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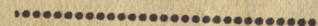
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The stars that glimmer in the midnight sky
Keep watch and ward o'er mortals, here below
The flashing meteor that doth swiftly fly
From sky to earth, man's destiny does show.
There, by the cosy fireside, when the lights are lit,
The housewife doth her cheery Hyson sup ;
And then, with speculative eyes, will sit,
And **read her destiny within the cup.**

T. R.

INTRODUCTION.

Many people will, of course, laugh at the very idea of anyone being able to truthfully "tell fortunes" by means of tea-leaves. They will, in their wisdom—or lack of it—call it "foolish superstition." Now, what **is** superstition? Nothing more, or less, than a belief in unproven facts. But there are some people so foolish that they even call people superstitious because they happen to believe things which they have actually proved to be true, but which these doubters have not even taken the trouble to inquire about. This book deals with **one** of these so-called superstitions, but which many people believe to be true for no other reason than that they have proved it so. Indeed! it is quite impossible, I am sure you will agree, for an intelligent person to believe in anything unless he has investigated the matter and proved, **to his own satisfaction**, that it **is** true.

Of course, I did not always myself believe in what—to invent a name—we will call Tea-leafistry (the art of telling fortunes with tea-leaves). But **why** was I once not a believer? Simply because I had given little or no thought to the matter. In fact, I neither believed nor disbelieved. But very many years ago, when on a visit to Amlwch, in North Wales, a lady assured me that she had very often correctly foretold coming events by carefully studying the deposit of leaves in a tea-cup. Although somewhat surprised, the very last thought in my head was to laugh at my friend. I knew her to be highly educated, intelligent, and (what was of most importance) perfectly truthful. So I accepted her statement quite seriously—but I asked for proof. My business, which was of

great importance, and brooked no delay, was taking me to Dublin on the following day; and it was my intention to travel by a local train to Holyhead, and there catch the boat. But at the tea-table on the first evening of my visit to Mrs. Evans, I asked her to "tell me my fortune." And she, there and then, took my cup, which I had just emptied of its liquid contents, and after gazing quite a minute at the "leaf-picture," she took my hand, and said with great earnestness: "My dear, if I were you, I should not think of travelling to-morrow!" "But can you tell me why?" I asked, feeling very much interested. "Oh, yes!" she replied. "**I see an awful railway smash in your cup!**"

Well, despite my friend's warning, I **did** travel to Holyhead by the local train on the following morning, and met with no accident. But, after all, my friend's prediction **proved only too true**. That very same day the Irish Mail, which travelled over the very same track two hours later than the one by which I had fortunately journeyed, met with one of the most terrible disasters that has ever been known on a British railway, and very many lives were lost, while scarcely any of the passengers of the crowded train escaped injuries more or less awful.

All this happened a very long while ago; but ever since then I have been earnestly investigating the matter, and have, I may say, made a very careful study of Leaf-pictures, and seldom, if ever, do I lay down The Cup of Destiny unexamined. And you may in all confidence take my word that as a consequence I have avoided, and helped my friends to avoid, many misfortunes, and in not a few instances I and my friends have been able to take advantage of circumstances that have proved greatly to our advantage.

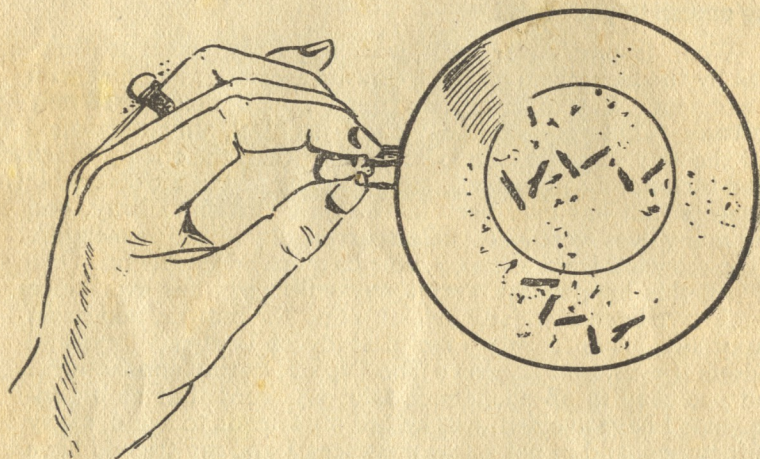
An artist friend of mine has made drawings of some very remarkable "Cups," and these I have used in this little book for purposes of simple illustration. To each of these leaf-pictures (some of which I consider very beautiful, and all of them are, at least, interesting) I have added carefully written instructions that will enable my readers to "tell their own fortunes." But, of course, a leaf-picture must be read in all its details before one can expect to understand its real meaning; and, for this reason, the most patient and careful readers are sure to obtain the best results.

Well, there is a very homely saying which tells us that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," so I will now leave you, with the assistance of my little work to prove the truth—or otherwise—of what I have ventured to call (for want of a better name) Tea-leafistry; and I can safely promise you very much innocent amusement, even if you do not succeed in obtaining more serious and instructive information as a result of your efforts to peep into the future.

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How to Tell Your Fortunes with Tea-leaves.

The accompanying illustrations are exact copies of actual leaf-pictures, and the drawings are so remarkable for their accuracy and clearness that they can easily be read and understood by all our readers. As a means of study they are very useful.



No. 1.—THE ZIG-ZAG CUP.

This cup picture foretells sure financial (money) troubles.

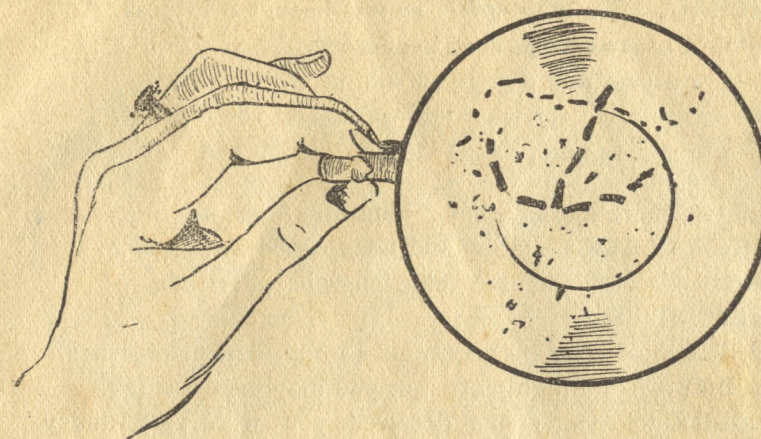
ACCORDION—Foretells very much worry about domestic matters. Events you have foreseen have happened, but you know a sure way out of these family difficulties if you have the courage to do what is right. Do not be influenced by any other person's advice.

AFFIANCED—A leaf-picture resembling the face, or even the figure of the person you are about to marry is a good omen; for that party is certainly thinking about you, and loves you very much indeed.

AFLOAT—If you see a person in a boat, raft, or ship afloat, then someone you know is about to undertake a voyage. If there is no sign of a passenger the picture has no personal meaning whatever.

AGE—The face of a very old person denotes sickness, perhaps death.

ALTAR—Denotes business prosperity and domestic happiness.



No. 2.—THE ANCHOR CUP.

ANCHOR—The Anchor Cup foretells a voyage and bids you hope. It is the best of omens for a sailor's wife or sweetheart.

ANGEL—A loved one who is ill will certainly recover soon.

ANKLE—You will be led into temptation by one of the opposite sex.

ANVIL—More work and less pay. A short wage for a long day.

APE—Expect much mischief from a supposed friend.

APPLE—"The fruit of discord." Quarrels, bickering, slander.

APRON—If single, you will soon marry. If married—trouble.

ARBOUR—The person you love is a sad flirt.

ARCH—Your husband will be handsome. Your children healthy.

ARCHER—Single life brings lots of pleasure. Marry in haste, you'll repent, at leisure.

