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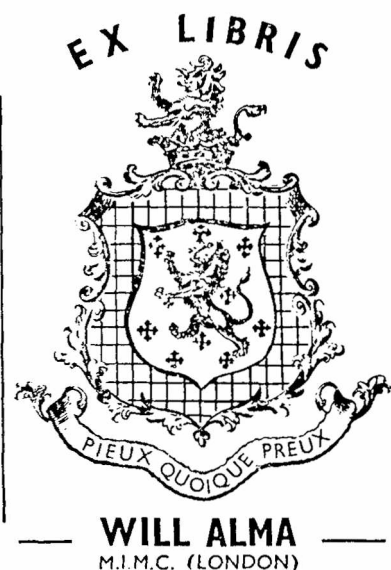
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How to lead up to questions.  
A study of and analysis of actual questions  
Actual questions for practice study.



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It has been stated on numerous occasions that a routine for answering questions in crystal gazing was impossible of compilation. In a direct sense this is a fact not to be disputed. It would be impossible to list a set of answers to fit each and every individual; an answer to a young person might not be suitable for one more advanced in age, and vice versa. Again, regarding financial investments, or kindred matters, you could not convey the same advice to a poor looking, working man, as to one of a higher station in life, who probably knows more about financial matters than you do yourself. This is one of the prime motives in having an individual raise their hand; of course this satisfies the balance of your audience that a person by the name called is actually seated in the audience, but the important factor is :- "What does the individual look like - is it a man or a woman - An old person or a young one" Common sense will tell you that in a great many questions your answer will depend upon the age and general appearance of the asker.

Therefore, I quite agree with several well known gazers who state it is impossible to give a definite and correct set of answers for questions received at performances. However, a general routine can be employed, fitting the cases enumerated, and will also give the beginner, especially, a fairly good insight into the class of queries he may expect.

At the present time, with such a great unrest existing in labor circles, and so many people out of positions and jobs, fifty per cent of the queries, or practically so, will be about securing work; when labor conditions will improve, how long they will keep present positions; raises and promotion. The major part of the remaining ones can be divided into the following:- Questions regarding family affairs { Love, Infidelity, Divorce, Health of one or both parties, Children, etc.} Investments - (whether they will prove successful, whether to be undertaken, if they will terminate as expected.) Love affairs of girls and young women (50% of young girls will ask when they are to be married; who they will marry, or does "so and so" love them ) Lost articles (Recovery etc.) Health - either of the asker or some other party. Of course now and then you will receive some odd query, for it is inconceivable what an individual may write and inquire about.

I have taken some of the out-of-the-ordinary questions and treated them, also those that are in a majority, concluding with a series of actual questions, which will form an excellent basis of training for the beginners, figure out what you would say for a certain class of person; it will also aid in enabling you to think quickly, for it takes a quick thinker to make a successful crystal gazer.

I do not presume to state that this book will make a marvelous performer of you; it will. I am sure, give you a good lead on the class of questions you may be sure to run across

and set your mind to figuring out what sort of an answer should be employed in certain cases.

The purchaser of this manuscript is undoubtedly familiar with the various methods of securing questions, and where a routine is made use of, enabling you to get the questions before hand and perhaps write them in yourself, a study can be made and a prospective reply framed, yet this cannot always be accomplished, for the individual himself may change your contemplated answer. However, it is a good plan to read same over, if possible, and also enables you to greatly condense the information. Don't hurry; take your time, and above all things don't come right to the point. Lead up to it gradually as shown in some of the sample questions. To quote a question direct or to give a direct reply is very improper. Getting it bit by bit as if by concentration will impress the audience, and your individual writer as well. Some performers even make deliberate mistakes, then after proper "concentration" arrive at a correct "impression" - or even pass up the question and come back to it later.

An effect I sometimes use is that of calling a wrong name, as in a case I distinctly remember. The name was "Mrs Walz" I called out "Walsh" but in this case no walsh responded, but the "Mrs Walz" did raise her hand and ask if the name was "Walz". I said "No, it was "Walsh" I wanted", but added: "However, Mrs. Walz, I will endeavour to concentrate upon your thought, and give you the desired information" which I did. Of course, this is no real criterion, but it can be worked in some instances.

