HOMETOWN

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"You certainly look dejected", my neighbour observed as he sat down on the back step beside me.

"If we had a doghouse, I'd be in it", I announced.

"You shouldn't but since you're dying of curiosity, I'll tell you anyway," I offered.

"Gee.... someone else is in trouble for a change", my neighbour said.

"I bounced in the other night, only to find the kitchen sinks were plugged", I related. "It appeared to be only a matter of unscrewing the cap at the bottom of the elbow and clearing the pipes."

"Sounds logical to me", my neighbour agreed.

"First, I placed a large pan under the cap to catch the water", I went on, "then I undid the screw and was nearly swept in the tidal wave."

"Oh my goodness!"

"I never worked so hard, so fast, getting nowhere in my life", I said. "First one pan was filled to overflowing. I grabbed a second, then a third, then a fourth - and still the water kept rushing at me. It ran all through the cupboard, soaking cereal and everything else it came in contact with. Then it flowed out the cupboard door past my ankles and across the room. The whole place was under water."

"Oh my goodness!" my neighbour said again.

"My wife peered through the doorway and started to scream... then cry.. then sob. It was horrible."

"I'll just bet it was", my neighbour agreed.

"Just look at my tile floor and my cupboards", screamed my wife. "Now it's running into the dining room onto the hardwood floors."

"My hands are on fire - they're burning up", I cried.

"It's the chemical I put in to unplug the pipes", she explained.

My neighbour shifted position to get more comfortable.

"Gee", he said, grinning.

"I mopped, and I wiped, and I scrubbed. There must have been a ton of water in that place. To add to the problem, the so-called chemical made everything slippery - the joint was like a skating rink. I fell flat four times."

"Oh my goodness!" my neighbour exclaimed.

"Can't you say anything else?", I growled.

"Gee," he replied.

"It took more than an hour to soak up that mess, and then I got another shock!"

"There's more?" my neighbour asked.

"I turned on the taps and the sinks filled up again.... the pipes were plugged further down someplace."

"Then you called the plumber," my friend said hopefully.

"I went to bed with my sore hands," I muttered.

"Oh my goodness!"

"I don't give up on stubborn cases too easily," I said. "The next day the sinks were still clogged, so I investigated further and found another cap at the bottom of the pipe near the cellar floor."

"I don't know whether you have a lot of nerve, or whether you're just stupid," my neighbour said.

"I got the cap off the pipe," I continued, "a little water came out, so I got a long wire and pushed it up into the pipe."

"Then you got the wire stuck," my neighbour said.

"Yes, Mr. Smart, but when it did come loose, so did the sludge blocking the pipe."

"You got it fixed," my neighbour congratulated, "then you were re-instated as a hero."

"No that's not quite it," I admitted. "I was in deep trouble all over again."

"How come?"

"When the sludge came down, it was followed by another ton of water... I flooded out the basement."

"Oh my goodness!!"

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ASTROLOGY

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will see the airlines making it possible to travel more cheaply, but in astrological opinion, these prices will soon be revised upwards, in fact by the end of May 1972.

The Saggitarian influence

This Sagittarian influence should be creative for Lec, personal and individual for Sagittarius, with hopes and dreams being fulfilled for Aquarius.

For Taurus there will be an increase in income in the case of their partners.

Aries will be more interested in matters concerning travel and the "higher mind", Cancer people will be more interested than ever in their work, and Libra having Uranus in their own sign should be more optimistic and definitely find it easier to make decisions.

People who are born when Saturn (materialism) is opposite Neptune (spiritual), seldom have an optimistic attitude, and usually have unpleasant things happen in their lives.

With Uranus (the planet of the unexpected) opposite Mars (the planet of action) in a male's horoscope chart, an astrologer can easily read that he is accident prone, while in a female chart, he can usually indicate that he sees trouble regarding divorce. This of course, depends largely on the signs of the zodiac involved.

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