ARM—A straight arm, success. You have cares—they'll grow less.

ARMOUR—A protection from Cupid's darts. You are not loved.

ARMCHAIR—You may safely expect business success.

ARMY—A brave deed is sure to succeed.

ASS—For a year and a day you will have little luck.

AWL—Go straight for what you want, and you'll get it.

AXE—Danger to limb, danger to life. Much worry, plenty of strife.

AXLE—A short journey, but a long stay.

ALARUM CLOCK—Sudden and unexpected intelligence.

ALBUM—You will soon see some long absent friends.

AQUEDUCT—Safety by water. Danger on land.

AQUARIUM—Lucky if it contains an odd number of fishes.

BALCONY—Avoid high places, or you may expect a fall.

BANDBOX—Someone has deceived you with very flimsy excuses.

BARRACK—The best of good news from an absent soldier.

BATTLE-AXE—A hard struggle, but success will be your reward.

BEACON—Danger ! But have no fear ; a friend will see you through it.

BEAVER—Face the job you dread ; you are sure to succeed.

BEETLES—You have enemies, but they are not worth troubling about.

BELFRY—You have trouble—never care ! Joyous news comes through the air.

BELLMAN—You are telling your secrets to an untrustworthy person.

BLADDER—You build your hopes on bubbles light as air.

BODKIN—You are too careless. Remember "a stitch in time saves nine."

BOMB—What dark friend are you trusting ? Think—and beware !

BOMBARDMENT—Change of scene is advisable. Danger where you are.

BONFIRE—Expect to rejoice over a really glorious event.

BUOY—You are in danger, but help is close at hand.

BAG—Don't keep secrets from those who love and trust you.

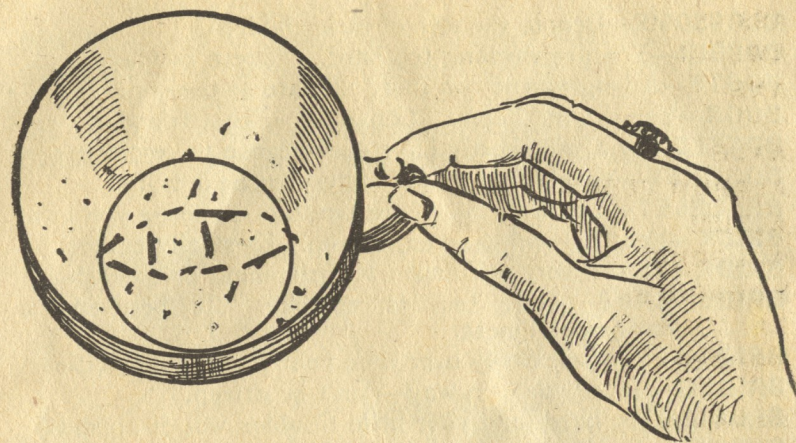
BACPIPES—News of importance, but not very pleasant.

BALLOON—A sure rise ; but beware a sudden fall.

BANANA—Your health will shortly improve. Don't worry.

BANTAM—The lad you love is little, but his heart is big as a giant's.

BARBER—Danger ! Be very careful, indeed, who you trust.



No. 3.—THE BOAT CUP.

BOAT—Foretells, if (as in the picture) empty, a voyage and a wreck.

BARLEY—If cut, sickness. Growing it denotes health and prosperity.

BAROMETER—He you love, I fear, is changeable as the wind.

BARREL—On its end, prosperity. Otherwise, coming dissipation.

BARROW—A short journey, but a very unpleasant one.

BASKET—You are fortunate to have changed your mind since yesterday.

BATTLE—Much smoke, great trouble. Little smoke, little danger.

BAYONET—Sharp words that may lead to hard blows.

BEANS—If married, you will hear the best of good news.

BEARD—Trouble. Little or great in proportion to length of beard.

BED—You are not well. Consult a physician.

BEES—Little troubles that may cause a big disaster.

BELLS—Attached to a rope, joyous tidings. Otherwise—disappointment.

BELLOWS—Your friend's advice is more "windy" than wise.

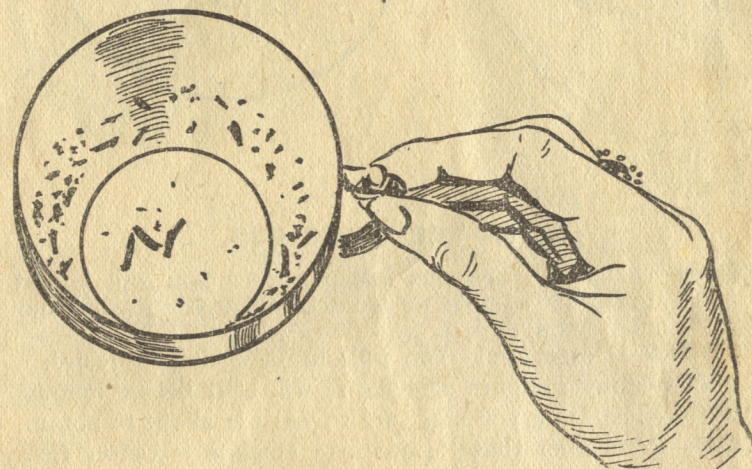
BIER—You may expect to be present at a wedding.

BIRDS—"The farther apart, more joy to the heart !"

BLACKSMITH—Don't trust to luck. Only by labour can you succeed.

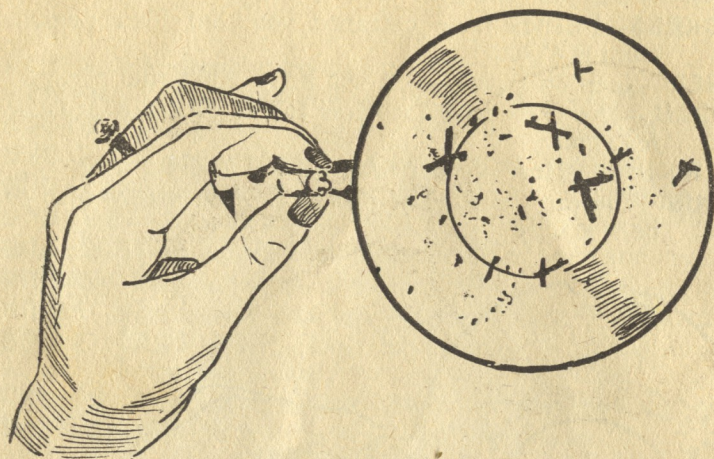
BLOSSOMS—Denote the love of little children.
BOBBIN—You are working too hard. Take a holiday.
BOOTS—A long journey on foot. Failure at the end.
BOOK—You are not happy. Consult your best friend.
BOTTLE—You will shortly have great cause to rejoice.
BOUQUET—Yes, he loves you fondly—but he is fickle.
BRACELET—You will hear of the death of someone you love.
BRICK—Yes, you will succeed, but only by small degrees.
BRIDE—This is very ominous. A christening or a death.
BRIDE CAKE—This, too, is unlucky. It betokens a dangerous illness.
BRIDGE—You will easily overcome your present difficulties.
BRIDLE—Have your own way—don't be driven.
BROOM—Try hard, and your little troubles will disappear.
BUCKET—Don't cast off old friendships for the sake of new.
BUG—Trust no one but the members of your own family.
BUGLE—You will hear good news, and that before long.
BULL—A dangerous enemy will try to injure you.
BULLDOG—A faithful friend will shortly do you a good turn.
BUTTERFLY—Maiden! he you love is fickle and vain.
BUNDLE—You will soon hear the very best of good news.
CAB—A short journey, but a long stay.
CABBAGE—Your health will shortly improve.
CAGE—Something threatens that may interfere with your freedom.
CAVALRY—Hasty news from abroad—probably good.
CAMEL—A very long journey, and trouble at the end.
CAMERA—The face you dream of oftenest you will very shortly see.
CAMP—You are run down, and need a rest in the country.
CANDLE—What you are now wasting you may live to want.
CANNON—Have no fear of threats; you are perfectly safe.
CAP—Man's, denotes coming trouble. Widow's, marriage bliss.
CARDS—Don't gamble. If you do you are certain to lose.
CASTLE—Your lover's affections are wholly yours.
CAT—An enemy. Search for an initial to find his (or her) name.
CATERPILLAR—Cheer up! A glorious change is coming.
CATHEDRAL—Peace. Happiness. Freedom from worry.
CATTLE—Don't fret about the present; the future is full of happy omens.
CELL—You are brooding over a secret trouble. Try to free yourself.

