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A CIPHER-CODE FOR ASTRONOMICAL MESSAGES.*

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PRINCIPLES OF THE CIPHER-CODE.

Table I consists of 510 cipher-words of three letters each; as Hil = 100. When a word of three letters occurs in a message, it signifies a *local date;* as Hil = 100th day of the year = April 10 (in common years, April 9 in leap-years). The words of Table I are usually employed as prefixes to one of the five-letter affixes of Table II; as Hilofant = 10072, making a *number*-word. In certain (specified) cases these numbers signify degrees and minutes of *arc*; as $Hiladize = 100^{\circ}$ o5' (the prefix always gives the degrees; the affix, the minutes). In certain other (specified) cases, the number-words are used to denote an accurate date (always in Greenwich days and hundredths of a day); as *Rokalone* = 286^d.15 = October 13^d 3^h 36^m G. M. T. (in any common year). See Tables III and V.

All number-words have eight letters. The use of Table III is obvious. Table IV contains in the second column certain arbitrary cipher-words (each one of six letters and of two syllables); and, in the third column, certain phrases or sentences, each corresponding to a single cipher-word. The third column of Table IV is essentially a copy of Part II of the "Science-Observer Code." The whole table contains more phrases than I should myself select, were the work to be done *ab initio*. Table V will be found convenient.

Any expert in cipher-codes will remark various precautions against mistakes of eye and ear which have been adopted in what follows. They have been suggested by experience in the use of the "Science-Observer Code" for transmitting astronomical telegrams, and of other codes for other uses.

I have to thank my colleagues at Mount Hamilton for valued advice and assistance in preparing these tables.

The great merit of the "Science-Observer Code" is in its system of

^{*}See Publications A. S. P., Vol. VIII, page 64.

control-words, or checks. The present code contains the same checks, and has the additional advantages (among others):

First, that all the words of the telegram contain either three, six, or eight letters (except in the case of proper names), and thus that the cipher-words are short, and of uniform lengths.

Second, that all local dates (month and day only) are expressed by words of three letters.

Third, that all arbitrary cipher-phrases are denoted by words of six letters.

Fourth, that all accurate dates (G. M. T.), and all numbers, are expressed by cipher-words of eight letters.

The system of cipher adopted enables one to replace the first 203 (quarto) pages of the "Science-Observer Code" by our Tables I, II, III, which are printed on three (octavo) pages, thus saving much needless turning of leaves. The rest of the present code is simply an adaptation of the "Science-Observer Code." Members of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, and others, may find the present code convenient for communications between themselves, and with the LICK Observatory.

GENERAL RULES FOR ASTRONOMICAL TELEGRAMS.

Dates.—When the date is given to the nearest day only, by a threeletter word from Table I, the date is always the local date of the observer (not of the person who sends the telegram). This avoids ambiguities. When the date is given to the decimal of a day, by a compoundword from Tables I and II, it is always expressed in Greenwich mean days and decimals. All days begin at noon.

Right Ascensions, differences in R. A., motions in R. A., are always expressed in *time*, (thus avoiding one of the chief annoyances in the use of the "Science-Observer Code." See its page 10, word 5, for example).

Declinations from $+90^{\circ}$ to -90° are always expressed as Northpolar-distances.

Positions are understood to be referred to the apparent equinox of the date (except when otherwise especially noted in the precepts).

N. B.—Always send the full complement of words, filling (otherwise) blank spaces by the words *Baf* (Table I), *nicht* (Table II), or *voidness, zerotion*, etc.

The code is particularly useful in sending certain standard forms of telegrams (explained in what immediately follows), though it can be employed for any astronomical news. It will give little trouble to English-speaking folk; and can be used by Europeans. Finally, it is to be recollected that no cipher-telegram is suitable to replace a letter, or to convey very complex messages; and, therefore, the telegrams must be made short and correct, and information that can wait (as accurate ephemerides, etc.) transmitted by letter.

It may prevent mistakes to write five figures to correspond to every number-word; as, 00172 for 172, 01724 for 1724, 135° 05' for 135° 5', etc.

SEVENTEEN-WORD DISPATCH.

GIVING ELEMENTS AND EPHEMERIS. (See Table IV, No. 51051).

Word No. I = Time of perihelion passage = T.

Word No. 2=Distance of perihelion from node= $\omega = \pi - \Omega$.

Word No. 3 =longitude of node = Ω .

Word No. 4=inclination (which may range from 0° to 180°)=*i*.

N. B.—The elements 2, 3, 4 are referred to the mean equinox of the beginning of the year.

Word No. 5=perihelion distance=q (not log q).

Word No. $6 = \text{control-word} = \frac{1}{4}$ the sum of the five number-words I, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Word No. 7 = first date of the ephemeris (*Greenwich date*), and the *light* for that date.

Word No. 8 =First R. A.

Word No. 9 =First N. P. D.

Word No. 10=Second R. A.

Word No. 11 = Second N. P. D.

Word No. 12=Third R. A.

Word No. 13=Third N. P. D.

Word No. 14=Fourth R. A.

Word No. 15 = Fourth N. P. D. /

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Four-day intervals are to be un-

sitions refer to Greenwich mean

derstood in the ephemeris.

Word No. 16=last date of ephemeris and *light* for that date.

Word No. 17 = local mean dates of the observations on which the elements depend. (See Table IV, No. 51122).

Detail of Seventeen-Word Dispatch.

