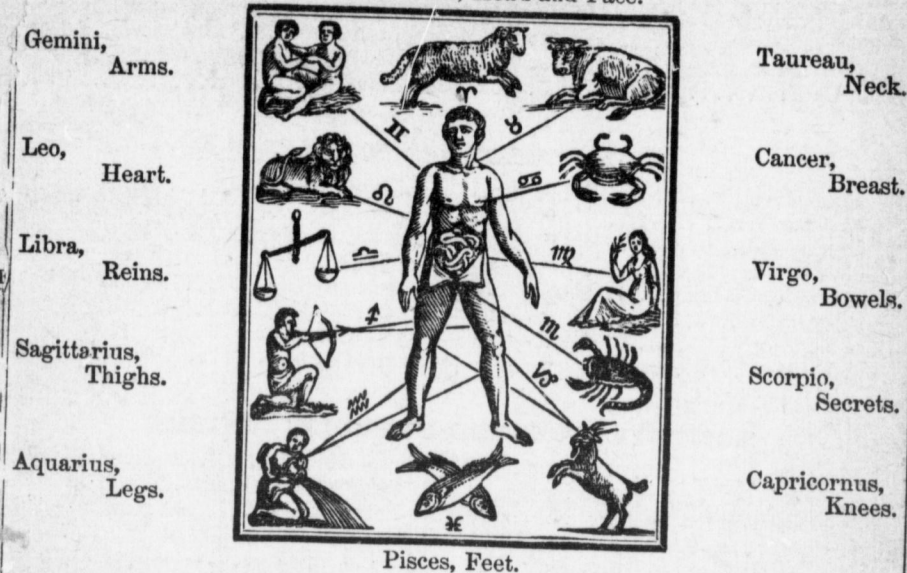


## ZODIACAL SIGNS.

Aries, the Ram, Head and Face.



### ECLIPSES DURING THE YEAR 1879.

The statement respecting Eclipses does not require much space for this year. During 1879 there will be three Eclipses, two of the Sun and one of the Moon, as follows :

I. On the 22d of January there will be an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, visible in South America, but not observable in Canada. II. On the 19th of July there will be an Annular Eclipse of the Sun, not visible in these parts. III. On the 28th of December there will be a partial Eclipse of the Moon, but not visible in Canada.

### MORNING AND EVENING STARS.

VENUS is an Evening Star until September 23d; after that a Morning Star to the year's end. MARS is a Morning Star until November 12th; after that an Evening Star to the end of the year. JUPITER is a Morning Star from the 8th of February to the 31st of August, and may be considered an Evening Star until February 8th, and from the 9th of June to the year's end. SATURN is a Morning Star from the 26th of March to the 5th of October, and is an Evening Star from the 3d of July to the end of the year.

### THE SEASONS OF THE YEAR 1879.

	March 20th,	6.26 evening,	lasting	d. h. m.
Spring begins .....	March 20th,	6.26 evening,	lasting	92 20 9
Summer begins .....	June 21st,	2.35 evening,	lasting	93 13 34
Autumn begins .....	Sept. 23d,	5.9 morning,	lasting	89 18 9
Winter begins .....	Dec. 21st,	11.18 evening	tropical, year	365 5 45

Attention has been called to the overshadowing of houses by too many shade trees and shrubberies. It is not a fault as to many farm houses we have seen. There is, indeed, too little attention paid to shade trees, both on farms and in villages. But during a wet season the evil of overshadowing is most observable. In passing through some of the older settlements in the Eastern Townships, we could scarcely find the dwelling because of the numerous trees whose branches intertwined and shut out all sun light, and prevented the circulation of air. Dyspepsia and consumption flourish where sun and air are excluded. Even darkening rooms by thick blinds, to keep out the flies, is not good policy. Embellishment outside and comfort inside are very good; but the farm house should have light and ventilation, for without these there will not be healthy indwellers.