From watching the work of various crystal gazers, I believe it is a very good idea to keep away from comedy. Mystification is what you desire; a comical answer once in a while is all right and at times your audience will laugh at a question or an answer which is not at all intended in a comedy vein. Do not be discouraged if you do not receive a great deal of applause. If you make a keen impression on your audience, the applause will probably be small. Whether your act was a success can be best determined from the remarks of persons as they pass out of the theatre, and you can also find many solutions of "how you did it" from the "wise" ones and non-believers, but it is surprising to find out how many intelligent people are firmly convinced that your performance is one of genuine thought transference, or what ever term they apply to it.

Trusting that this offering may prove of benefit to you, and wishing you the best of success, I am,

Fraternally,  
(Signed) Geo. De Lawrence.

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In answering questions do not allude in your answers to "your question" - it is good policy to avoid the word "question" as much as possible. Do not give them the idea that you are answering the question as written by them, rather the idea that you are gathering by concentration the thought in their subconscious mind, hidden there when they wrote their query. Say in preference "The impression I receive" or "The thought as I get it" or the "Vibration received in regard to your thought" or "As I see it in the Crystal" etc.

Insist on having the full name of the writer signed to queries. You are protecting yourself. If you call out the full name of half the people, and for the remainder quote only initials, the audience will wonder why you don't tell them their names; if you can do it for some, why not for all. You are not supposed to know what they signed to the question - you get all your information by concentration,

A good lead can be obtained from the samples given, for instance in the case where a name "Mrs. John Smith" is signed. Instead of calling out Mrs. John Smith, proceed rather along these lines - "I get the impression of a name 'Smith', a lady Mrs Smith (Holds up hand) - Mrs. John Smith or, Arthur Buckley, "I get the name "Buck" - no 'Buckley' - Mr. Buckley (holds up hand) In regard to your thought Arthur, I see etc. etc. This not only misleads and impresses the audience, but is a good time killer, especially when short of questions.

These following are actual questions received by me at various theatres, quoted just as written, which in some instances will show illeteracy, others are written by intelligent people. The foreigners and negros are great believers in crystal gazing. Then there is a bridge or rather a "gap" to the more intelligent people; the rough necks and smart alects around the age of 19 - 22 are the hardest to work to, and even though impressed are too smart to admit of the fact; they are not a bit deceived and can tell their friends just how you do it. I have often pumped acquaintances who had witnessed various crystal gazing acts - some believed in it, some were convinced that trickery had played a part but could assign no reasonable theory as to how or what past trickery did play, and again, others would tell you exactly what he did, and the theories were amusing and far beyond the powers of even the most gifted of gazers

I have at times used the imprecision "Is that correct" Of course a crystal gazer is supposed to know that it is correct but it is done merely for the edification of the balance of the audience, assuring them of the fact that you are actually arriving at a correct deduction of facts.

Q Will My Father be cured of Heart Disease?

Signed William Stead.

A. I get the name W.S. William Stead. All right Mr. Stead The impression transmitted to me is that worry - it seems to me that you are worrying about someone very dear to you; as I get it, this party is your father. Is that correct? The thought comes to me that your father is in ill health - not exactly seriously ill, but he has a certain ailment that is likely to become serious and dangerous, something affecting his heart, but I want to say Mr Stead, that conditions are not so serious as you imagine. Worry on the part of your father aggravates the disease, and while it is hard would advise you to have him keep his mind off his troubles as much as possible. I cannot see that there will be a complete recovery, but there is, however, going to be noticeable relief.

Q. Who took my pay out of my locker.?

Signed Rose O'Gara.

A. Working on the presumption that this was undoubtedly the work of a sister employee, I replied along these lines.

"O'Gara - Miss O'Gara - All right Rose. What seems to be worrying you is the loss of some article - let me see - it is the loss of money. You recently lost some currency did you not ? In fact the impression conveyed to me is that this money was stolen; stolen from your place of employment. I see a large building with a number of girls in a wash room with conveniences for clothes etc. and the money was placed in a sort of locker by you. It was taken by another girl one who works with you. I cannot tell her name, and would not do so if it were possible, but I will say, that she is going to be caught in a similar theft, and this will allow you to become aware of the guilty party. You will not at the present time be able to regain this money."