Word No. 1.—The time of perihelion passage is given by an eightletter number-word (made up of a prefix from Table I and of an affix from Table II). This gives the day of the year and the hundredths of a day. Thus $T=Nov. 7^{d}.91$ G. M. $T.=311^{d}.91$ is expressed by *Sinugale* (see Tables I and III).

Word No. 2.—Distance of perihelion from node, $=\omega = \pi - \Omega$. This is expressed by an eight-letter number-word in degrees and minutes. Table I gives the degrees, Table II the minutes. Thus, $\omega = 99^{\circ} 34'$ is expressed by *Hikelope*.

Word No. 3.—Longitude of node, in arc, as for word No. 2. Thus, $\Omega = 300^{\circ} 50'$ is *Safilade*.

Word No. 4.—Inclination=*i*, in arc, as above. Thus, $i=7^{\circ} 22'$ is *Bazaside*.

Word No. 5.— Perihelion distance = q. This element is to be expressed in units of the *fourth* decimal place. Thus, q=1.1049 is *Horijest*.

Word No. 6.— This word is inserted to enable the receiver of the message to be certain that the foregoing elements have been correctly received (and translated). Errors in transmission can sometimes be corrected by its aid. It is determined by adding all the numbers corresponding to words 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and by dividing their sum by 4.

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N. B.—In making this addition, be careful to express such angles as $135^{\circ} 5'$ in the form 135.05, etc.

Example: T=311 91. $\omega = 99 34.$ $\Omega = 300 50.$ i = 7 22. q = 110 49.Sum = 829 46.

 $\frac{1}{4}$ sum = 207 36, and the control-word is *Lunendow*.

Word No. 7.—The first date for the ephemeris, and the light for that date. This will be expressed by a number-word of eight letters, as *Pinative*=25124. The affix (24) gives *the Greenwich day* corresponding to the first date of the ephemeris. The month itself must be inferred from the date of the telegram. If this is dated May 20, the first date of the ephemeris is May 24. The *light* of the comet at discovery is always assumed to be 1.0. The *prefix* of word No. 7 gives the *light* on the first date of the ephemeris, expressed in units and *tenths* (not hundredths). Thus, B=25.7.

N. B.—If the date of discovery is not known, the light of the comet at the first date of the ephemeris is to be assumed to be 1.0, and in this case (and in one other case *only*) the prefix to Word No. 7 will be *Bil*. The other (very improbable) case is when the comet does not change its brilliancy between discovery and the first date of the ephemeris.

Word No. 8.—First R. A. of ephemeris. This will be expressed by a single number-word of eight letters; as *Moyirize*=23162, which is to be read as 23^{h} 16^m.2; *i. e.*, the three figures on the right *always* express minutes and tenths of minutes of *time*, and the remaining figures, hours of R. A. (o^h 7^m.o should be written 00070=*Bafocean*; 11^h o^m.o should be written 11000=*Hornicht*).

 o^{m} . I is the most convenient unit for R. A. positions in an ephemeris sent by *telegraph*. The object will always fall in the field of the eyepiece employed for comets. It is entirely unnecessary to give the R. A. to I' of arc.

Word No. 9.—First N. P. D. This will be given by a number-word of eight letters, which corresponds to degrees and minutes of arc. Thus, $\delta = 46^{\circ}$ 56', or N. P. D. = 43° o4' = *Ditadieu*. ($\delta = -47^{\circ}$ 51' = N. P. D. 137° 51' = *Jolilant*).

Word No. 10.—Second R. A.

Word No. 11.—Second N. P. D. Word No. 12.—Third R. A. Word No. 13.—Third N. P. D.

Word No. 14.—Fourth R. A.

Word No. 15.—Fourth N. P. D.

Each will be expressed by a number-word of eight letters, precisely as for words No. 8 and No. 9, corresponding to *four-day* intervals in the ephemeris.

Word No. 16.—Last date and *light* of the ephemeris. This, like Word No. 7, will be expressed by a number-word of eight letters; as *Sipadize*=31205. The day of the month is 05, and must correspond (see Word No. 7) to June 5, since the last date of the ephemeris is twelve days later than the first (May 24), which constitutes a rough control. B=31.2.

Word No. 17.—Local mean date of first observation (*prefix*), and interval in days between the first and second observations (first figure of *affix*), and between the second and third observations (second figure of *affix*). The cipher-word will be a number-word of eight letters; as *Juneting* = 14741. The first observation was on May 27 (147^d), if the year was not a leap-year; the second observation was four days later (May 31); the third observation was one day later (June 1).

N. B.—Should any *interval* be greater than nine days, write the word nicht as the affix. Thus, Junnicht=14700 indicates that the first observation upon which the orbit is based was made on May 27 (147^{d}), and that at least one of the intervals between the first and second, and second and third observation, is greater than nine days—and thus, that the ephemeris is likely to be accurate. See Table IV, No. 51122.

Example: Elements and ephemeris of Comet *Pechule*, 1880, (from "Science-Observer Code," page 8). N. B.—1880 is a leap-year.

