

the future. No character is complete without it. It is intimately connected with all that is lively and desirable in the formation of a noble mind. What sight more pleasing than to see children exhibiting this

trait of character in their intercourse with each other? How it enhances the happiness of all!

A MOTHER.

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#### ANCIENT ASTROLOGY.

The ancients believed in a pretended science called *astrology*, and taught that the stars exerted a controlling influence over the destinies of mortals. A fragment of this barbarous superstition may still be met with occasionally in the pages of an almanac, designed to show which part of the human body each sign "governs." The annexed cut is a representation of this heathen absurdity. What an idea for any civilized nation to indulge, that a cluster of stars, millions of miles distant, govern the arms or feet of men!

This picture has been published in almanacs, till many people actually think there is some truth in astrology. Hence we sometimes hear them talk of doing things "when

the sign is right," or when it is "in the head," or in the heart." This, also, is founded in error and superstition. The sun is in certain signs at the same time every year so that the place of the sign indicates a certain time, as much as any given day of the month; and as certain things should be done at certain times, in order to succeed well, it is erroneously concluded that it is because "the sign is right."

Impostors often take advantage of this credulity, and profess to "tell fortunes," as they call it, by the aspects of the planets, signs, &c. All these things are based upon erroneous notions respecting the influence of the stars upon our globe and its inhabitants, and should be rejected.—*Mallison's Astronomy.*