Q. Is my wife true to me. Does she really love me as she says she does.

Signed Paul Herthe,

A. The name of "Hearthe" comes to me. Mr. Merthe. It seems to me that you are worrying about some family affair. It is your wife. I will be rather brief and to the point, but I believe you will get my meaning. Certainly Paul, she is. I do not know what causes you to have suspicion., If you will only do your part everything will go along in fine shape. Do you understand what I mean? - Yes"

Q. Will the reply to a letter written to Indianapolis be satisfactory? Signed. Elizabeth B. Sykes.

A. Sykes - the name Sykes, Elizabeth. All right Elizabeth. There is a rather hazy impression conveyed to me: I cannot make it out distinctly. There is something you seem to be looking for, something that will bring you happiness - is that a letter I see - is that what you are anticipating, the receipt of a certain letter? Am I correct? I see one arriving in a very few days. One that contains some good news. I do not know exactly what it is about, but I believe this will satisfy your mind. Will you just concentrate on the town from which the delivery is expected and I will see if my impression is correct. Indianapolis? that is correct? - Thank you.

Q. Will I get my money that I have invested in stock returned by Spring, or when will I get it back.? Signed Kathryn Guth

A. I get a name like - let me see - Guth - All right Kathryn. You are asking me about something financial. Is that your thought? It seems that you have invested some money - this investment is a stock, and the thought is in your mind as to how this investment will terminate; whether it is going to be successful or not. That is along the lines of your question, is it not? This does not appear to me to bear the marks of a first class venture; in fact you are not going to realise as much as you anticipated. There is going to be a return therefrom in a few months, but as I have said, it will not be so large as you have been lead to believe.

Q. Is my Mother well, and Can I go home now. -  
(Signed Mrs. W.H. Powers)

A. The name of Powers comes to me - W.H. Powers. All right. Now Mrs. Powers you are worrying about your mother, is it not? You desire to know whether or not your mother is in good health - the impression comes to me that there is some kind of trouble between you and her - that you have been separated for some time, and it occurs to me, or the impression I receive is that you are very desirous of seeing her. I want to say, Mrs. Powers that she is in good health, and that this misunderstanding has been forgotten. If you will just write her a nice letter and say that you wish to come and see her, she will welcome you.

Q. Will I get my compensation soon ? Signed Walter Kemp.

A. Looked like he was in a hospital from part of his uniform shirt - I believe, so took a chance and hit it.

Walter Kemp - Mr. Kemp you are an exservice man, and it seems that you are still under the care of the Government. You are being treated at one of the hospitals at the present time, are you not? Yes, but what is worrying you Mr. Kemp is a financial matter, regarding ---- regarding - your compensation. You would like to know whether or not you are likely to get it. I want to say that this has already been acted upon in Washington, and I am very glad to tell you that you may expect it very shortly. I only wish I could say it for all our ex service boys. (Of course this brought applause. )

Q. Are we going to move in the spring. (Signed Heleh Christensen)

A. I receive the impression of a name Christian - no - Christensen. All right Helen, you can put your hand down. It seems that you are not satisfied in your present place of abode, and it comes to me that you desire to seek a better neighborhood. You are thinking of moving in May, but you will not be able to do so, for the reason that at that time, you will be unable to find a suitable quarter. It will be next fall before you can carry out your desire and then you will locate a residence that will be suitable for yourself and family.

(Above answer based on the neighborhood being unsuitable; nice appearing woman, and the fact that May and October are moving periods in Chicago. Large shortage of flats would undoubtedly prevent moving in May, the time when most people seek new quarters through expiration of leases)

Q. Am I going to make good with my song (Signed) Belva Gaertner)

A. Gaertner - Very well - It seems to me that you have written something, and you wish to know whether or not this will be a success. A song, is it not? I am sorry to say Belva that this is not going to be much of a hit. You are going to realise a sum of money from it, but not like you had hoped for, but try again, you seem to have fairly good talent along these lines, and will eventually succeed.

Q. Will my prospect buy the new car, or the used one  
(Signed) Fred Harvey.

A. Mr. Harvey. Fred, in regard to this contemplated sale you have in mind - regarding the automobile sale I mean. This party is thinking strongly of taking a second hand car, but if you advance the proper arguments

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you know what they are you can induce him to buy a new machine.