	ELEN	MENTS. I.	II.
Ι.	T = Nov. 9.62 G. M. T. = 314	62=Sod-irize,	(Manceps).
2.	$\omega = 13^{\circ} 21$ 013	21 = Bit-aship,	(Aguijoso).
3.	$\Omega = 249^{\circ} 39'$ 249	39=Pik-eroon,	(Hellhag).
4.	<i>i</i> =60° 41′ 060	4I = Faf-eting,	(Bifidate).
5.	<i>q</i> =0.6775 067	75=Faz-ogive,	(Bostezante).
	Sum, 705	; 38	
6.	¼ sum, 176	534 = Kul-elope,	(Efforts).
	EPHI	EMERIS.	
7.	Jan. $7 = 7$; Brightness = 1.0,	01007 = Bil-aflow,	(Breastwork).
8.	R. A. 20^{h} 32^{m} .4	20324 = Lud-ative,	(Macropod).
9.	N. P. D. 67° 10′	06710 = Faz-aglow	, (Bordadora).
10.	R. A. $20^{h} 49^{m} . 9$	20499 = Luf-useep,	(Malhetada).
11.	N. P. D. 65° 29′	06529 = Far-egate,	(Bochista).
12.	R. A. 21 ^h 6 ^m .9	21069 = Maf-oblat	(Manifatura).
13.	N. P. D. 63° 56′	06356 = Fan-inary,	(Blanquero).
14.	R. A. $21^{h} 23^{m} . 4$	21234 = Mal-elope,	(Marooned).
15.	N. P. D. 62° 32′	06232 = Fal-ejekt,	(Bisneto).
16.	Jan. 19=19; Brightness=0.	.66, 00719= <i>Baz-arose</i> ,	(Enviscar).
17.	First observation,		
	Second observation, Dec. $22 = 4^{d}$ later Third observation,	>35348= Tud-ifold.	(Nagueres).

Dec. $30 = 8^{d}$ later

Column I gives the required message expressed by the present code. It is pure jargon, arranged on a systematic plan. The telegrapher and the receiver (over a telephone-wire especially) must pay attention throughout, and every word *must* contain eight letters, neither more nor less. Column II gives the same message expressed in the "Science-Observer Code." I submit that its jargon has all the disadvantages of Column I, and that it has others peculiar to its own fundamental system. The message as in Column I can be written with one opening of the book, and in a very much shorter time than that in Column II. In

practice, the form on the left of the page is first prepared; next, the prefixes are entered from Table I, and, lastly, the affixes from Table II.

SIX-WORD POSITION-MESSAGE.

All such messages, and only such, begin with the name of a month.

Following is a scheme of a six-word position-message, which is well adapted to send either an accurate or an approximate position.

Word No. 1.—Month of the date of the observation (in English; as *January*).

Word No. 2.—A number-word of eight letters, giving the Greenwich day and thousandths of a day. Thus, Sik-orous = 30989 = 30^d.989 G. M. T. (day begins at noon).

Word No. 3.—A number-word of eight letters, which gives the hours, minutes, and the tens of seconds of time of the position in R. A. Thus, $Mitodate = 22371 = 22^{h} 37^{m} 1$.

Word No. 4.—A number-word of eight letters, which gives the N. P. D. to the next less 1'; as $Kinarine = 161^{\circ} 20'$.

Word No. 5.—A number-word of eight letters, which gives — *first*, the fourth decimal of the day (date); *second*, the units and the tenths of seconds of time (R. A.); *third*, the seconds of arc (N. P. D.). Thus, Rif-eroon=27839, meaning 0^d.0002 (to be added to the data of Word No. 2, making the date 30^d.9892), and 7^s.8 in R. A. (to be added to the data of Word No. 3, making the R. A. 22^h 37^m 17^s.8), and 39'' in N. P. D. (to be added to the data of Word No. 4, making the N. P. D. 161° 20' 39'').

Word No. 6.—A number-word of eight letters, used as a control, and representing one-fourth of the sum of words 2, 3, 4, and 5.

N. B.—To send an *approximate* position, proceed precisely as above, *except* that Word No. 5 must be replaced by the arbitrary cipher-word, *Nearness*, which shows the receiver that an approximate place is intended.

N. B.— See Table IV, No. 51121.

THIRTEEN-WORD MESSAGE.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF A DISCOVERY.

N. B.—Always fill up the full complement of words. The six-word message will find its application here.

Word No. 1.—Phrase-word (Table IV) of six letters and two syllables, naming the object discovered; as *bushel*=A comet was discovered by—at—on—.

Word No. 2.-Discoverer's name; if unknown, put question.

Word No. 3.-Discoverer's station ; if unknown, put unknown.

Word No. 4.-Date of discovery; if unknown, put nix.

If the *day* of discovery (only) is known, Word No. 4 will be of three letters; as November 20, *local date* (common year)= 324^d =*Suf*; otherwise, of eight letters, giving the Greenwich day and hundredths of a day; as *Suf-egate*= 324^d .29 G. M. T.

Words Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10.—Six-word position-message, exactly as above (words of eight letters from Tables I and II).

Word No. 11.—Daily motion in R. A. in seconds of time, which will always be given by a number-word of eight letters; as $Dilatrip=4025^{s}$.

N. B.-If unknown, write voidness.

Word No. 12.—Daily motion in N. P. D. in *minutes* and tenths of minutes^{*} (not degrees and minutes) of arc, which will always be given by a number-word of eight letters, as *Bak-imony*=15.5'.

N. B.—If unknown, write zerotion.

Word No. 13.—Direction of motion in R. A. and N. P. D. Send one of the five words (from Table IV) following :

beetle = the daily motions are north and west.

beggar = the daily motions are north and east.

behave=the daily motions are south and west.

behest=the daily motions are south and east.

become = the daily motions are unknown both in amount and direction.