CHAIN—Make just one great effort, and you will succeed.
CHICKENS—Friends have betrayed you, but their punishment is at hand.
CHISEL—Keep on trying—you will know what that means?
CHURCH—The immediate future is full of pleasant promise for you.
CIGAR—Bad! Most of your projects will "end in smoke."
CIRCUS—You are too fond of pleasure. You are warned to be "steady"



No. 4.—THE CIRCLE CUP.

CIRCLE—You are striving for an object you will never attain.
CLAW—Trust no one, or you will certainly be betrayed.
CLOUDS—Though things look dark, a happy dawn is nigh.
COACH—Wedding coach—sickness or death. Funeral coach—marriage or birth.
COFFIN—A very bad omen. Trouble; but from whence no one can tell.
COMET—Beware of danger—probably from fire.
COMB—You will shortly have a domestic disagreement.
CONSTABLE—The cause of your present trouble will shortly be removed.
CORPSE—Always predicts a wedding. If you can find an initial (one or two letters) in the cup, they denote the name of the person about to be married.
CRADLE—An addition to a friend's family, or your own.
CROCKERY—Whole—your lover is true. Broken—he is false.



No. 5.—THE CROSS CUP.

CROSS—This is an ominous leaf-picture. You will find it almost impossible to avoid trouble. Friday is your unlucky day.

CROWBAR—Persevere! You will obtain what you desire.

CROWD—Many rumours of evil you will hear before long.

CROWN—The thing you most desire you are about to obtain.

CABIN—Remember that "Love in a cottage is better than hate in a palace."

CABLE—Have no doubts. The person you trust is strong and faithful.

CANDLESTICK—Are you sure you can afford to spend so much? Think!

CANOE—Your immediate prospects are calm and bright.

DAFFODILS—A short courtship leading to happy marriage.

DAISIES—A long courtship, and marriage—doubtful. Beware!

DANDELION—Someone is ill. This humble flower will effect a cure.

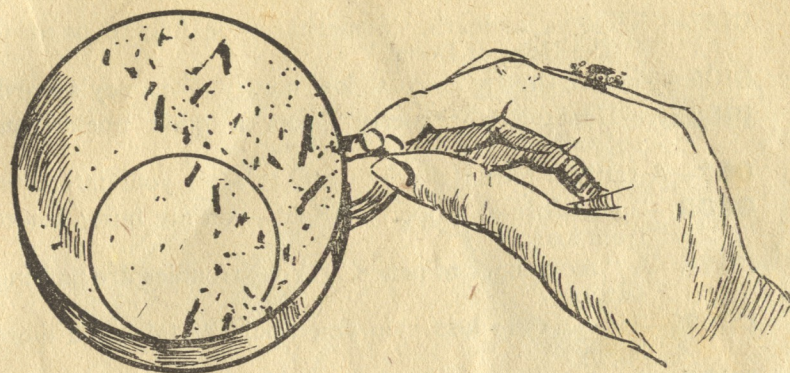
DIVER—You are seeking for what you will never find. Give it up!

DIVING-BELL—Persevere. You will find what you have sought for long.

DOCK (or DOCKYARD)—Worries. "More ships, more trouble!"

DOCTOR—A sick person will be shortly completely restored to health.

DRAWBRIDGE—Stay where you are, and your troubles cannot reach you.



No. 6.—THE DIVIDED CUP.

DIVISION (DIVIDED)—"A divided cup" means a leaf-picture on one side of the cup only, leaving the other side quite, or almost, clear. It foretells a very serious quarrel. "A dividing of friendship," in fact. A bad omen.

DRAY (or CART)—Life's journey promises to be rough for you.

DROVER—Decide for yourself, whatever you do; don't be driven.

DRUM—You will hear many evil rumours. Believe none of them.

DUMPLING—Denotes not wealth, but "rough prosperity."

DUSTMAN—You will find a treasure in an unexpected place.

DACGER—Danger threatens you. Saturday and Sunday your unlucky days.

DAHLIA—Carefully and secretly watch a dark man you know.

DAISY—Your domestic prospects could not look better.

DANCING—Don't you think you have had enough pleasure? I do!

DEAD (See CORPSE)—A wedding. Seek for initials of person's name.

DEER—You will soon witness new and pleasant rural scenes.

DEMON—Enmity from which you will find it difficult to free yourself.

DENTIST—You will soon be relieved of much pain, physical or mental.

DESERT—Don't travel. You will only meet with disappointment if you do.

DEVIL (See DEMON)—Enmity that pursues you closely.

DIAL—Betokens a death. Sometimes the fingers point to "The Hour of Doom."

DICE—You are shortly about to lose money, or money's worth

DIGGER—Money (or property) from a quite unexpected source.

DOG—A faithful friend closely watches after your interests.

DOOR—Open—loss of property. Shut—you are fairly secure from loss.

DOVE—A "messenger of peace." Your troubles are passing away.

DRESS—If you were **less** vain you would certainly be more happy.

DUCK—A safe and pleasant journey by water. A change of bed-fellows.

DUEL—If you have an enmity, hasten to heal it, or danger threatens.

DULCIMER—"Sweet sounds denote pleasant tidings." Coming good news.

DWARF—One you trust is quite unworthy. Cannot you guess who it is?

EARWIG—Foretells a scolding I fear you justly deserve.

ELBOW—You are about to succeed in a very difficult task.

ENVELOPE—If open, good news. If closed, bad news—or silence.

EAGLE—No, your task is not too ambitious. Try, and you will not fail.

EAR—Scandal, backbiting, and betrayal of secrets.

EAR-RING—If you are offered a present from one of the opposite sex—refuse it.

EEL—One you trust is unworthy. He is a very slippery customer indeed.

EGG—An addition to your own, or a very dear friend's family.

ELEPHANT—You are too ambitious. Your present plans are much too large.

EMBRACING (two persons of the opposite sex)—Deceit and hypocrisy.

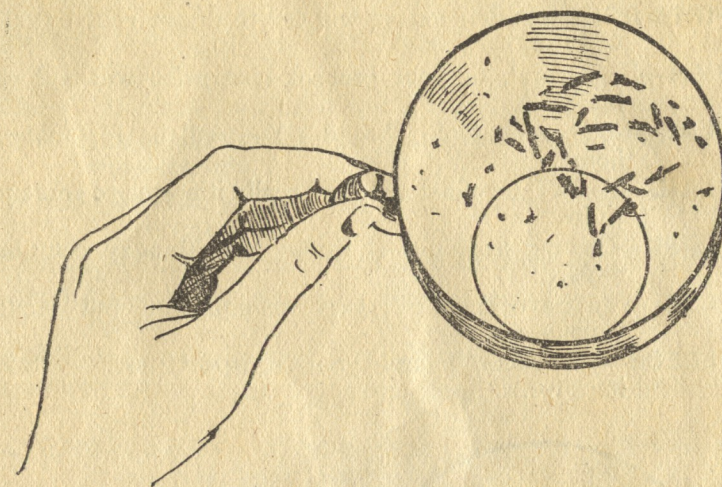
ENGINE—Persevere; success is sure, but still a long way off.

EYE—You trust too much in your own powers. Do you never pray?

