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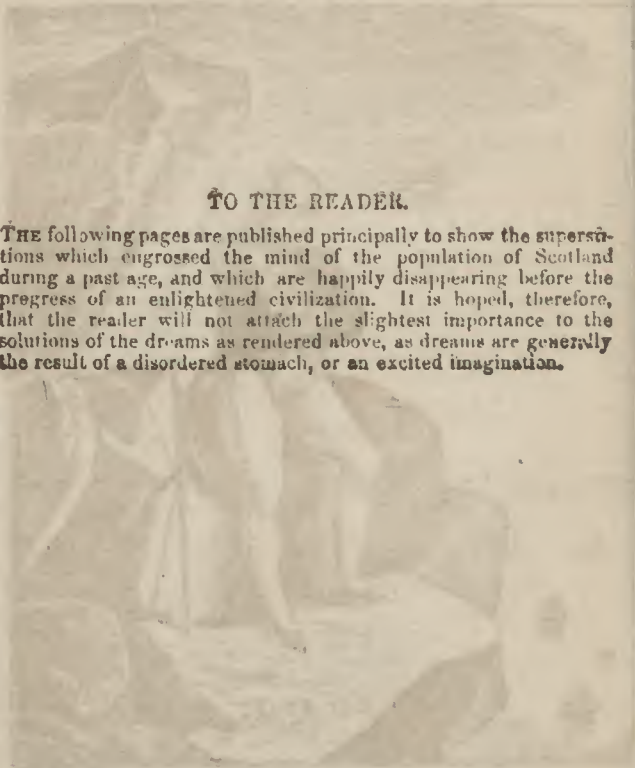
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RAYMOND NOXAPART'S

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## TO THE READER.

**THE** following pages are published principally to show the superstitions which engrossed the mind of the population of Scotland during a past age, and which are happily disappearing before the progress of an enlightened civilization. It is hoped, therefore, that the reader will not attach the slightest importance to the solutions of the dreams as rendered above, as dreams are generally the result of a disordered stomach, or an excited imagination.

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EDINBURGH: AND FOR THE PROPRIETOR

1844

# THE ORACULUM.

Numbers	QUESTIONS.	*	**	*	**	**	**	**	*	*	**	*	*	*	**	**	**	Numbers
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1	Shall I obtain my wish?	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	1
2	Shall I have success in my undertakings?	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	2
3	Shall I gain or lose in my cause?	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	3
4	Shall I have to live in foreign parts?	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	4
5	Will the Stranger return from abroad?	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	5
6	Shall I recover my property stolen?	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	6
7	Will my friend be true in his dealings?	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	7
8	Shall I have to travel?	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	8
9	Does the person love and regard me?	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	9
10	Will the marriage be prosperous?	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	10
11	What sort of Wife or Husband shall I have?	L	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	11
12	Will she have a Son or a Daughter?	M	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	12
13	Will the Patient recover from his illness?	N	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	13
14	Will the Prisoner be released?	O	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	14
15	Shall I be lucky or unlucky this day?	P	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	15
16	What does my dream signify?	Q	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	N	O	P	16

## HOW TO WORK THE ORACULUM.

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MAKE marks in four lines, one under another, in the following manner, making more or less in each line, according to your fancy :—

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Then reckon the number of marks in each line, and if it be *odd*, mark down one dot; if *even*, two dots. If there be more than nine marks, reckon the surplus ones over the number only: viz.

The number of marks in the first line of the foregoing arrangement is *odd*; therefore make one mark, thus . . . . . \*

In the second, *even*, so make two, thus . . . . . \*\*

In the third, *odd* again, make one mark only . . . \*

In the fourth, *even* again, two marks . . . . . \*\*

### TO OBTAIN THE ANSWER,

You must refer to the ORACULUM, at the top of which you will find a row of dots similar to those you have produced, and a column of figures corresponding with those prefixed to the questions; guide your eye down the column at the top of which you find the dots resembling your own, till you come to the letter on a line with the number of the question you are trying; then refer to the page having that letter at the top, and on a line with the dots which are similar to your own, you will find the *answer*.

The following are unlucky days, on which none of the questions should be worked, or any enterprise undertaken:—Jan. 1, 2, 4, 6, 10, 20, 22;—Feb. 6, 17, 28;—March 24, 25;—April 10, 27, 28;—May 7, 8;—June 27;—July 17, 21;—Aug. 20, 22;—Sept. 5, 30;—Oct. 6;—Nov. 3, 29;—Dec. 6, 10, 15.

•• It is not right to try a question twice in one day.

## A.

What you wish for you will shortly **OBTAIN**.