N. B.—Always fill up the full complement of thirteen words. They are sometimes unnecessary, it is true; they always cost slightly more than eight or ten; but if all the information can be sent it is important; and if any item of it is unknown that fact should be explicitly stated.

Example of Announcement of Discovery Message.

The message to be sent is: "A faint comet was discovered by Barnard at Nashville on October 14. Its position October 15 at 9^{h} 30^{m} 15^{s} is R. A. 2^{h} 27^{m} $13^{s}.5$, N. P. D. 27° 13' 23''. Its daily motion in R. A. is (-72^{s}) , and in N. P. D. (-8').

Word I = Phrase-word, Table IV = Butter (No. 51082).

Word 2=Discoverer's name = Barnard.

Word 3 =Discoverer's station = Nashville.

Word $4 = \text{Date October } 14 = 287^{d} \text{ (not leap year)} = Rol.$

Word 5 = October = October.

Word $6 = 15^{d} 9^{h} 30^{m} 15^{s} = 15.396 (0) = Kan-upate.$

Word 7 = R. A. $2^{h} 27^{m} I - {}^{s} = 0227I = Boz \cdot odate$.

Word 8 = N. P. D. 27° 13' (23'') = 02713 = Bun-alist.

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(=Fourth decimal of the day=o
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Word 9 $\begin{cases} = \text{Seconds of R. A. } 3^8.5 = 0.35 \\ = \text{Seconds of N. P. D. } 23^{\prime\prime} = 0.0023 \\ \text{Aggregate} = 0.0023 \\ \text{Aggreg$

Word 10.—Control-word = Duz-ogoon. Formed thus : 15396

15396
02271
02713
03523

Sum, 23903;
$$\frac{1}{4}$$
 sum = 05976.

* The tenths, not necessary here, are used so as to be consistent with Table IV, No. 51029, where they are necessary.

Word 11.—Daily motion in R. A. = -72^8 = Baf-ofant. Word 12.—Daily motion in N. P. D. = -08'.0 = Baf-olute. Word 13.—The motion is north and west = beetle.

REMARK.

The control-words in the various messages can be employed to correct errors of transmission as well as to detect their existence.

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Phrases, TABLE IV. Arbitrary Cipher-Code.

It is sometimes convenient, and it always saves expense, to have a phrase-code in which arbitrary words in the telegram stand for whole sentences in the translation.

In my opinion, such tables are generally too long.

The following table is essentially a copy of the "Science-Observer Code" sentences (and precepts), with different cipher-words, however. Every cipher-word belonging in this table has two syllables and six letters; no more, no less. I have added a few needed phrases.

Each word in Table IV is numbered, as babble = 51000. By previous agreement between two correspondents the cipher-words (second column), may be used to transmit the numbers in the first column. The blank spaces in the third column can be filled in, by agreement, as new wants arise.

No.	CIPHER- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51000	babble=	The exact Greenwich mean time (day begins at noon) is or was— N. B.— The time is to be expressed in days and decimals of a day. Example: Babble Roneglet=the G. M. T. is 288 ^d .30= Oct. 15 ^d 7 ^h 12 ^m . Babble Roneglet Bodakute=Oct. 15 ^d 7 ^h 12 ^m 12 ⁸ .2 (+o ^d .0001412).
51001	baboon=	The object is in the Bonn DM. (between $+90^{\circ}$ and $+0^{\circ}$ Decl.).
51002	badger=	The object is in the Bonn DM. (between 0° and -23° Decl.).
51003	ballad =	
51004	ballot=	The object is in the C. G. H. (photographic) DM.
51005	bandit=	The object is in the Cordoba (visual) DM.
51006	banyan= banker=	N. B.—The Cipher-words for DM. stars will be followed by two number-words. First.—The prefix to the first word gives the Decl. of the zone. (See the top of the page in the DM.). Second.—The affix to the first word gives the magnitude of the star, in tenths of a magnitude, where 9.9 is assumed to be the magnitude of every star fainter than 9.8. Third.—The second word gives the star's number in its zone. Thus, if there were a Bonn DM. star of 9.6 mag. —13° Decl., No. 4417 in that zone, we could denote it by badger, bitupate dodamope. 13, 96 4417 The object is on the photographic plates taken at the
51007		Observatory of

No.	Cipher- Word.	CORRESPONDING PHRASE.
51008	barber=	The object is not on the negatives taken at—
51009	barley=	The object is in Dreyer's New General Catalogue of Nebulæ, No.——(if followed by a number-word).
51010	barrel =	The object is in Dreyer's Index-Catalogue of Neb- ulæ, 1888-94, No.—(if followed by a number-
		word). N. B — The cipher-word may be followed by a number-word of eight letters, which gives the number of the object in the cata- logue referred to.
51011	barrow=	
51012	barter=	The object follows the (star) next named by
51013	basely=	The object precedes the (star) next named by—— seconds of time (prefix).
51014	bashaw=	The object is north of the (star) next named by
51015	basket=	The object is south of the (star) next named by
•		N. B—Two of the cipher-words will be followed by a number- word whose <i>prefix</i> gives ΔR . A., and whose <i>affix</i> gives $\Delta \delta$. N. B.—Name the comparison star afterwards. For exact positions, see page 114.
51016	bathos=	and is north-preceding (the object next named in the message).
51017	battle=	and is north-following (the object next named in the message).
51018	bawble=	and is south-following (the object next named in the message).
51019	beacon=	and is south-preceding (the object next named in the message).
51020	beater=	the position with reference to
51021	beauty=	the position angle is ——(number-word; deg.and min.).
51022	beaver=	the distance is—(number-word; seconds of arc).
51023	become =	The daily motions are unknown both in amount and direction.
51024	beetle =	The daily motion of the comet (or object) is towards north and west.
51025	beggar=	The daily motion of the comet (or object) is towards north and east.
51026	behave=	The daily motion of the comet (or object) is towards south and west.
51027	behest=	The daily motion of the comet (or object) is towards south and east.
51028	behold=	The amount of the daily motion in R. A. is (in sec-
51029	behoof=	 N. B.—The cipher word is to be followed by a number-word, always of eight letters, which expresses the daily motion in seconds of time. This will always be less than 50999⁸. The amount of the daily motion in N. P. D. is (in minutes and tenths of minutes of arc). N. B.—The cipher word is to be followed by a number-word, always of eight letters, which expresses the daily motion in N. P. D in minutes and tenths of minutes of arc. This will be less than 5000'.