EXECUTION—A stroke of good luck for a very dear friend of your own.

FACE—Make a close study of the expression, and you will learn a secret.

FAIRY—Instead of seeking other people's advice try your own way.



No. 7.—THE FAN CUP.

FAN—This leaf-picture is an unhappy omen, for it shows that the friend you trust is unfaithful, or the person you love is false.

FARM—Expect "Great increase in flock and fold."

FARMER—Seek for a friend's initial. He will surely be fortunate.

FARRIER—Don't speculate. Only by hard work are you fated to prosper.

FAT (PERSON)—Can you recognise the party. He (or she) can benefit you.

FEATHER—Straight—a wedding. Bent—a funeral.

FEET (or FOOT)—Good news travelling slowly—but very sure

FEMALE—You will be tempted, and I am afraid you cannot resist.

FENCE—You will be asked to give something up. Be sure you don't.

FERRET—There is a spy who is watching your every action.

FIDDLE—Denotes undertakings that are certain to fail.

FIFE—News from abroad. Most likely from a soldier.

FINGERPOST—Make enquiries, and you will discover what you want to know.

FIRE—You have enemies who are striving hard to injure you.

FIRE ENGINE—You may defy your enemies. They cannot harm you.

FIREWORKS—Your enemies will try to injure you, but they will fail.

FISH—Be careful, or your present enterprise will end very badly.

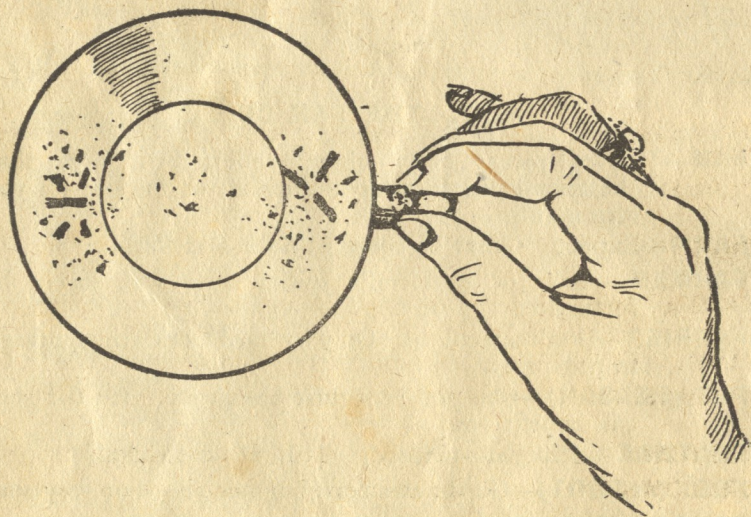
FLAG—Good news from abroad. You will be fortunate at home.

FLAIL—You will be chastised, and really it seems to serve you right.

FLASK—Coming happiness. Friday and Monday your best days.

FLEA—You have enemies; very insignificant, but terribly vicious.

FLEECE—Be steady, and your prospects will certainly improve.



No. 8.—THE FLIES' CUP.

FLIES—This leaf-picture denotes disease of an infectious sort. It also foretells the spread of false reports by evilly disposed persons.

The little fly, that buzzes round your room,
Brings dire disease, false news, and household gloom.

FONT—Prognosticates the death of a very young child.

FOOT (or FEET)—Good news; but don't expect it soon.

FOREST—Your present enterprise will prove quite successful.

FORCE—A short time ago you performed a kind action. Your reward is coming.

FORK—If you were not so fond of flattery you would be much happier.

FOUNTAIN—A very old debt will be unexpectedly paid to you.

FORTRESS—If you are threatened, prepare to defend yourself.

FOX—A false and cunning friend is trying to injure you.

FROG—Don't notice croakers. Have your own way and you will succeed.

FRYING-PAN—Stay where you are. You may go further and fare worse.

FUNERAL—Foretells, not death, but an event of great joy.

CABLE—See to your doors, or thieves may break into your house.

GALLERY—Failure in love, but success if you speculate.

GASOMETER—Unexpected news from the West—probably good.

GATE (GATEWAY)—Have patience, and you will find an opening for your talents.

GIBBET—What enemy has injured you? His punishment is at hand.

GIMLET—Don't pry into others' affairs or serious trouble will follow you.

GLOBE—You will travel in a circle that will bring you back home.

GRASSHOPPER—Wait for what you wish. "Most hurry, least speed."

GRATE—For one year and a day you will enjoy domestic happiness.

GUINEA-PIG—The person you love is childish and fickle.

GYMNASIUM—Danger while taking violent exercise is foretold.

GARDEN—A good leaf-picture. Many flowers, happy hours.

GALLOWS—Not at all an ill-omen, but necessity for caution suggested.

GARTER—A certain party is by no means so modest as she seems.

GHOST—Notice with care the surroundings where spectre appears.

GIANT—You are undertaking a task that is much too big for you.

GIG—You will make one of a happy party on a merry journey soon.

GIPSY—Wish for something you have long desired, and you will get it.

GLOVE—If perfect, a good omen. Ragged, or finger missing, expect evil.

CONDOLA—You must rouse yourself. You are drifting into trouble.

GOOSE—Foolish words from silly people need not worry you.

GRAPES—One of the most ancient emblems of mutual love.

GRAVE—An approaching marriage predicted. Look for initials in cup.

GREYHOUND—A fleeting friendship is denoted; perhaps a quarrel.

GRIDIRON—Business affairs need not worry. They will certainly improve.

GRINDSTONE—Beware of someone very much sharper than yourself.

GUITAR—Be guided by those who love you, and you will succeed.

GUN (CANNON)—Rumours will be noised abroad that are not true.

HALTER—Try to be more self-reliant. You are much too easily led.

HAMMER—Banish foolish hopes. Work, and success will surely follow.

HAM—A sharp sickness, but a very speedy permanent cure.

HAMMOCK—A worthy sailor lad dreams of you nightly.

HAMPER—You will receive presents of moderate value, but very useful.

HAND—If open, fortune will be kind. "The closed hand" foretells sorrow.

HANDCUFFS—Free yourself from an unworthy passion, or you will rue it.

HARE—Steady yourself. You are chasing something you will never catch.

HARNESS—Much hard work for very moderate pay is denoted.

HARP—The most fortunate of musical instruments to see in a cup.

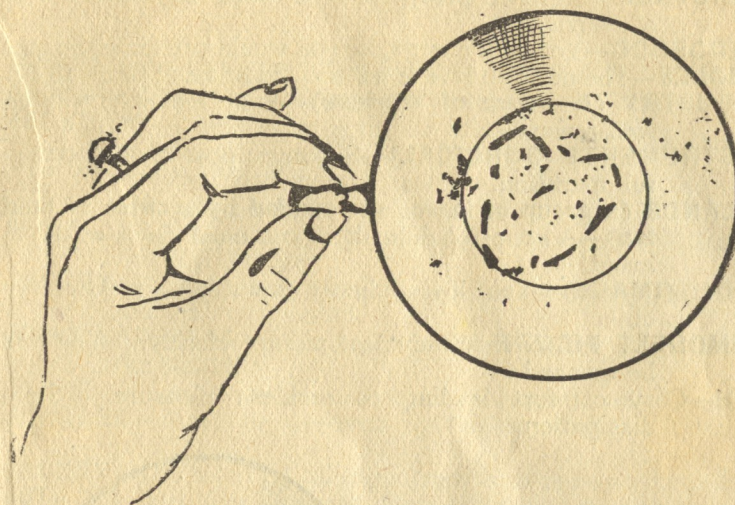
HARPOON—Someone is certainly trying to capture your love. Take care.

HARROW—What you are now doing is sure to produce good results.

HAT—Lady's hat is lucky. Gentleman's hat is less fortunate.

HATCHET—Rather serious danger threatened, which great care will avoid.

HEARSE—Not at all gloomy "fortune." You will certainly ride to a wedding.



No. 9.—THE HEART CUP. ("The Broken Heart.")

HEART—This leaf-picture deserves a little study. You will note that the heart figure, though perfectly distinct, is considerably broken. This denotes much grief and suffering. Moreover, the "broken heart" lies at the bottom of the cup, which is the most unfortunate position. Had the heart figure been unbroken the leaf-picture would have shown one of the best of good fortunes. Happiness and success, both in love and business, would have been foretold.

HEBREW (JEW)—A very cunning person is trying to swindle you.

HELMET—Very pleasant news, for which you have long waited.

HIGHLANDER—News from the North to someone in the South.

HINDOO—Your friend is libelled. He is not so "black" as as you believe.

HIVE—If deserted by bees, poverty. Hive and bees, business success.

HOOF—HORSESHOE—These two leaf-pictures are equally lucky. You have heard the saying, "The shoe and the hoof 'gainst trouble are proof."

HOOR-GLASS—An evil omen. "Someone's sands are running low."

HOUSE (DWELLING)—Denotes domestic peace with modest means.

HAWK—Someone who detests you is professing great friendship.

HAYSTACK—Signifies prosperity. Burning haystack worst of omens.

HEDGEHOG—You lack energy, or you would certainly prosper.

ICICLES—The one you love is not so cold as he appears to be.

INDUSTRY (A Group of Workers)—Your industry will be well rewarded.

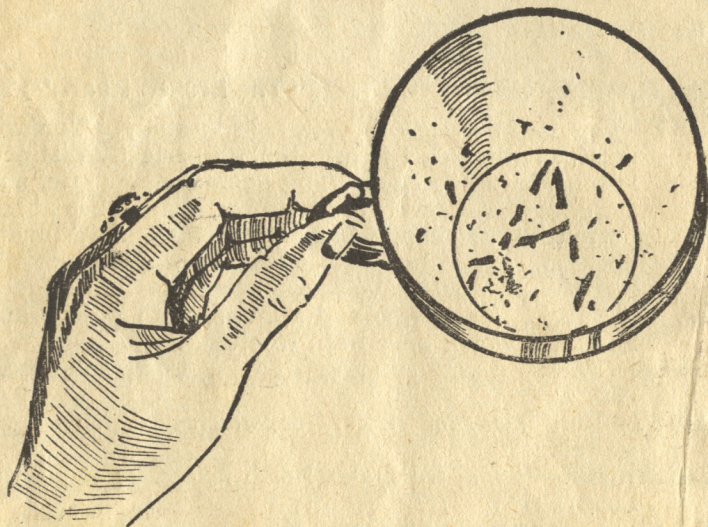
INSTRUMENTS (SURGICAL)—Sickness; possibly a successful operation.

ISLANDS (a group of leaves surrounded by a circle of fluid tea)—A series of difficulties you must cross water to avoid.

IDOL (IMAGE)—You love—almost worship—an unworthy object.

IMMODEST FIGURE—Study leaf-picture closely. You will be amazed.

INN—Cosy comfort leading to reckless pleasure. Shun dissipation.



No. 10.—THE INITIAL CUP.

INITIAL—In this picture the initial A lies at the bottom of the cup (where trouble is always found), and foretells misfortune to someone whose Christian name commences with the letter A. There are at least two other letters—a probable T and an I, but their formation is not very distinct, and, therefore, not very reliable. Had the letter A been formed near the rim of the cup (the higher the better) it would have foretold happiness to the same person. Always look for initials in the cup.

ICEBERG—Ill news from the North. A warm hearted lover.

JACKAL—Someone you trust is betraying you to an enemy.

JACKDAW—Wisdom from the mouth of a child or foolish person.

JAR (covered)—Your investments are safe. **Open**—a probable loss.

JEWELLERY—Success in love and business is predicted by this leaf-picture.

JOCKEY—“More hurry, least speed.” You don’t give yourself time to succeed.

JOINT (OF MEAT)—What you are striving for is not worth the trouble.

JUDGE—A kind but stern friend is striving to lead you right.

JUGGLER—Don’t be deceived by trickery. Your friend is false.

JACKET—Don’t put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day.

JUC—You will hear of some good news, but may neglect to profit by it.

KEEPER (GAME)—You think of selling something. Keep it, at least for a time.

KILT—A letter from a soldier probably in a Scotch regiment.

KEG—You will receive something very small but extremely valuable.

KENNEL (EMPTY)—The home of a dear friend will know him no more.

KETTLE—Hot words that will not lead to very bad results.

KEY—Look for an initial. If found it will unlock a mystery.

KITE—Your aspirations are much too high; moderate them.

KITTEN—A very playful but exceedingly spiteful young friend.

KNAPSAC—Whatever you have of value carry about with you for a while.

KNIFE—Probably nothing worse than sharp words are denoted, but there may be danger solely due to your own careless neglect.

KNOTS—You are being tied up with business worries. “Untie” them at once.

KANGAROO—Swift success after many “ups and downs” on fortune’s road.

LADLE—Are you quite sure that you are not foolishly generous? Think!

LANTERN—Light will soon be thrown on a very old mystery. Good!

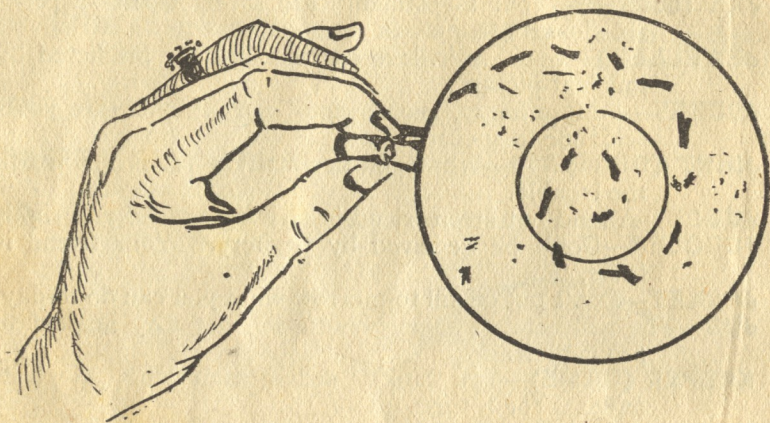
LEEK—The more of these in a leaf-picture the better. Excellent omens.

LIFEBUOY—You have been in great danger, but are now perfectly safe.

LIMEKILN—Compulsion. “At the sign of the kiln, farewell to free will!”

LOCOMOTIVE (SEE ENGINE)—Persevere and you will succeed after a long while.

LABURNUM—Danger to someone's children. Seek for initials in cup.



No. 11.—THE LABYRINTH, OR SPIRAL CUP.

LABYRINTH (in the form of a spiral)—Foretells much worry. There is also danger, but if you read the cup picture carefully you will find your way out. If the maze is more complicated than in this particular instance your escape from threatened danger will be very much more difficult and doubtful.

LACE—Someone may lead you astray on the most flimsy pretext.

LADDER—At the bottom of cup, a fall; on the side, a fortunate rise.

LADY—New friendship that you will find very valuable indeed.

LAMB—What you are doing is perfectly innocent if not "goody, goody."

LANCE (CAVALRY)—A sharp attack of sickness coming swiftly. No danger.

LATHE—Yes, your luck **has** been hard. It will swiftly improve though now.

LAUREL (WREATH)—You will be rewarded for good and brave deeds.

LEMON—A sour and venomous disposition may cause you unhappiness.

LEOPARD—All cats are enemies. This cat is a very big one, indeed!

LIFEBOAT—You are in danger. Trust to a friend and he will save you.

LIGHTHOUSE—A bright leaf-picture this! Your prospects are brilliant.

LILY—No, the person is **not** foolish; only modest and rather shy.

LOBSTER—You are deserting an old love for a new. You may regret it.

LOCK—You may safely trust your secrets to your friend.

LOCKET—However long absent your friend will never forget you.

LOOKING-GLASS—Beware! The person sees you as you really are!

LOOM—Persevere. Laugh at disappointments; you will succeed.

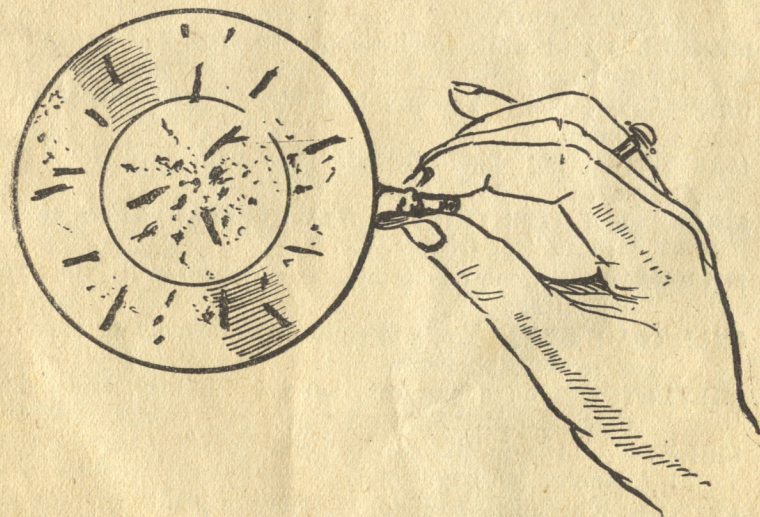
LARK—"The messenger of good tidings." A splendid leaf-picture.

LETTER (SEE ENVELOPE)—If open, good news; closed, bad news—or silence.

MACKEREL—Be careful what you eat. Sickness caused by unwholesome food is predicted. Can be avoided with a little care.

MANDARIN (CHINAMAN)—A deceitful, artful **Male** acquaintance.

MATTRESS—If you are doing badly it is due to your own slothfulness.



No. 12.—THE MEETING CUP.

MEETING—A reunion of friends long parted is foretold in this leaf-picture. As the meeting is depicted in the bottom of the cup ("where sorrow dwells") some trouble—probably domestic—will cause the reunion.

MILESTONE—A long-delayed success is within measurable distance.

MILLSTONE—Take a rest; you are working much too hard.

MONKEY—Believe me, your friend is more mischievous than simple.

MOWING—You will receive the rewards of your efforts very soon now.

MURDER—A leaf-picture depicting a murder is very ominous, indeed. It does not follow, fortunately, that a murder is predicted, but grave danger threatens someone. Carefully seek for initials, and, if you find your own, take great precautions, particularly on Fridays. But if you find the initials of someone you know, warn that person.

MAGNET—With very little effort you can attract the friendship you desire.

MAIL COACH—A business journey (short) with a successful result.

MAGIC-LANTERN—Things are **not** what they appear to you to be.

MAGPIE—Is it you or your friend who has been too talkative? Think.

MANGER—A leaf-picture full of hope. Don't worry about your future.

MANGLE—Hard work for little profit. You had better try a change.

MAP—Yes, travel. You are likely to succeed almost anywhere.

MASTIFF—A big, kind-hearted fellow who devotedly loves you.

MAZE (SEE LABYRINTH AND SPIRAL)—Predicts a "maze" of trouble, &c.

MILKMAID—A generous female friend who will bring you happiness.

MILL (FACTORY)—You will make a modest living only out of present business.

MISTLETOE—You can guess, surely? A kiss, friendship, then—Love!

MONEY—A little in the cup is good; much (near bottom) denotes poverty.

MOTOR—Why hurry so much? There is plenty of time—so wait.

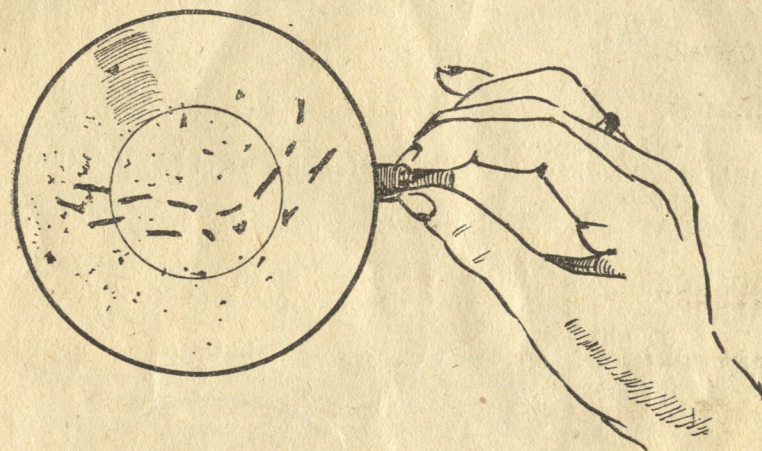
MOUNTAINS—A gloomy leaf-picture. A long journey, all uphill.

MOUSE—Don't be foolish. Your annoyance is too small to worry about.

MERMAID—Fleeting happiness at the seaside. "An un-womanly woman."

MULE—Don't be so obstinate. Accept your friend's advice; it is good.

NEGRESS—Your female friend is better than she appears to be.



No. 13.—THE NARROW CUP.

NARROW—The above leaf-picture, being an exact reproduction of an actual "cup," is very remarkable. The entire picture is confined to two lines, very narrowly separated. It is not of bad omen, as it predicts a danger which will be "narrowly," though surely, escaped.

NURSE—Sickness of a friend; recovery rather doubtful.

NAKED (PERSON)—Some wicked person is about to be exposed.

NEST—Family additions—probably twins. Search for initial in cup.

**NET
NOOSE**

Go carefully or you will fall into a carefully-laid trap if either of these objects appear in the cup. The net is the worst of the two.

NOSE—If straight, you are too inquisitive; crooked, not easily led.

NUMBERS—A very interesting leaf-picture. Odd numbers are lucky, but even numbers are unfortunate. The luckiest number is 9.

OAK—Health; long life. Your friend's affection is sturdy and true.

OAR—If only one, business failure is predicted; two denote success.

OMNIBUS—You are in danger, not from enemies, but too many friends.

ONION—Pretended sympathy of a friend. "Crocodile tears."

ORCHESTRA—Good news from a variety of sources; several successes.

ORGAN—News of a solemn but not altogether unhappy nature.

OVEN—You are mistaken. Hot passion is not love. Be cautious.

OWL—News that will make you wiser, even if less happy, is on the way.

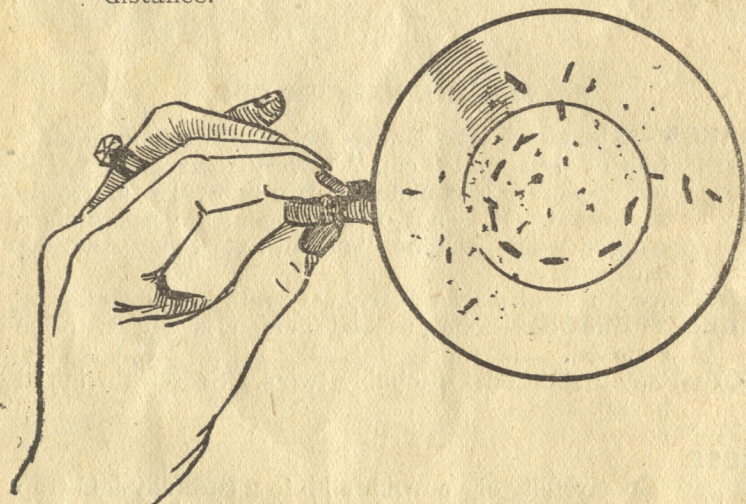
OBELISK—You have travelled too far on a crooked road; turn back.

OVERCOAT—Big troubles may be caused by small causes. Beware!

PADLOCK—Closed, business success; open, probable losses.

PALACE—This leaf-picture denotes pleasure too dearly bought.

PANTECHNICON—A certain removal, but to no great distance.



No. 14.—THE PARTED (BROKEN) RING CUP.

PARTED (BROKEN) RING—Denotes that if you are engaged to be married you will quarrel with your lover. However, it will be your own fault if the engagement is entirely broken off. If married, however, this picture shows nothing worse than domestic strife. If, though, the ring is broken into two nearly exact halves it denotes broken-off courtship or divorce.

PARASOL—Don't worry about the danger you have feared; it can easily be avoided.

PARSON—Words of wisdom that you will be very foolish to reject.

PELICAN—You will soon be in "shallow waters" if you do not look after your business better. But you know that.

PEW—Yes, the advice you have received is good. Do, pray, act up to it.

PIANO—You will make up an old quarrel. Your friend will apologise.

PLIERS—A painful experience is close at hand. Your own fault.

PLOUGH—An excellent leaf-picture, denoting a successful career.

PLOUGHMAN—A friend whose advice will bring much prosperity.

POPPY—An ill omen. "Sleepy sloth hath evil growth." Wake up!

POPLAR—You cast your eyes too high. Your ambition will fail.

PORCH—You are just entering upon a more successful career.

PORPOISE—Be careful. Ill news travels fast. Trust no one.

POULTRY—You may expect much improvement in your domestic affairs.

PROCESSION—You, or a friend, will be socially elevated by marriage.

PAIL—A trifling disappointment, followed by much happiness.

PALL—You, or a dear friend, will soon wear wedding garments.

PALM—Your life will be long and passed in pleasant places.

PANTHER—Great cats are great enemies. Act with great caution.

PARACHUTE—You have had a fortunate escape from a very big "fall."

PEARS—This fruit is unlucky. They are emblematic of tears. Beware!

PENDULUM—Your fortunes will ebb and flow. No prospect of near success.

PETTICOAT—This leaf-picture advises you to take a more serious view of life.

PIER—You know the saying, "Court in winter, marry in spring." A good omen.

PIGEONS—"The cooing pigeon and the tender love Are emblematic of undying love."

PINCERS—Denote meanness and false economy. Beware of avarice.

PIPE (SMOKER'S)—Your little worries will soon “vanish like smoke.”

PISTOL—Sharp words following false reports. You have a false friend.

PURSE—Closed, an increase of wealth; open, a severe loss.

QUEEN—You will receive reward and honours you richly deserve.

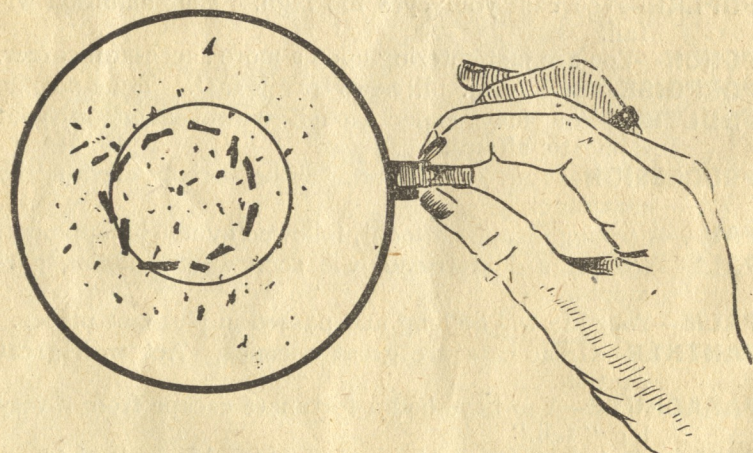
QUIVER—If married, an increase of family; if single, take care of yourself.

RAFT—This leaf-picture denotes very grave danger indeed. Seek initial.

RATTLESNAKE—An enemy who is wicked, unscrupulous, and venomous.

ROBIN (“REDBREAST”)—A humble friend will help you out of a serious trouble.

RHINOCEROS—Somehow there is a great obstacle in your path. Think.



No. 15.—THE RING CUP.

RING—Unlike the leaf-picture of a broken ring I have already given, this “cup” is of good omen, though marred by the ring being at the bottom of the cup. It denotes that (if single) your courtship will lead to a fairly happy marriage, and, if already wedded, your married life will know much of joy, but mixed with some trouble. Had the ring been deposited on the side of the cup the prospect would be even better.

RIGGING—You will succeed by your own unaided efforts. A good cup.

ROSARY—If you persist in distrusting others you will fail.

RABBIT—The affection of a very humble friend will bring you much comfort.

RALINGS—You are beset by difficulties. Try to break them down.

RAILWAY—A long, swift journey that will prove lucky. Travel on a Monday.

RAPIDS—You are walking with your eyes shut. There is danger ahead.

RATS—You have surrounded yourself with absolutely unworthy people.

RAVENS—Don't notice what gloomy croakers say. You are all right.

RAZOR—You will suffer more from sharp practices than sharp pain.

REINS—If you do not “put the curb on” you will soon be in difficulties.

REVOLVER (SEE PISTOL)—Sharp words, the result of scandal. A false friend.

ROSE—A true lover, wife, or husband. A faithful, affectionate friend.

SAILOR—You may expect either a letter or visitor from over the sea.

SAUCER—Beware of tea-table scandal. You will know what I mean.

SAUSAGES—If shortly in trouble seek a respectable lawyer's advice.

SAW—Keep on trying. It is wonderful what steady perseverance can do.

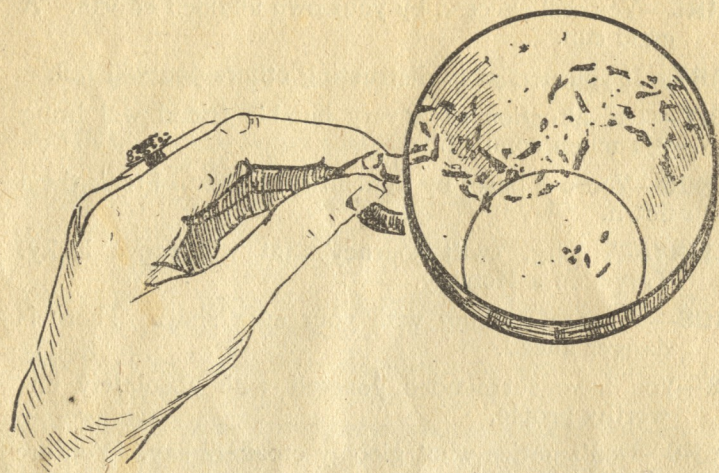
SCABBARD—An enemy has quite lost the power to injure you.

SCALES—A friend (you suspect) is acting fairly and justly by you.

SCISSORS—One you trust is dreadfully spiteful and may hurt you.

SCUTTLE—A nice fortune in a cup. Great, if modest, domestic happiness.

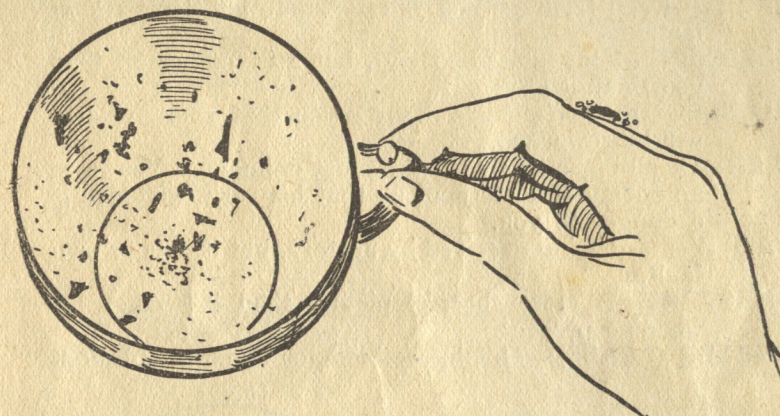
SEAMSTRESS—Your work is i'll rewarded, but things will improve.



