

From the Wilmington Star.
"A Time of Trouble."

We find in one of our exchanges an article that appeared two or three years ago in a journal called the *Science of Health*. It contains a most alarming prophecy in regard to the raging of famine and pestilence in many portions of the world. Read in the light furnished by the sad events of the last two years, and it is well calculated to make thoughtful men ponder what is said. The famines that have ravaged so fearfully in China, India, and other portions of the world, and the pestilence now devouring so many victims in our dear South, give a decided color of plausibility to what was said three years ago.

We will copy a few paragraphs from the article referred to, and wise men may reflect and draw their own conclusions. The *Science of Health* said, and mark you more than two years ago:

"If there is anything in the science of 'Astrological Sciology,' we are approaching one of the most pestilential periods in the earth's history. Since the commencement of the Christian era the perihelia of the four great planets of the Solar System—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune—have not been coincident. But this is about to occur, and in the language of Dr. Knapp, who has traced the history of the epidemics that ever afflicted the human race, to the perihelia of these planets, there will soon be 'a lively time among the doctors.' The theory is that when one or more of the large planets is near the sun, the temperature and condition of our atmosphere are so disturbed as to cause injurious vicissitudes of weather, extreme heat, excessive cold, terrible rains and storms, prolonged droughts, etc., resulting in the destruction of crops and fruits, famine in many places and pestilence among human beings and animals."

"Dr. Knapp has collected a mass of statistical data, all going to show that perihelion periods have always been marked by unusual mortality, and that sickness and death have invariably corresponded with the number of planets in perihelion at the same time."

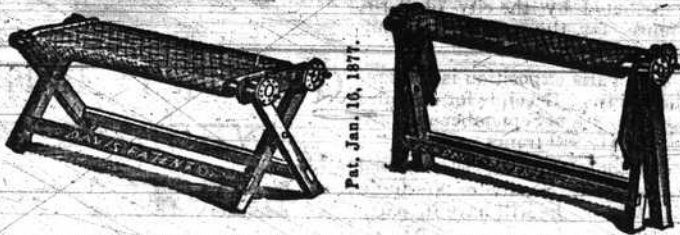
"The revolution of Jupiter around the sun is accomplished in a little less than twelve years; of Saturn, in a little less than thirty years; of Uranus, in about eighty-four years; and Neptune, in about one hundred and sixty-four years. If it is true, therefore, that the perihelia of these planets occasion atmospheric conditions unfavorable to life, pestilential periods should occur once in a dozen years, and aggravated and still more wide spread epidemics at longer intervals. In tracing the history of epidemics for more than two thousand years, Dr. Knapp finds the facts in all cases to validate this theory. Thus, in the sixth, and again in the sixteenth century, three of these planets were coincidentally in perihelion, and these were the most pestilential times of the Christian era."

"According to this publication, for the first time in two thousand years all four of the planets named will be against the earth. It says: 'They will be at their nearest approach to the sun in or soon after 1886, so that for a few years, say from 1889 to 1895, the vitality of every living thing on earth will be put to a severe and trying ordeal.'"

We do not know how much reliance is to be placed in prognostications based upon scientific, so-called, theories. There may be a great deal in them or nothing. But certain there have been signs to indicate something unusual in the world around us, and the pestilence and the famines and the floods of the last year or two prove only too unmistakably that this is indeed 'a time of trouble.'

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