No.	Cipher- Word.	(See 51071). CORRESPONDING PHRASE. (See 51122).
51030	beldam=	
51031	belfry=	
51032	bellow=	
51033	belong=	The elements of Comet a are (See 51068).
51034	bemoan=	The elements of Comet b are
51035	benign=	The elements of Comet c are
51036	bestir=	The elements of Comet d are
51037	betake=	The elements of Comet e are
51038	betray=	The elements of Comet f are
51039	better=	The elements of Comet g are
51040	bewail=	
51041	beware=	
51042	beyond=	The ephemeris of Comet a follows.
51043	bicker=	The ephemeris of Comet b follows.
51044	biffin=	The ephemeris of Comet c follows.
51045	billet=	The ephemeris of Comet d follows.
51046	billow=	The ephemeris of Comet e follows.
51047	binder=	The ephemeris of Comet f follows.
51048	bisect=	The ephemeris of Comet g follows.
51049	bitter=	
51050	blazon=	
51051	bobbin=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet a follow.
51052	bodice=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet b follow.
51053	bodkin=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet c follow.
51054	bolter=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet d follow.
51055	bonnet=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet e follow.
51056	border=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet f follow.
51057	borrow=	The elements and ephemeris of Comet g follow.
51058	bother=	
51059	bottle=	
51060	bounty=	An ephemeris of three positions at four-day intervals
51061	boxing=	An ephemeris of four positions at four-day intervals
51062	boyish=	An ephemeris of six positions at four-day intervals

No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51063	brandy=	An ephemeris of eight positions at four-day intervals.
51064	brassy =	An ephemeris of three positions at eight-day intervals.
51065	brawny=	An ephemeris of four positions at eight-day intervals.
51066	breezy=	An ephemeris of six positions at eight-day intervals.
51067	brewer =	An ephemeris of eight positions at eight-day intervals.
51068	briber =	Compare the elements sent you with those of the Comet of (See Publ. A. S. P., No. 50). N. BThe cipher-word is followed by a number-word of eight letters. FirstWrite out the number corresponding. SecondCut off the last figure, which gives the number of the
	-*	<i>Third.</i> —The first four figures give the year A. D.
51069	bridal =	
51070	broken=	The auxiliary constants for the equator to be used in computing an ephemeris are as follows:
		N. B.—The cipher-word will always be followed by seven number-words of eight letters, the first six representing $a \ b \ c$, A, B, C, in the equations. $\mathbf{x} = r \sin a \sin (A+v)$ $\mathbf{y} = r \sin b \sin (B+v)$ $z = r \sin c \sin (C+v)$
		The angles are expressed in degrees (corresponding to the prefix) and minutes (the figures of the affix always represent the minutes). The seventh number-word is a control-word, and represents one-fourth of the sum of the preceding six words. Example: $a=81^{\circ}$ 21', $b=76^{\circ}$ 23', $c=16^{\circ}$ 20', $A=170^{\circ}$ 41', $B=262^{\circ}$ 17', $C=49^{\circ}$ 11' would be represented by broken I. Foyaship =081 21 2. Fokation =076 23 3. Bokarine =016 20 4. Koreting =170 41 5. Pozamope =262 17 6. Dopahold =049 11
		One-quarter of $(655 33) = 163 83 = Kitomous$, which is the control word.
51071	brutal=	These are elliptic elements which follow: N. B.— The cipher-word will be followed by two number- words of eight letters. The first gives the eccentricity (e) to the nearest fourth decimal place; the second gives the periodic time expressed in years and hundredths of a year.
51072	bubble=	The deviation (C–O) of the middle place when $+$ in λ and $+$ in β is
51073	bucket=	The deviation (C–O) of the middle place when $+$ in λ and $-$ in β is
51074	budget=	The deviation (C–O) of the middle place when – in λ and + in β is
\$	buffer=	The deviation $(C-O)$ of the middle place when $-in \lambda$ and $-in \beta$ is N. B.—The cipher-words will be followed by a number-word of eight letters, the first three figures of which give $\Delta\lambda \cos \beta$, and the last two figures of which give $\Delta\beta$, both expressed in minutes and tenths of arc. $\Delta\lambda \cos\beta$ Example: (C-O) = -i8'.8 $-o'.6$ is expressed by buffer Lifadore

No.	CIPHER-WORD.	Corresponding Phrase.
51076	bullet = I. Add to <i>bullet</i> the word <i>bubble</i> for ΔR.A.+, ΔN.P.D.+; (C-O). 2. <i>bucket</i> for ΔR.A.+, ΔN.P.D 3. <i>budget</i> for ΔR.A, ΔN.P.D.+ 4. <i>buffer</i> for ΔR.A, ΔN.P.D	The position of the observed place with reference to the predicted place $(C-O)$ is, approximately, N. B.—The cipher-word will be followed by a cipher-word (see adjacent column) and by one number-word of eight letters. The affix gives $(C-O)$ in R. A. expressed in seconds of time. The prefix gives $(C-O)$ in north polar distance expressed in minutes and tenths of minutes of arc.
51077	bunker=	The (C—O) is not known.
51078	burden=	The physical appearance of the object is as follows: N. B.—The cipher-word will be followed by English words describing the appearance as "bright," 'circular," "large," etc., as desirable.
51079	bushel=	A comet was discovered by—, at—, on—.
51080	buskin=	A bright comet was discovered by, at, on
51081	bustle=	A very bright comet was discovered by, at, on
51082	butter=	A faint comet was discovered by , at, on
51083	byword=	A very faint comet was discovered by——, at——, on——.
51084	dagger=	A planet was discovered by, at, on
51085	damage=	A planet fainter than 13 mag. was discovered by, at, on
		N. B.— The cipher-word will be followed by three words giving 1°) name of discov- erer 2°) his station 3°) a date-word of three letters from Table I (the day is expressed in local mean time (day begins at noon).
51086	damask=	A comet was found on the negatives of——.
51087	damsel=	A planet was found on the negatives of——.
51088	danger=	
51089	dapple=	The periodic comet of —— has been observed by ——, at ——, on
		N. B.—The cipher-word is followed by four words giving 1°) name of comet 2°) observer 3°) his station 4°) date-word of three letters (the day is expressed in the local mean time of the observer).
51090	dawdle=	Possibly a comet.
51091	dazzle=	Probably a comet.

No.	Cipher- Word.	(See pp. 128-9). Corresponding Phrase.
51092	deacon =	Not a comet.
51093	dealer =	Possibly a planet.
51094	debase =	Probably a planet.
51095	debate=	Possibly a nebula
51096	decree =	Probably a nebula
51097	deface =	The comet was looked for but not found. (See 51223).
51098	defect =	The planet was looked for but not found (See 51223).
51099	defend=	Please observe markings on ———(Mercury, Venus,
51100	defile=	A marking on the planet——is central at——is central at—
51101	deject=	Please observe (photograph) changes in the tail of Comet.
51102	deluge=	Please observe changes in the head of Comet
51103	dental =	Bright projection on Mars' terminator at (Green- wich date).
51104	depend =	
51105	depict=	Please send by mail an observation of as early a date in the year as you can.
51106	deploy=	Please send by mail an observation of as late a date in the year as you can.
51107	depose=	Please send by mail any observation.
51108	depute=	Please send by mail two observations.
51109	deride=	Please send by mail three observations.
51110	desert=	Please send by mail elements and ephemeris.
51111	design=	Please telegraph an observation of as early a date in the year as you can.
51112	desist=	Please telegraph an observation of as late a date in the year as you can.
51113	despot=	Please telegraph any observation.
51114	detail=	Please telegraph two observations.
51115	detect =	Please telegraph three observations.
51116	detest=	Please telegraph any data you can.
51117	device =	Please telegraph elements.
51118	devoid=	Please telegraph ephemeris.
51119	devour=	Please telegraph elements and ephemeris.
51120	differ =	Was discovered by (at, on).
51121	digest=	Was observed by (at, on).
51122	dilate=	Was computed by (at , on).

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No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51123	dimple=	A variable star was found on the negatives of
51124	dipper≐	A new star was found on the negatives of——.
51125	direct=	The variability of the star (object) was discovered by(at, on).
51126	disarm =	A new star was discovered by (at, on). See No. 51144. See Nos. 51147-8.
		N. B.—The two cipher-words just preceding will be followed by three words 1°) the discoverer's name 2°) his station 3°) a date- word of three letters from Table I (the day should be expressed in local mean time of observer).
51127	dismal=	Possibly this object is variable.
51128	distil=	Probably this object is variable.
51129	divert =	The epoch of maximum and period are
51130	divine=	The epoch of minimum and period are
		N. B.—The two foregoing cipher-words will be followed 1°) by a number word, which will give the epoch in Greenwich days and hundredths of a day, and 2°) by a number-word, which will give the period in days and hundredths of a day.
51131	docile=	A minimum occurred on
51132	doctor=	A minimum will occur on——
51133	dollar=	A maximum occurred on
51134	domain=	A maximum will occur on
		N. B.—These cipher-words will be followed by 1°) a date-word of three letters giving the local mean day, or 2°) by a number- word of eight letters giving the day and hundredth of a day (G. M. T.).
51135	dotage=	The epoch and period are not known.
51136	dragon=	The period is short.
51137	dreamy=	The period is long.
51138	dressy=	The variable is of the Algol type.
51139	drivel=	The variable is of the Eta Aquilæ type.
51140	drover =	A shower of meteors is now in progress.
51141	duster=	A shower of meteors will probably occur (Greenwich date).
51142	fabric=	The radiant is or was——.
		N. B.—The cipher-word will be followed by two number- words, giving 1°) R. A. in hours, minutes, and tenths of minutes; 2°) N. P. D. in degrees and minutes.