Q. What will my wife's name be, and where will I find her.  
(Signed) Louis Flath.

A. (Ordinarily I would ignore this kind of question but it can be used for comedy along these lines.

I get the name Flath - Louis you seem to have women on your mind, and you would like to know something about when you will be married. I cannot see that the young lady you are to marry has entered into your life as yet. I see a park, looks like Riverview, and this is where you will meet her, and her name - your wifes name will be - "Mrs. Louis Flath."

Q. Will my operation be a success. Shall I have one?  
Signed M.F.

A. There comes to me two letters, evidently initials "M.F." Madam there is something regarding your health that is worrying you more than it should. There is a vibration regarding an operation, and you are undecided whether or not to undergo it. It appears that this will bring relief, but I am going to ask you to follow the advise of your physician, who appears to be cognizant of your ailment and the remedy.

Q. Will I make good if I get the agency for Cadillac, Franklin and Hupmobile in Gary, Ind. Woul I make good at the pop corn business. Signed. C.G. Strausser.

A. I get the impression of a name like Strausser. You seem to have some financial or business deals on your mind Mr. Strausser. I receive a vibration about automobiles, and one about a candy or vending business, popcorn, that is it. There is a vision of certain agency for autos offered in a nearby city, and I am going to advise your acceptance of same. It will bring in very good returns for you. Of course, at first it will be a little slow, but with proper effort on your part it is bound to succeed.

Q. Personal. Am I the cause of putting my wife in the family way.  
(Signed J. Young.)

A. I see the name Young- J. Young. Mr. Young that seems to be a personal question that you have in your mind. Is that the one you desire answered. Well Mr. Youn g, I will just say "Yes" and I cannot see any other reason whatever for you to doubt otherwise.



Q. Please tell me where my cousin is; if she is living or dead.  
(Signed Fairfax Burroughs)

A. The name Burroughs - Fairfax you are worrying about some person, a relation of yours, as the impression comes to me; to be exact - your cousin. Is that right Fairfax. I see a distant City; looks like the far West, or south west, and your cousin is there. I receive a vibration in regard to a letter, which would indicate that you may expect to hear from her in the not very distant future.

Q. Which washing machine should I choose to give the best wear. (Signed) Mrs. Marshall Thompson, 4614 Langley Ave.)

A. Mrs. Thompson - Mrs. Marshall Thompson. You live down on Langley Avenue, don't you, Mrs. Thompson, yes, at 4614 to be exact. Of course that is not telling you anything, for you know where you live yourself, but what you do want to know is about some piece of machinery - a household utensil. I will say to you that I have a peculiar impression - the name of "Blue Bird" comes to me. Does that convey any information to you.

(it happened that the lady said "That's exactly right.")

Q. Where is my father. What did I do for him?  
(Signed Sidney Caplan.)

A. You will notice that the following question is also from the same party. He looked like a Jew, possibly a Russian Jew, so I gave him an answer about as follows:- The next day he was around with the second one. I purposely left off his second question the first time, because I had no idea what he had done, but took a chance that he had helped him financially, which is no more than natural.

I get the name of Caplan- Sydney, you are thinking about some close relative of yours - just concentrate on that party. Your father, but the impression comes to me that he is some distance from you - there is a body of water and some large territory - this I believe Europe and I am going to say that the country is Russia.

Q. You told me where my father was, when will he come?  
Sidney Caplan,

A. Caplan - Just hold up your hand Sidney. It seems to me that you have the same thought in your mind as last night Mr. Caplan - regarding your father who is in the old country. That is right is it not? You are desirous of knowing when you and he will meet I again get a vision

of a large body of water and a ship which indicates a journey. I get an impression that you have also aided him with funds, thus enabling this journey to be undertaken. I am glad to say that there will only be a few months before you and he are united.

Q Will we get a 5 cent fare on the Street Cars.

Signed Mrs. Geary

A. The name of Geary comes to me. Mrs. Geary your thought is in regard to our street car situation. In fact you wish to know whether or not we are again going to get the five cent fare. I am sorry to say Mrs. Geary that the present injunction will not be upheld, and that you will have to dig up eight cents for some time. Eventually, however, the Public Utilities Company will succeed in restoring the old rate of fare.