Signifies trouble and sorrow.

Be very cautious what you do **THIS** day, lest trouble betel<sup>l</sup> you.

The prisoner **DIES**, and is regretted by his friends.

Life will be spared **THIS** time, to prepare for death.

A very handsome daughter, but a **PAINFUL** one.

You **WILL** have a virtuous and religious woman, or man, for your wife or husband.

If you marry **THIS** person, you will have enemies where you little expect.

You had better decline **THIS** love, for it is neither constant nor true.

**DECLINE** your travels, for they will not be to your advantage.

There is a true and sincere friendship between you **BOTH**.

You will **NOT** recover the stolen property.

The stranger **WILL**, with joy, soon return.

You will **NOT** remove from where you are at present.

You **WILL** surely prosper in a good cause.

You are not lucky—strive to avert misfortune.

## B.

● ● ●	The luck that is ordained for you will be coveted by others.
●● ●● ●●	Whatever your desires are, for the present decline them.
●●● ●●● ●●●	Signifies a favour or kindness from some person.
●●● ●●● ●●●	There ARE enemies, who would defraud, and render you unhappy.
●●● ●●● ●●●	With great difficulty he will obtain pardon or release again.
●●● ●●● ●●●	The patient should be prepared to LEAVE this world.
●●● ●●● ●●●	She will have a SON, who will be learned and wise.
●●● ●●● ●●●	A RICH partner is ordained for you.
●●● ●●● ●●●	By THIS marriage you will have great luck and prosperity.
●●● ●●● ●●●	THIS love comes from an upright and sincere heart.
●●● ●●● ●●●	Good fortune WILL attend you everywhere.
●●● ●●● ●●●	Beware of friends who are falso and deceitful.
●●● ●●● ●●●	You WILL recover your property—unexpectedly.
●●● ●●● ●●●	Love prevents his return home at present.
●●● ●●● ●●●	Your stay is NOT here: be therefore prepared for a change.
●●● ●●● ●●●	You will have NO GAIN; therefore be wise and careful.

C.

By diligence you WILL attain to great wealth.

Very unlucky indeed

If your desires are NOT extravagant, they will be granted.

Signifies peace and plenty between friends.

Be well prepared THIS day, or you may meet with trouble.

The prisoner WILL find it difficult to obtain his pardon or release.

The patient WILL YET enjoy health and prosperity.

She WILL have a daughter, and will require attention.

The person has NOT a great fortune, but is in middling circumstances.

Decline THIS marriage, or else you may be sorry.

Decline a courtship which MAY be your destruction.

Your travels are IN VAIN: you had better stay at home.

You MAY DEPEND on a true and sincere friendship.

You must NOT expect to regain that which you have lost.

SICKNESS prevents the traveller from seeing you.

It WILL be your fate to stay where you now are.

# D.

• • •	You WILL obtain a great fortune in another country.
•• •• ••	By venturing freely, you WILL certainly gain doubly.
••• ••• •••	Your misfortune WILL be changed into success and happiness.
•• •• ••	Alter your intentions, or else you MAY meet poverty and distress.
••• ••• •••	Signifies that you have many impediments in the accomplishment of your pursuits.
••• ••• •••	Whatever may possess your inclinations this day, abandon them.
•• •• ••	The prisoner WILL get free again this time.
••• ••• •••	The patient's illness WILL be lingering and doubtful.
•• •• ••	She will have a dutiful and handsome son.
•• •• ••	The person will be LOW in circumstances, but honest-hearted.
••• ••• •••	A marriage which WILL ADD to your welfare and prosperity.
•• ••• •••	You love a person who does not speak well of you.
•• ••• •••	Your travels WILL be prosperous, if guided by prudence.
•• ••• •••	He means NOT what he says, for his heart is false.
•• ••• •••	With some trouble and expense, you may regain your property.
••• ••• •••	You must NOT expect to see the stranger again.





## F.

● ● ●	By persevering, you WILL recover your property again.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	It is out of the stranger's power to return
◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	You will GAIN, and be successful in foreign parts.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	A great fortune is ordained for you; wait patiently.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	There is great hindrance to your success at present.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	Your wishes are in VAIN at present.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	Signifies there are sorrow and danger before you.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	THIS day is unlucky; therefore, alter your intention.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	The prisoner will be restored to liberty and freedom.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	The patient's recovery is DOUBTFUL.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	She will have a very fine BOY.
◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	A worthy person, and a fine fortune.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	Your INTENTIONS would destroy your rest and peace.
◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	THIS love is true and constant; forsake it not.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	PROCEED on your travels, or journey, and you will not have cause to repent it.
◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆ ◆◆	If you trust THIS friend, you may have cause for sorrow.

# G.

THIS friend exceeds all others in every respect.

You must bear your loss with fortitude.

The stranger will return unexpectedly.

Remain at HOME among your friends, and you will escape misfortunes.

You will meet NO GAIN in your pursuits.

Heaven will bestow its blessings on you.

No.

Signifies that you will shortly be out of the POWER of your enemies.

ILL-LUCK awaits you,—it will be difficult for you to escape it.

The prisoner will be RELEASED by death only.

By the use of means, the patient WILL recover.

A DAUGHTER, but of a very sickly constitution.

You WILL get an honest, young, and handsome partner.

Decline THIS marriage, else it may be to your sorrow.

Avoid THIS love.

Prepare for a short journey; you WILL be recalled by an unexpected event.

# H.

• • •	Commence your travels, and they WILL go on as you could wish.
* * *	Your PRETENDED friend hates you secretly.
** ** **	Your hopes to recover your property are VAIN.
** ** **	A certain affair PREVENTS the stranger's return immediately.
** ** **	Your fortune you will find in abundance ABROAD.
* * *	DECLINE the pursuit, and you will do well.
* * *	Your expectations are vain—you will NOT succeed
* * *	You WILL obtain what you wish for.
* * *	Signifies that on this day your fortune will change for the better.
* * *	Cheer up your spirits, your LUCK is at hand.
* * *	After LONG imprisonment he will be released.
* * *	The patient WILL BE relieved from sickness.
* * *	She will have a healthy SON.
* * *	You WILL be married to your equal in a short time.
* * *	If you WISH to be happy, do not marry this person.
* * *	This love is from the heart, and WILL continue until death.

# I.

The love is GREAT, but will cause great jealousy.

It will be in vain for you to travel.

Your friend will be as sincere as you could wish him to be.

You will recover the stolen property through a cunning person.

The traveller will soon return with joy.

You will not be prosperous or fortunate in foreign parts.

Hope that the future will bring you happiness.

Your fortune will shortly be changed into MISFORTUNE.

You will SUCCEED as you desire.

Signifies that the misfortune which threatens WILL be prevented.

Beware of your enemies, who seek to do you harm.

After a SHORT time your anxiety for the prisoner will cease.

The patient WILL recover health and strength again.

She will have a very fine DAUGHTER.

You will marry a person with whom you will have LITTLE comfort.

The marriage will not answer your expectations.

# K.

• • •	After much misfortune you WILL be comfortable and happy.
•• •• •	A sincere love from an UPRIGHT heart.
•• •• •	You will be PROSPEROUS in your journey.
•• •• ••	Do not RELY on the friendship of this person.
•• •• •• •	The property is lost for EVER; but the thief will be punished.
•• •• •• ••	The traveller WILL be absent some considerable time.
•• •• •	You WILL meet luck and happiness in a foreign country.
•• •• •	You will NOT have any success for the present.
•• •• •• •	You WILL succeed in your undertaking.
•• •• ••	Change your intentions, and you WILL do well.
•• •• •• •	Signifies that there are ROUGES at hand.
•• •• •• •	Be reconciled, your circumstances WILL shortly mend.
•• •• •• •	The prisoner WILL be released.
•• •• •	The patient WILL depart this life.
•• •• ••	She will have a SON.
•• •• •• •	It will be difficult for you to get a partner.

# L.

You WILL get a very handsome person for your partner.

Various misfortunes WILL attend this marriage.

THIS love is whimsical and changeable.

You will be unlucky in your travels.

THIS person's love is just and true. You may rely on it.

You WILL lose, but the thief will suffer most.

The stranger will soon return with plenty.

If you remain at home, you WILL have success.

Your gain will be TRIVIAL.

You WILL meet sorrow and trouble.

You WILL succeed according to your wishes.

Signifies that you WILL get money.

In spite of enemies you WILL do well.

The prisoner WILL pass many days in confinement.

The patient WILL recover.

She will have a DAUGHTER.

# III.

● ● ●	She will have a SON, who will gain wealth and honour.
* * *	You will get a PARTNER with great undertaking and much money.
* * *	The marriage WILL be prosperous.
* * *	She, or He, wishes to be yours this moment.
* * *	Your journey WILL prove to your advantage.
* * *	Place no great TRUST in that person.
* * *	You WILL find your property at a certain time.
* * *	The traveller's return is rendered DOUBTFUL by his conduct.
* * *	You will succeed as you desire in foreign parts.
* * *	Expect NO gain ; it will be in vain.
* * *	You will have more LUCK than you expect.
* * *	Whatever your desires are, you WILL speedily obtain them.
* * *	Signifies you WILL be asked to a wedding.
* * *	You will have no occasion to complain of ill-luck.
* * *	Some one WILL pity, and release the prisoner.
* * *	The patient's recovery is UNLIKELY.



# N.

The patient WILL recover, but his days are short.

She will have a DAUGHTER.

You WILL marry into a very respectable family.

By this marriage you will GAIN nothing.

Await the time, and you WILL find the love great.

Venture NOT from home.

This person is a sincere friend.

You will never recover the theft.

The stranger WILL return, but not quickly.

When abroad, keep from EVIL WOMEN, or they will do you harm.

You will soon GAIN what you little expect.

You will have GREAT success.

Rejoice over at that which is ordained for you.

Signifies that sorrow will depart, and joy will return.

Your luck is in blossom ; it will soon be at hand.

DEATH may end the imprisonment.

• • •	The prisoner WILL be released with joy.
•• • • •	The patient's recovery IS DOUBTFUL.
••• ••• •	She will have a SON, who will live to a great age.
••• ••• •••	You will get a VIRTUOUS partner.
••• ••• ••• •••	Delay not THIS marriage—you will meet much happiness.
••• ••• ••• •••	None loves you better in this world.
••• ••• ••• •••	You may proceed with confidence.
••• ••• ••• •••	Not a FRIEND, but a secret enemy.
••• ••• ••• •••	You will soon RECOVER what is stolen.
••• ••• ••• •••	The stranger will NOT return again.
••• ••• ••• •••	A foreign woman will greatly enhance your fortune.
••• ••• ••• •••	You WILL be cheated out of your gain.
••• ••• ••• •••	Your misfortunes WILL vanish, and you will be happy.
••• ••• ••• •••	Your hope is in VAIN—fortune shuns you at present.
••• ••• ••• •••	That you will soon hear AGREEABLE news.
••• ••• ••• ••• •••	There are misfortunes lurking about you.

# P.

This day brings you an increase of happiness.

The prisoner WILL quit the power of his enemies.

The patient will recover and live long.

She will have two daughters.

A rich young person will be your partner.

Hasten your marriage,—it will bring you much happiness.

The person loves you sincerely.

You will not prosper from home.

This friend is more valuable than gold.

You will NEVER receive your goods.

He is dangerously ill, and CANNOT yet return.

Depend upon your OWN industry, and remain at home.

Be joyful, for FUTURE prosperity is ordained for you.

Depend not TOO MUCH on your good luck.

What you wish WILL be granted to you.

That you should be very careful THIS DAY, lest any accident befall you.

Q.

● ● ●	Signifies much JOY and HAPPINESS between friends.
●● ●● ●●	This day is NOT very lucky, but rather the reverse.
●● ●● ●●	He WILL yet come to honour, although he now suffers.
●● ●● ●●	Recovery is doubtful : therefore, be prepared for the worst.
●● ●● ●●	She will have a SON, who will prove forward.
●● ●● ●●	A RICH partner, but a bad temper.
●● ●● ●●	By wedding THIS person you insure your happiness.
●● ●● ●●	The person has GREAT LOVE for you, but wishes to conceal it.
●● ●● ●●	You MAY proceed on your journey without fear.
●● ●● ●●	Trust him NOT ; he is inconstant and deceitful.
●● ●● ●●	In a very singular manner you will recover your property.
●● ●● ●●	The stranger WILL return very soon.
●● ●● ●●	You will dwell ABROAD in comfort and happiness.
●● ●● ●●	If you deal fairly you WILL surely prosper.
●● ●● ●●	You WILL yet live in splendour and plenty.
●● ●● ●●	Make yourself contented with your PRESENT fortune.

# CHARMS AND CEREMONIES.

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## TO SEE A FUTURE HUSBAND.

On Midsummer-eve, just after sun set, three, five, or even young women are to go into a garden, in which there is no other person, and each to gather a sprig of dried sage, and then, going into a room by themselves, set a stool in the middle of the room, and on it a clean basin full of rose-water, in which the sprigs of sage are to be put, and, tying a line across the room, on one side of the stool, each woman is to hang on it a clean shift, turned the wrong side outwards; then all are to sit down in a row, on the opposite side of the stool, as far distant as the room will admit, not speaking a single word the whole time, whatever they see, and in a few minutes after twelve, each ones future husband will take her sprig out of the rose-water, and sprinkle her shift with it.

On St. Agnes' night, 21st January, take a row of pins, and pull out every one, one after another, saying a paternoster on sticking a pin in your sleeve, and you will dream of him you will marry.

A slice of the bride-cake thrice drawn through the wedding-ring, and laid under the head of an unmarried woman, will make her dream of her future husband. The same is practised in the North with a piece of the groaning cheese.

## TO KNOW WHAT TRADE YOUR HUSBAND WILL BE.

On Midsummer-eve take a small lump of lead, pewter is best, put it in your left stocking on going to bed, and place it under your pillow; the next day being Midsummer-day, take a pail of water, and place it so as the sun shines exactly on it, and as the clock is

striking twelve, pour in your lead or powder melted and boiling hot : as soon as it is cold and settled take it out, and you will find among it the emblems of his trade. A ship is a sailor, tools a workman, trees a gardener, a ring a silversmith or jeweller, a book a parson or learned man, and so on.

### THE NINE KEYS.

Get nine small keys, they must all be your own, by begging or purchase, (borrowing will not do, nor must you tell what you want them for :) plait a three-plaited band of your own hair, and tie them together, fastening the ends with nine knots; fasten them with one of your garters to your left wrist on going to bed, and bind the other garter round your head; then say,

St. Peter take it not amiss,  
To try your favour I've done this;  
You are the ruler of the keys,  
Favour me then, if you please  
Let me then your influence prove,  
And see my dear and wedded love.

This must be done on the Eve of St. Peter's, and is an old charm used by the maidens of Rome in ancient times, who put great faith in it.

### A CURIOUS SPELL.

If a maid wishes to see her lover, let her take the following method. Prick the third or wedding finger of your left hand, with a sharp needle, (beware of pin,) and with the blood write your own and lover's name on a piece of clean writing paper, in as small compass as you can; and encircle it with three round rings of the same crimson stream, fold it up, and exactly at the ninth hour of the evening bury it with your own hand in the earth, and tell no one. Your lover will hasten to you as soon as possible, and he will not be able to rest until he sees you, and if you have quarrelled, to make it up. A young man may also try

this charm, only instead of the wedding finger let him pierce his left thumb.

### HOW TO MAKE THE DUMB CAKE.

In order to make the Dumb Cake with perfection, it is necessary strictly to observe the following instructions:—

Let any number of young women take a handful of wheaten flour, (and from the moment the hand touches the flour, not a word is to be spoken by any of them during the process,) and place it on a sheet of white paper; then sprinkle it over with as much salt as can be held betwixt the finger and thumb, then one of the damsels must pour in as much asses' milk as will make it into dough; which being done, each of the company must roll it up, and spread it thin and broad; and each person must, (at some distance from each other) make the first letters of her Christian name and surname, with a large new pin, towards the end of the cake, (if more Christian names than one, the first letter of each must be made,) the cake must be then set before the fire, and each person must sit down in a chair, as far distant from the fire as the room will admit, not speaking a single word all this while.

This must be done soon after eleven at night, and between that and twelve each person must turn the cake once, and in a few minutes after twelve, the husband of her who is to be first married will appear to lay his hand on that part of the cake which is marked with her name.

### CUPID'S NOSEGAY.

On the first night of the new moon in July, take a red rose, a white one, a yellow flower, a blue one, a sprig of rue and rosemary, and nine blades of long grass, bind altogether with a lock of your own hair; kill a white pigeon, sprinkle the nosegay with the blood from the heart, and some common salt; wrap the

flowers in a white handkerchief, and lay it under your head, on the pillow, when you go to rest, and, before morning, you will see your fate as clear as if you had your nativity cast by the first Astrologer in the kingdom; not only in respect to love, lovers, or marriage, but in the other most important affairs of your life; storms, in this dream, foretel great trouble; and graves or church-yards are fatal tokens, and so is climbing steep and dangerous places.

### LOVE LETTERS.

On receiving a Love Letter that has any particular declaration in it, lay it wide open; then fold it in nine folds, pin it next your heart, and thus wear it till bedtime; then place it in your left hand glove, and lay it under your head. If you dream of gold, diamonds, or any costly gems, your lover is true, and means what he says; if of white linen, you will lose him by death; and if of flowers, he will prove falso. If you dream of his saluting you, he is at present false, and means not what he professes, but only to draw you into a snare.

### TO KNOW WHAT FORTUNE YOUR FUTURE HUSBAND WILL HAVE.

Take a walnut, a hazle nut, and nutmeg; grate them together, and mix them with butter and sugar, and make them up into small pills, of which exactly nine must be taken on going to bed; and according to her dreams, so will be the state of the person she will marry. If a gentleman, of riches; if a clergyman, of white linen; if a lawyer, of darkness; if a tradesman, of odd noises and tumults; if a soldier or sailor, of thunder and lightning; if a servant, of rain.