No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51143	facile=	The variation in magnitude is——.
		N. B.—The cipher-word will be followed by a number-word of eight letters 1°) the first three places give the max. brightness in mags. and tenths 2°) the last two places (mags. and tenths) added to the max. brightness give the minimum brightness in mags. and tenths).
		<i>Example:</i> The variability of $BD+1^{\circ}$, 3408 was discovered by SAWYER, at Cambridge, February 17 (local date). The epoch of minimum is July 17, 15 ^h 45 ^m G. M. T., and the period is o ^d 20 ^h . The variation of mag. is from 6.0 to 6.8. The variable is of the <i>Algol</i> type. These facts are expressed as follows:
		Direct The variability of the star was disc. by—.
•		[at] (Cambridge) [on] Don [The date of discovery is Feb. 17=48 ^d .]
		baboon[The star is in the B. D., north of 0° .]Bakiptik[Decl. + 1°, mag. 6.0.]Dapafras The number in the zone 3408.]Divine[The epoch of minimum is—]Lonitous[July 17, $15^{\rm b} 45^{\rm m} = 198^{\rm d}.65.$]Bafomous[The period is $0^{\rm d}.83$]
		Facile[The variation in brightness is]Fafafras[The max. brightness is 6.0, the min. 6.8.]Dressy[The variable is of the Algol type.]
	factor	N. B.—Be careful to give similar messages in this precise order.
51144	factor=	Has suadenty appearea.
51145	falcon=	Will appear in the Northern Hemisphere.
51146	fallow=	Will appear in the Southern Hemisphere.
51147	famish=	The magnitude is as follows (when brighter than 10.0 mag.).
51148	father =	The magnitude is as follows (when fainter than 10.0 mag.). N. B.—The cipher-words will be followed by a number-word, or by several number-words each of eight letters. Each number- word is to be written out in figures. The first three figures represent the day of the year (G. M. T.). The last two figures give the mag. directly (when the star is brighter than 10), or they give the (mag.—10.0) in case the cipher-word is "father."
51149	fathom =	There is a large, or remarkable, spot on the sun.
51150	fatten =	There is a remarkable protuberance on the sun. (See No. 51021).
51151	faulty=	There seems to be an inter-mercurial planet on the sun.
51152	feeble=	There seems to be a comet on the sun.
51153	feline=	A bright comet is near the sun. (See 51012, etc.).
51154	fencer=	Please observe a probable occultation by Comet— (G. M. T.).
51155	fender=	The planet next named will occult a star on (Green- wich date).
51156	ferret=	Please observe an occultation on (Greenwich date).
51157	fetter =	Changes in the Moon's surface are reported by——. (See 51158-61).

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No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51158	fickle=	The object is on Schmidt's lunar map in $+\lambda$ and $+\beta$,
51159	fidget=	The object is on Schmidt's lunar map in $+\lambda$ and $-eta,$
51160	fillet =	The object is on Schmidt's lunar map in $-\lambda$ and $+\beta$,
51161	finder=	The object is on Schmidt's lunar map in $-\lambda$ and $-\beta$. N. BIf cipher-words 51158-51161 are followed by a number- word, the <i>prefix</i> gives λ , the <i>affix</i> β , expressed in degrees.
51162	finger=	The spectrum is continuous.
51163	finite=	The spectrum is normal.
51164	fisher=	The spectrum is monochromatic.
51165	flagon =	The spectrum is peculiar.
51166	flashy=	The spectrum is like that of a comet.
51167	flaxen=	The spectrum is like that of a nebula.
51168	flinty=	The stellar spectrum is type I (Secchi),
51169	floral=	The stellar spectrum is type II (Secchi),
51170	flower=	The stellar spectrum is type III (Secchi),
51171	fluent=	The stellar spectrum is type IV (Secchi).
51172	flurry=	The stellar spectrum is type (Wolf-Rayet).
51173	foment=	The hydrogen lines are bright.
51174	forage=	The hydrogen lines and D_3 are bright.
51175	forger=	The spectrum contains bright lines or bands.
51176	formal=	The spectrum contains dark lines or bands.
51177	fossil=	Please observe the following line(s)——. N. B.—Each number-word (of eight letters), following these cipher-words gives the wave length of a single line (or band), in millionths of a millimeter.
51178	freely=	The spectrum has been photographed at
51179	frenzy=	The object has been photographed at——.
51180	frigid=	The region has been photographed at
51181	frolic=	The object has been photographed here.
51182	frosty=	The spectrum has been photographed here.
51183	frugal=	The region has been photographed here.
51184	fuller=	The color of the object is white.
51185	funnel=	The color of the object is very blue.
51186	furrow=	The color of the object is blue.

No.	Cipher- Word.	CORRESPONDING PHRASE.
51187	fusion =	The color of the object is yellow.
51188	halter =	The color of the object is red.
51189	hammer=	The color of the object is very red.
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		MISCELLANEOUS.
51190	harbor=	The magnitude is not known.
51191	harrow=	The magnitude is brighter than——
51192	hatred =	The magnitude is fainter than——
51193	hazard =	The magnitude is equal to——. (See 51147–8).
51194	heaven=	The variation is large.
51195	hector=	The variation is small.
51196	helmet=	The brightness is increasing.
51197	herald=	The brightness is decreasing.
51198	hermit=	The brightness is increasing rapidly.
51199	hollow=	The brightness is decreasing rapidly.
51200	homely=	The brightness has increased rapidly.
51201	honest=	The brightness has decreased rapidly.
51202	humane=	It is visible to the naked eye.
51203	hunger=	It will become visible to the naked eye.
51204	hussar=	It will become very brilliant.
51205	keeper=	A suspicious object.
51206	kennel=	Greater than.
51207	kidnap=_	Less than.
51208	kingly=	The earliest observation known is.
51209	lackey=	The latest observation known is.
51210	lagoon=	At several observatories.
51211	lament=	By several astronomers.
51212	lancet =	On several nights.
51213	larder =	The following observatories.
51214	latent=	The following observations.
51215	lavish=	Corrections for parallax and aberration have been applied.
51216	leader=	Corrections for parallax and aberration have not been applied.
51217	leaven=]	is a rough approximation.

No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51218	ledger =	is still uncertain.
51219	legate=	is quite accurate.
51220	lentil=	The position is-
51221	levant=	The position used is
51222	levite=	The position is not known.
51223	lictor=	The object was looked for, but not found. (See 51097).
51224	limber=	The object has been seen.
51225	linden =	The object has not been seen.
51226	lining=	The object has not been seen here since discovery.
51227	linnet=	The object has not been seen by any one else.
51228	lizard =	The object was not observed till
51229	loafer=	The object has not been observed since——
51230	locker=	The object cannot be observed until
51231	locust=	The object cannot be observed after
		Weather; Longitude Campaign.
51232	lodger=	On account of moonlight, or twilight.
51233	lordly=	On account of clouds.
51234	lubber=	On account of moonlight, twilight or clouds.
51235	lumber=	It is cloudy here.
51236	madman=	It has been cloudy here.
51237	magnet =	It probably will be cloudy here.
51238	magpie=	Is it cloudy at your station?
51239	maiden =	Signals will be sent to-night at-G. M. T.
51 2 40	malice =	Signals will be sent to-morrow at-G. M. T.
51241	manful =	Repeat exchange of signals to-night at-G. M. T.
51242	mangle =	No more signals to-night.
51243	marble=	Was exchange of signals satisfactory? Answer im- mediately.
51244	marine=	How many more nights' work needed at this station?
51245	market=	Your signals are not satisfactory.
51246	marmot =	My clock-correction is well determined.
51247	marrow =	My clock-correction is not well determined.

No.	Cipher- Word	Corresponding Phrase.
•		COPPESPONDENCE (See page 122)
51248	martin –	Our letter
51240	marvel-	Our telerrom
51249	master-	Vour Letter
51250	matron -	Your telegram
51252	meddle –	Your letter has been received
51252	medium –	Your telegram has been received
51253	menace -	Anorman by lattan
51254	mental-	Answer by telegraph
51255	method -	We have rewitten
51250	midway -	We rewill rewrite
51257	mildew-	We will write.
51250	miller-	We nucle telegraphica.
51259	mingle-	We are sure
51200	mirror =	We are not sure
51262	mishan =	ive une not sure. Is wirkt
51202	missal=	is right.
51203	mister=	Was found to be
51265	modest=	Is supposed to be
51205	morbid=	Is not subposed to be
51267	mortal=	Please repeat vour last telegram.
51268	mother=	There was an error in my telegram.
51260	motlev=	There was an error in my letter.
51270	muddle =	Instead of, read
51271		N. B.—The cipher-word is to be followed by two words; the first gives the erroneous datum; the second the correct one.
51272	murder=	Will be sent.
51273	muslin=	Cannot be sent.
51274	mutton=	<i>Cannot be sent by telegraph</i> (see my letter).
51275	mystic=	Do you want positions?
51276	[nix]=	We do not know the date of discovery—used in the thirteen-word message. See <i>ante</i> .
51277	oblong=	We have one position.
51278	obtain=	We have two positions.

No.	Cipher- Word.	Corresponding Phrase.
51279	offend=	We have three positions.
51280	office=	We will look for the object.
51281	offset=	Please look for the object.
51282	onward=	The announcement of the discovery of a comet (or planet) by——has been received here. N. B.—The discoverer's name follows the cipher-word.
51283	oppose=	Please forward the information by telegraph to
51284	orphan=	Please do not forward the information to
51285	outcry =	Please distribute this information by telegraph.
51286	outfit =	Please do not distribute this information by telegraph.
51287	outset=	It is for your private information only.
51288	packet=	Please verify before distributing.
51289	palace=	The foregoing appears to be somewhat doubtful.
51290	pallid=	For further information apply direct to—
51291	parade=	Please observe the object visually.
51292	parcel=	Please observe the object photographically.
51293	parent=	Please observe the object spectroscopically.
51294	parish=	Aurora Borealis.
51295	parrot=	Zodiacal Light.
• • • •		Control-Words.
51296	parson=	The sum of the numbers corresponding to all the number-words of eight letters (excluding words of three letters), in this message, up to and exclud- ing the control- { word or words } following is—
51297	pastor=	The following control-word is ½ of the sum of the two number-words of eight letters preceding it.
51298	patent=	The following control-word is $\frac{1}{3}$ of the sum of the three number-words of eight letters preceding it.
51299	patrol=	The following control-word is ¼ of the sum of the four number-words of eight letters immediately preceding it.
51300	pebble=	The following control-word is $\frac{1}{5}$ of the sum of the five number-words of eight letters immediately preceding it.
51301	pedant=	The following control-word is $\frac{1}{n}$ of the sum of the <i>n</i> number-words of eight letters immediately preceding it (<i>i</i> , <i>e</i> ., of all such).

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