(You have to take a chance once in a while. When this was asked there was an injunction out against the Company receiving more than 5 cents for fares. The injunction was not upheld and 8 cents is still being paid, so my guess was correct.)

Q Will the Flat Janitors wages be reduced January 1st.

(Signed Richard P. Johnson)

A (Took a chance here and was right in my surmise.) Johnson R.P. Richard you are thinking about a labor situation, about a certain union and whether or not there is going to be a reduction in the wages now being paid. Was that your thought? It seems that there is going to be some trouble around the first of the year, and that the men are going to suffer a slight reduction in pay. This was the Janitors union you had in mind - that is correct Mr. Johnson? Thank you.

Q Am I going to have any more children? If so, how many?

Signed Mrs. I. Cook.

A. I get the name of Cook. Mrs. Cook. Your thought is rather a personal one, regarding family affairs. That is the one you desired answered. I receive the impression positive, meaning "Yes", and the numeral "two" comes to me also. Is that clear to you.

Q. Am I pregnant. (Signed) Jane Roper.

Q. Daniel Roper wants to know is his wife pregnant.

Both of these were asked same night.

A. The name of Roper comes to me, Mrs. Roper - Jane this is quite a personal question, and Dan you seem to have exactly the same thought in your mind. I will endeavour to answer

so that no one but yourselves will be aware of what I am talking about. The impression that comes to me is No!. The condition will be relieved within a few days.

(Maybe I was wrong, but figured there was an element of doubt when both asked the same question. If they were positive, it would not have been submitted.)

Q. Will I cross water, or will I remain here (Signed Mrs Grady)

A. The name of Grady. Mrs. Grady you seem to have some thought in regard to a journey; whether or not you will take one; it seems that you are somewhat desirous of returning to the land of your birth, but circumstances are such that you will remain in Chicago, but I can assure you that your circumstances will be just as happy here as in Ireland.

Q. My daughter is assuming a theatrical career. Will it be successful. (Signed) Mrs. A.H.

A. "A.H." A Vibration comes to me regarding some near kin of yours - your daughter. You are worrying about her vocation; in fact it appears to me that she is studying for a certain profession and you are dubious as to its success. This seems to have something to do with entertaining - she is studying to be an actress - correct? I cannot see that she is going to be a star or get to the top of the ladder, however, she is fitted along these lines and will be able to earn a comfortable living, but it will mean hard work, and lots of it.

I have dealt in detail in the above questions, giving you a number of ways of leading up to the direct question. You will notice that the direct query has never once been quoted. It has all come by impressions, and parts here and there left out, and especially where you might get your foot in it. The fact that you have to lead up to it step by step will impress your audience and the writer, and is also a very good excuse for not at times directly answering. but evading the direct issue, yet appearing to be giving a perfectly clear understanding along the lines of the question. Remember also, only the writer knows what was asked and a short question properly lead up to will give you plenty of room for conversation, and impress the balance of those present that you are conveying a large amount of information to the interested party.

My lines of reasoning, as shown in the answers, might not have been correct, but this reasoning can easily be followed. Of course much depends upon the conditions in various localities, the class of people etc. In the following queries I have gone into detail such as leading up to the name and drawing out the information etc. but a short study of the question is made and my individual reason for answering along the lines given. Many questions were written



by the same people, who came two or three nights in succession. It is always well, therefore to keep your questions, at least until the engagement at one particular theatre is terminated, and if possible put them away in alphabetical order. Crystal Gazing will greatly sharpen your memory, if you are to succeed; you will find that a certain name can be recognised, and on looking this up you have a further clue to the writer. Often you can then tell them more than they ask. Again they will enquire about a certain deal, person, etc one night, and the next ask further regarding the same subject. This file of questions will keep you from contradicting yourself.

Again in the sale of books, if you answer questions by mail, you may receive a valuable clew from the ones deposited at the theatre providing you have the time and inclination to resort thereto. The following are actual questions received at various theatre, weeded out as much as possible to avoid repetition, which was a tremendous job. In the foregoing I used the actual names signed, but from here on I will give initials only:

Q. Will I succeed as a dancer, and the man I am thinking about, does he think of me. (L.F.)

A. Does not show average or above average intelligence. Stated she was not, exactly fitted along these lines; would be able to make a living, but if opportunity along other lines presented itself to accept. "You seem to have a certain person in mind, and will say that this party does care for you but not to the extent you desire.

Q. Please tell me the name of the person who stole our poodle dog and the address.

A. Can't give the information desired. "The dog was taken from their yard by some children in the neighborhood and will be recovered in a few days. ( I was also gone in a few days)

Q. I want to know if my patent will work ---

A. Indecision on his part. "No in its present condition" Will take some more revising, but will eventually turn out all right.

Q. Am I to be called back on my old job? When? Marie D.

A. Many people being laid off - figured it was some big concern and so stated " No, but that a position would be offered her in the near future, and to accept it.

Q. Do you think I ought to send Corene Money. Will she come back.

A. Figured that it was his wife and a family "spat" had ensued. Advised him to do so, and treat her right when she returned.

Q. Will I ever see my wife and children again. (H.J.R.)

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A. Hard to tell. I have had a quarrel, which was more than likely. Cheered him up and said "Yes" but it would be some time, and that he was the most responsible for the present condition.

Q. Does my husband care for other girls. (K.W.)

A. Said he enjoyed the company of both sexes but that there was nothing improper in this. Advised her to make things nicer at home in various ways and keep her husband there easier.

Q. When will I get a job? (John W.)

A. A great many of these are serious in their request, and a great many will ask this identical question. You cannot tell them all "Yes" You can say yes to one, not for the present to another and so on. For comedy, at a matinee "You will never get a job John by sitting in a theatre", or again "It doesn't seem to me that you are trying very hard " or "Better get up a little earlier in the morning and hustle.

Q. Will my expectation be fulfilled regarding vocation. R.H.J.

A. Pretty hard to answer - no indication of vocation. Depends quite a bit upon the person. This was a really intelligent appearing person and by a little pumping solicited the desired information. If the writer is indefinite, either try to secure the information in a round about way, and proceed accordingly, or be indefinite yourself.

You will notice in the first set of questions I did not once commit myself. Where I could not be definite I led around the subject. Neither did I call Mrs or Miss unless the write indicated the fact, and where the gener was not positive called out only the last name until party raised hand, and I became aware of the fact that it was a man or a woman.

Q. Please tell me what became of my ring. Did someone take it off my finger, and tell me who has it. Did I loose it. Clara P.

A. If it was taken off her finger and she didn't know it, must have been a wild party. Figured she lost it. Is up to individual taste. Told this young lady that she had taken it off in the washroom and went away leaving same there. Party picked same up and small chance of recovery.

Q. Some performers I have noticed state in regard to a lost article that it is in a certain place etc. This is all right with "plants" but giving a person direct information such as the top drawer of her bureau, is wrong. The party will immediately look there and then denounce you to the neighborhood. Remember that you may some day play in the same theatre, This also applies to exact dates, as to when marriage will take place, arrival of friends etc. You can be vague and yet convey the impression that you are imparting considerable information.

Always be on the alert for neighborhood gossip, you may be able to put it to good use. Where the manager knows his patrons valuable tips can be secured through him.

- Q. Will my baby be a boy or a girl. (Mrs.L.M.E.)
- A. Pot luck - suit yourself. If she is young she will be more tickled with a girl, but not always.
- Q. I have money invested with the Co-Operation Society of America will I get it? (Signed) Mary S.S.
- A. What you would term a dandy question; one that contains a lot of information. Following the long drawn out first set of questions you can make one of this. Lead up bit by bit to the exact name of the Society. Never heard of it, so said she would regain part of investment, and added advise to go to a reliable bank in future deals and secure a good sound 7% or 8% bonds as recommended.
- Q. Will the insurance Company pay dividends by Xmas? (Mrs.M.B.)
- A. Figured this was insurance from death, if not was something not set for a certain date. Was only a week before Xmas. Everybody rushed, mail slow; therefore was perfectly safe in saying "NO" remittance would be made around the first of the year.
- Q. Will I get my Divorce all right? Should I go after it at once? Will my present friend stay with me or leave me for another? When will I receive my money from home? How will my brother in law come out.? (R.F.S.)
- A. Contains too many questions when giving a short program, Answered the first part and stated that while there were several other matters in her mind in just to balance present would answer only the most important. A good chance to ring in your talk about coupon and books for answering questions by mail. Answered above along these lines. Evidently it was a triangle affair, and it looked like the woman was in bad. Said she could get it, but would not advise her to do it before she gave it further thought; that the matter could be straightened out, and that she held the power to do so.
- Q. Will my husband continue to be on the road. (Mrs..M.F.)
- A. Figured he was a travelling man. Jobs are scarce, therefore he would remain on the road for the present even though he disliked to be separated from her was much as she did. Later on when conditions became normal he would be able to secure a position more to his and her liking.
- Q. Is out financial business going to be better this year or next?  
Mrs.W.M.C.
- A. Business generally has been bad this year, therefore, it will undoubtedly pick up to some extent and said so.

- Q. Will I marry my present sweetheart (Gertrude K.)
- A. Can ignore or answer along these lines. Gertrude, you seem to be thinking about some young man, and matrimony. I receive an impression that you are going to be married within the coming year, and this party at the present time is well known to you; in fact you care considerably about him, and this is reciprocated on his part.
- Q. Will I ever be lucky to own a home of my own. (Mrs.K.)
- A. Can be answered in various ways. In this case stated that property was too high at present time, but that her desire would be eventually filled.
- Q. If I am going to finish my life with my husband (E.U.)
- A. Best say "Yes" if conditions are unhappy they will shape their own ends. If you say no, they will probably worry and it is always best to give cheering news and advise on all subjects, especially regarding family affairs. No use starting trouble, for some people believe explicitly what you convey to them.
- Q. Will I get laid off where I am working, or have I a stand in (Marie H.)
- A. Stated that many were being laid off, but she would be able to retain present position if she applied herself to her duties otherwise she would join the army of the unemployed.
- Q. Who stole my pocket book. (James C.R.)
- A. This pocket book was taken by someone who makes a business of such things, in other words by a pick pocket, and there seems no possibility of its recovery.

Reference has at times been made to "catch" questions. There may be such a thing, but if a question was sent in to trip you up, you would never know it. Most people are really in earnest if not, they ask no information. Should a person deliberately send in a fake question, and you answer him, there is small chance of his contradicting you in the theatre, and if he says anything just ignore him and pass on to the next question.

The following questions may be perused and acted upon to suit your own fancy. It will give you good practice in thinking up suitable things to say, and while you might never run across them the probabilities are that you will, for most of them are along the general strain of queries to be expected. Picture a certain kind of individual in your mind, and develop a reply to suit his age, condition in life (from appearance) etc. Then try it out on some other class. As in the foregoing each of these are taken from actual questions received by me.

Will I get my locket and Chain back.?
   
Does my husband Love me.?
   
When can I get a job?
   
Are my husbands relations false.?
   
Will my sister in California come home, and when?
   
Is my investment going to be successful?
   
Who is going to die first, my mother or father?
   
Was my brother murdered.?
   
Will my wife and I make up again and live together?
   
    If so, how soon?
   
Will we get the contract we are working for.?
   
Will I ever be a medium? Would you advise my husband to
   
    go into business for himself.?
   
Am I going to have sufficient money to make repairs
   
    on my home.?
   
Am I going to get a coat?
   
Will we be successful in trying to buy the home?
   
Will Starr get out, and how soon? (Figured this was
   
    possibly someone in jail.)
   
Will my grandmother ever find her children.?
   
Tell me about my mother. (Was a case of illness)
   
Will this medicine I am taking cure my rheumatism?
   
    and what is the name of it. (Forget the last part.)
   
Will my husband get that estate,?
   
Will business conditions get better, and how soon?
   
Is my wife happy?
   
When will mother sell her farm.?
   
Will O'Connor get caught by the police (This is a notorious
   
    Gunman under sentence of death who recently
   
    escaped in Chicago.)
   
Will my daughter have good health all winter?
   
Will things turn out brighter in the future, or shall I
   
go to Los Angeles.?
   
Who got my pocket book and money.?
   
Is my partner to be trusted.?
   
Would W.H. be glad to hear from me. Should I write him
   
    at once.
   
Will I get my health back?
   
Will I be a good dentist.?
   
Will we ever get anything out of the money we have
   
    invested in a small business?
   
Will I be successful with my new business venture.?
   
Where will I be at Xmas?
   
Will I get my money soon?
   
Will I win any money in Tribune Cheer Checks? (A sort of
   
    lottery conducted by a Chicago paper.)
   
Does anyone love me.?
   
Will I meet F.F.B.?
   
Would like to know who stole brooch.?

Am I going to sell my house soon?  
 Where is Joe Sullivan and is he coming back?  
 Where will my home be?  
 Will Thad ever return?  
 When am I going to be married?  
 Will we ever have war with Japan?  
 Does he care? (Ignore this kind if possible)  
 Will I marry Bill?  
 Tell me if we will get the money back we lent and  
     will we travel any place?  
 Will Sonny get a position?  
 How will my boy friend make out on the stock market?  
 How much will my increase be?  
 Will I get the \$50.00 I loaned?  
 When will the strike be over?  
 Will you tell me what became of the diamond, and the  
     name of the person who found it?  
 Will my brother be successful if he takes up the  
     proposition that has just been put before him.  
 What does the future hold in store for me?  
 How soon will my husband be in business?  
 What would you advise about the place?  
 Will I make my home in Brooklyn again?  
 Where are my pearl beads?  
 What does the human mind contain?  
 What's the matter with my husband?  
 How will my proposition end? Shall I drop it?  
 Where will I go next summer?  
 Will I ever get well of my illness?  
 Will mother come over tomorrow?  
 Should I go back to my job?  
 Am I going to be successful in getting an education?  
 Will Mr. Mooney get his money?  
 Why is it that I have such bad luck all at once?  
 Please tell me will I ever see my brother and sister?  
 Are we going to sell our home, and when?  
 Will I travel next year?  
 Am I going to have any children?  
 I am in trouble about my health?  
 Where is my uncle Dan?  
 Does Leo Love mean how much?  
 Will I be home one year from now?  
 Am I going to California this spring?  
 Trouble about piano. Must I return the old one or  
     get new one?  
 Am I going the right way with business and love?



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Where did my coupons go?  
Is R.K. going to get his Xmas bonus. ?  
Did I lose my ten dollars or was it stolen?  
Am I going to get the Victrola?  
Lost a diamond last week. Can you tell me if I will find it?  
I lost some insurance papers. Can you tell me where they are  
Am I going to win the Scenario Contest in Dailey News.  
When will I hear from P.J. Breen?

The following was sent in by a colored girl I believe.  
I am carrying a baby, and I want to know if it is going  
to be born all right, and please can you tell me who the  
daddy of it is.?

When will my mother get married.?  
Which one of these parties shall I stick too, Jess or R.  
How soon will I receive a reply from New York.? Will I  
be successful in my profession,?  
Are we going to win our strike at the stock yards.?  
Will I succeed in my law suit.?  
Are my son and daughter going to be married soon?  
Will my friend win the boxing game?  
Will I graduate in June?  
Is my brother coming home on a visit, or is he going  
to stay?  
Will my daughter get home all right.?  
Will my sons stay with his wife.?  
Will my husband keep his job all winter.?  
Will I make money in the J.W. Curreth Co.?  
Will I make up with P.L.?  
Will I get the Xmas gift promised by my friend.?  
Does Fairfax love me?  
Who stole the money from the house?  
Is Archie Peek going to get married.?  
How long will it be before my sister is well again?  
Do you believe in Spiritualism.?  
Will I win the capital prizes of the Gentlewoman's Magazine?  
When will I open my shop and will it be a success?  
How long will I be in Chicago? Should I marry the girl I  
am now going with?  
Is Mrs. Joe Simmons still living.?  
Is N.S. going to get the Government job soon.?  
Is Daisy's baby going to live?  
Does Adolph intend to marry me?  
Who took my brothers watch off the dresser.  
I want to know where my sisters children are?  
Who purloined my silk night dresses?

Will I go West in the near future to follow my trade ?  
 Will I be successful in the trade I am taking up.?  
 Will I make a success of my college work?  
 Will I make enough money in my business to buy a home?  
 Will you please answer the following lines: How soon  
 will I go into business? Will I make good? