## THE PLANETS.

MERCURY will be at his greatest elongation west of the Sun as a Morning Star, and to the east as an Evening Star, as follows: February 6th, 25° 40′ W.; April 18th, 19° 50′ E.; June 5th, 23° 47′ W.; August 16th, 27° 22′ E.; September 28th, 17° 51′ W.; December 11th, 20° 55′ E. Between these dates his motion will be alternately direct and retrograde, coming in conjunction with the Sun January 13th, Inserior (i. e. between the Sun and earth); March 23rd, Superior (i. e. beyond the Sun); May 9th, Inserior; July 6th, Superior; September 12th, Inserior; October 27th, Superior; December 28th, Inserior. Mercury will be occulted by the Moon December 2nd, 9 p. m.

VENVIS will commence as a Morning Star, with direct motion to her superior conjunction with the Sun, September 18th, ster which she will re-appear in the west as an Evening Star till the end of the year. She will be occulted by the Moon, June 3rd, 9 a. m.; November 2nd, 3 p. m.

MARS with direct motion throughout the year, will commence as an Evening Star till his conjunction with the Sun, July 30th, 4 a. m., re-appearing as a Morning Star till the year's end, he will be occulted by the Moon May 10th, 1h. 30m., a. m., December 26th, 10 a. m.

JUPITER will commence the year as an Evening Star, coming in conjunction with the Sun February 13th, 9.45 a.m.; re-appears as a Morning Star till his opposition to the Sun, September 5th, his motion will be direct till July 7th, retrograde till November 3rd, and direct to the end of the year.

SATURN will retrogade till May 12th, after which direct to the end of the year. In opposition to the Sun March 4th, in conjunction September 13th. The earth in its orbit will cross the plane of Saturn's rings, which in consequence will be invisible except by the help of a powerful telescope.

URANUS in apparent motion will be direct till February 4th, retrograde till July 5th, afterwards direct to the end of the year. He will be in conjunction with Mars December 15th, 5.40 a. m., being at the time of Moon's diameter to the

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