

tion and prices has formed the subject of numerous discussions during the present century; and it is a singular fact that scientists have made the discovery that large and small crops have occurred at intervals approximating to eleven years, the average length of the sun-spot period. It may be a meteorological fact, that Jupiter is the ruling element in our price cycles of natural productions; while, also, it may be suggested that Saturn exerts an influence regulating the cycles in manufacture and trade.

Herschel and Leverrier, away out in the regions of immensity, beyond the range of human eyesight, may send forth an electric influence affecting Jupiter, Saturn and, in turn, the Earth. Heathen mythology claimed that Saturn was the deity who presided over time, as he was the most distant planet from the earth of any that are visible to the naked eye, and requiring twenty-nine years to make a revolution around the sun. Saturn appears to have been king of Crete, in whose time iron was said to have been discovered on Mount Ida, owing to a fire by lightning producing a conflagration in the woods. Vulcan wrought the new iron mines and made iron implements. Ancient astrology claimed to foretell future events by the motion of the stars, and in this they were not far wrong, although they were not regu-