No. 16.—THE SERPENT CUP.

- SERPENT**—This leaf-picture, being depicted on the side of the cup and rising to near the brim, is an excellent omen. You will acquire knowledge soon of great value. Had the serpent been at the bottom of the cup it would denote the existence of a most cunning enemy.
- SEE-SAW**—You will suffer many “ups and downs,” but you will succeed at last.
- SENTINEL**—Someone you may trust is guarding your interests safely.
- SEPULCHRE**—Closed, a birth or wedding; open, sickness or death.
- SHARK**—Look for an initial and you may discover a cruel enemy.
- SHEAVES**—An excellent leaf-picture, denoting “peace and plenty.”
- SHEEP**—Have you never thought that you are too easily led?
- SHIELD**—You have narrowly escaped danger and are safe now.
- SHOVEL**—Like most working tools, denotes success won by labour.
- SHUTTLECOCK**—Have a will of your own. People can do what they like with you.
- SKATES**—Though you travel life’s road smoothly there is danger ahead.
- SKELETON**—This figure always denotes some hidden family trouble.

- SNAKE**—You are, or will be, the victim of a cunning, artful sneak.
- SOFA**—Worry about nothing. Your prospects are really excellent.
- SPECTACLES**—Persevere and you will “see a way out” of your difficulty.
- SPIRE**—Really, you are not making the most of your life. Look higher!
- STAGE-COACH**—



No. 17.—THE STORM CUP.

- STORM**—If such a leaf-picture as the above appears in your cup then you may be sure of “stress and storm.” However, the sun will soon shine again.
- STOVE**—This picture indicates modest, but sufficient, domestic comfort.
- SWALLOW**—An important message—probably a telegram—may be expected.
- SWORD**—Trust one who loves you. He will protect you from all danger.
- SAIL**—Welcome news that has been long delayed is on its way to you.
- SEXTON**—You, or a friend, should soon receive an offer of marriage.
- SEIVE**—Avoid making any plans for a while. They will all “fall through.”
- SPIDER**—Someone is trying to entrap you unawares but will not succeed.
- SPUR**—Get married. You require someone to “spur” you on life’s road.
- TEAPOT**—You know that mischief has been caused by tea-table scandal.

THRONE—You can obtain your highest hopes if you will only persevere.

TRAIN—A long journey with very doubtful results. Travel on a Tuesday.

TURKEY—Some anonymous person is doing you considerable harm.

TABLE—To a great extent you have wasted your life. Rouse yourself.

TANKARD—By no means a good leaf-picture. Illness, dissipation, loss.

TARGET—Keep trying. You will certainly hit the mark at last.

TELESCOPE—Your luck is coming, but it is farther off than you think it is.

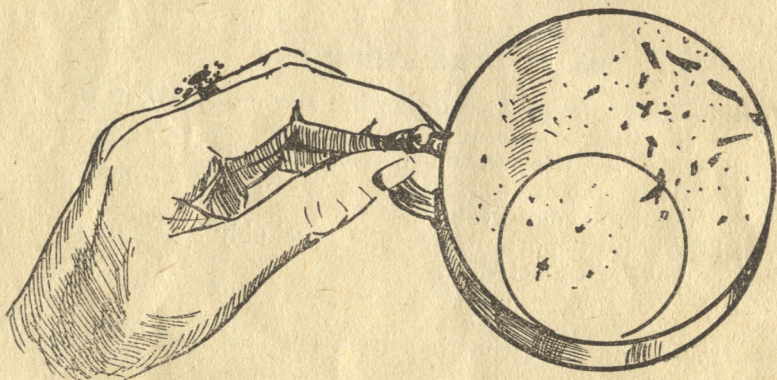
THIMBLE—This leaf-picture assures you that your industry will be rewarded.

TIGER—Of all big cats this is the most ominous. You have an enemy so unscrupulous that his very existence is a danger to you.

TOAD—You are being deceived by flattery, but it is your own fault.

TOMBSTONE—A more cheerful picture than it seems. A wedding present.

TUMBLER (GLASS)—This figure bids you avoid temptation.



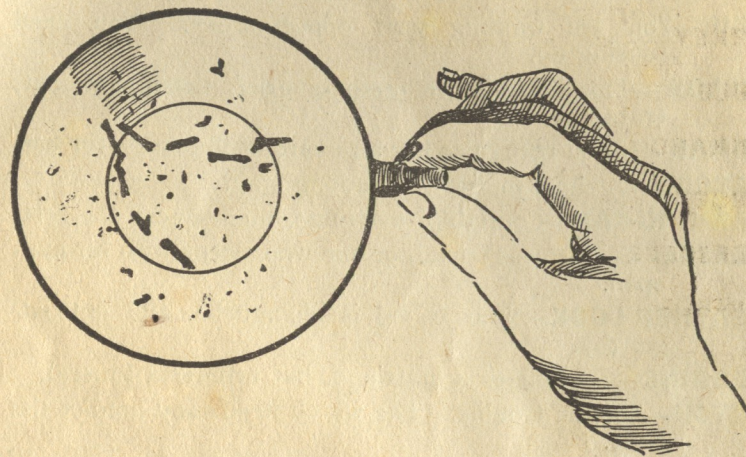
No. 18.—THE TRIANGLE CUP.

TRIANGLE—No better fortune in a cup than this. It promises success in love, marriage, and business. It is also a token of robust health.

UDDER—Sickness to a mother, but a very speedy recovery.

UMBRELLA—Be more thrifty. Save a little for a "rainy day."

UNIFORM (SOLDIER'S)—Go straight on and you will win.



No. 19.—THE UNION CUP.

UNION—Promises an early marriage and the "union" happy and prosperous.

VALISE—Closed, increase of wealth; open, a serious loss.

VALLEY—"If in the cup a valley appears, it is an omen of woman's tears."

VAULT—Deep distress, with little hopes of a way out. A warning.

VINE—Many meanings. Fruitfulness, wealth, dissipation, &c.

VIPER—One you have trusted may do you a great injury.

VOLCANO—A sudden, unexpected, and very violent blow predicted.

VULTURE—One you imagine a friend is trying to injure you.

VAT—A full vat, coming dissipation; an empty vat, poverty.

VEST—When in a crowd keep your eyes open or you will be robbed.

VIADUCT—A land journey, with a very successful issue, indeed.

WALKING STICK—Don't rely too much on yourself. Trust a tried friend.

WALRUS—Danger near water; near the shore—not at sea.

WATERCART A leaf-picture of either denotes that many obstacles that have obstructed your path will be cleared away.

WATER LILY—The lady you love, though rather simple, is true as gold.

- WATER-WHEEL**—You will soon draw a prize in life's lottery.
- WHIP**—You are wasting your opportunities. You need rousing up.
- WILLOW**—This leaf-picture predicts grief, disappointment, tears.
- WOMAN**—If you recognize her a picture of ill omen—for her.
- WAGGON**—A short journey and a long stay.
- WARMING-PAN**—Courtship, marriage, and—guess the rest.
- WEASEL**—A sleepless friend, or one who sleeps with his eyes open.
- WEATHER-COCK**—Your friend is changeable and untrustworthy.
- WEDDING**—Sometimes a marriage, but oftener a funeral.
- WATCH**—Serious trouble. The watch itself may predict the hour.
- WIG**—You are about to receive the offer of a loan. Refuse it.
- WINDOW**—You have not deceived the person; he can see through you.
- WITCH**—Lucky! Wish, and your desire will be granted.
- WOLF**—Your friend is not so amiable as he appears. Quite the reverse.
- WHALE**—You swallow everything a certain person tells you. Don't.
- YACHT**—A pleasure excursion on the water with delightful results.
- YARDARM**—A sailor's letter, or the return of one who has long been absent in some far-off country beyond the seas.

