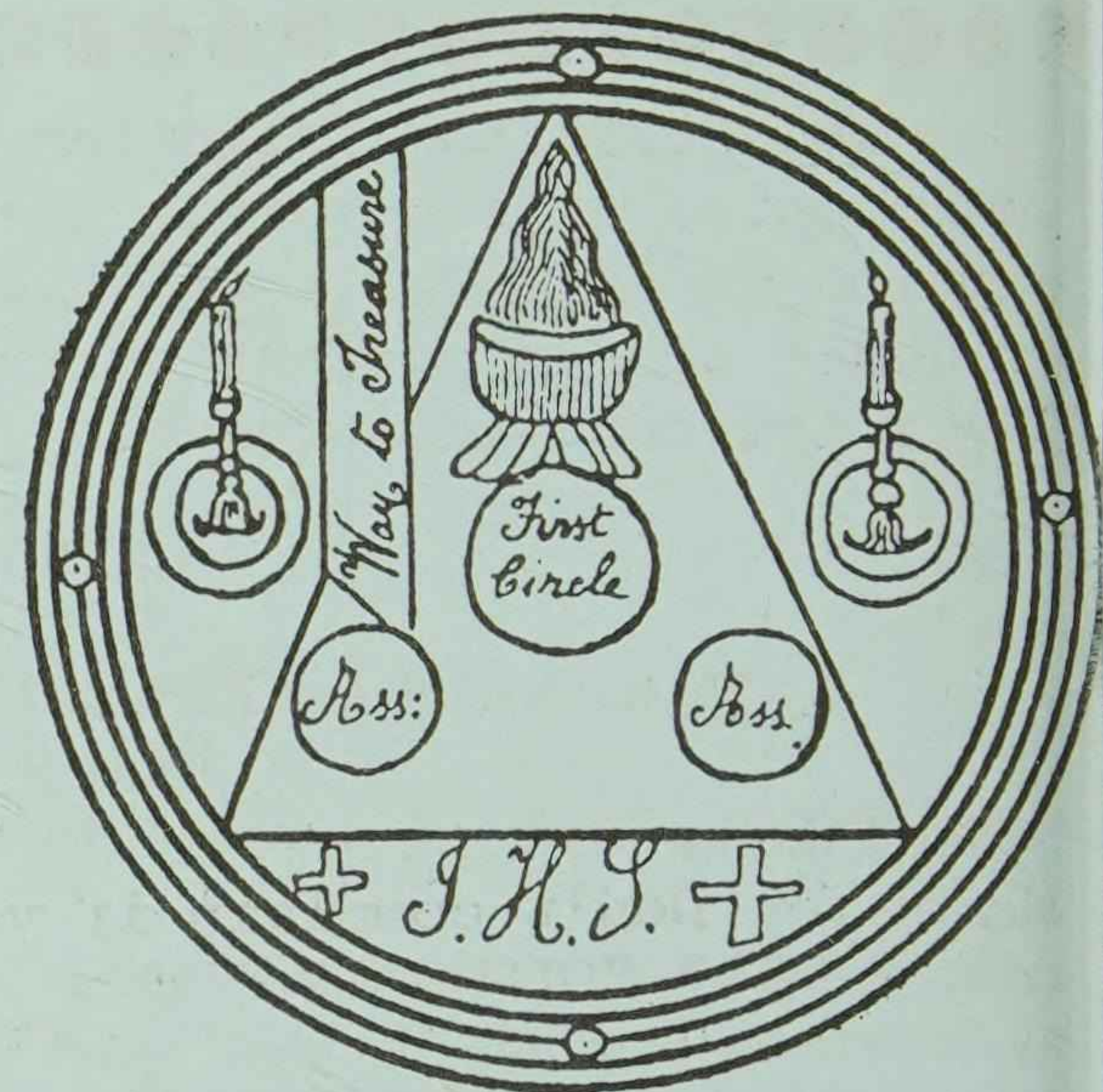
Fig. E. Silver Crescent Horned Crown; copper band with sheet brass antlers; signs washed off after consecration.

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

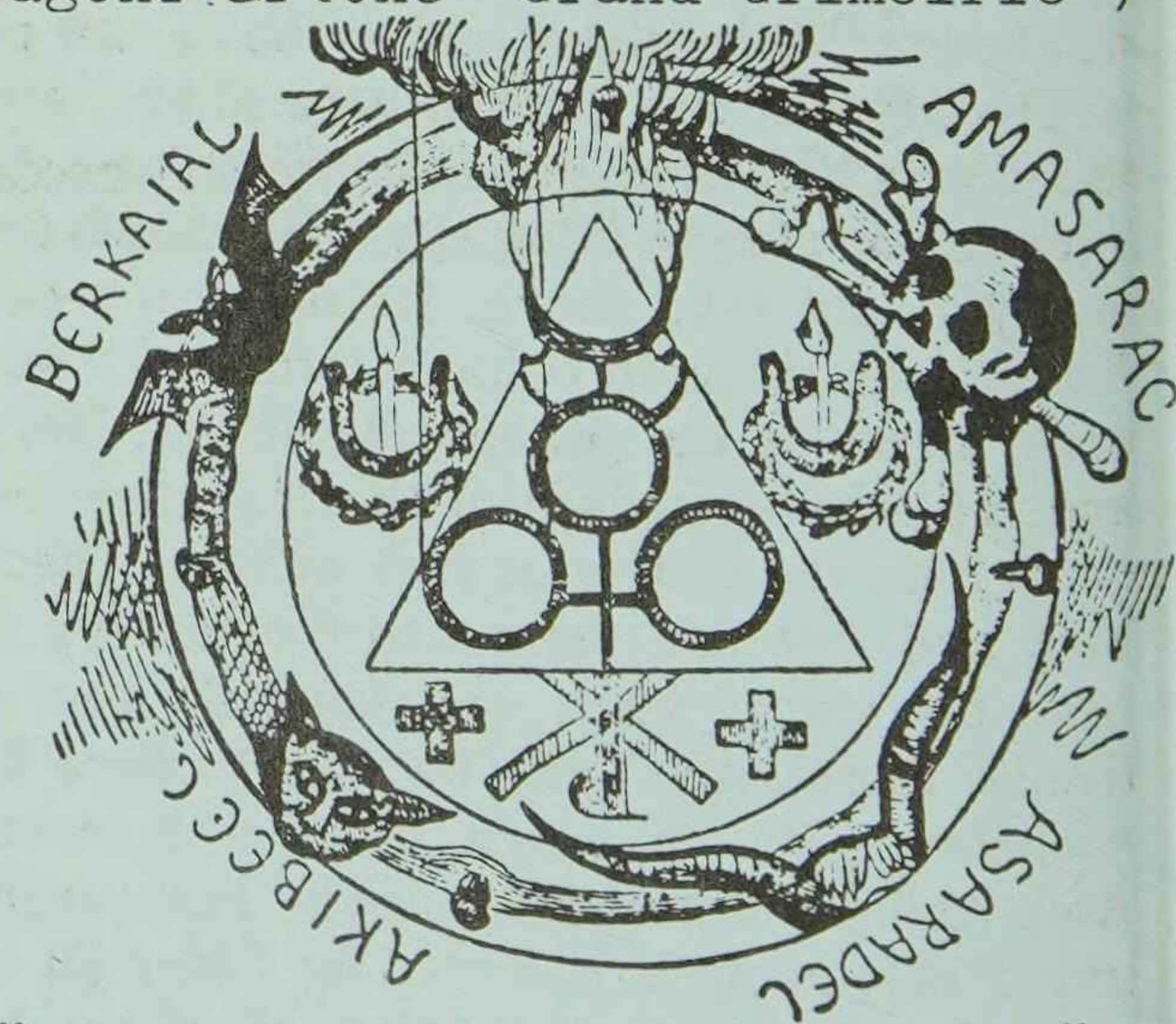
Fig. G: Sign from front of one of Dr. Gardner's Altars; figures at right show probable derivation of sign.



"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 Grimoirie")



"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 source for Dr. Gardner's design.

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 Bakersfield.

Church Of Eternal Light now has one & 1/3 acres (195 ft x 300) near Bastrop, 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 contest 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 Benny 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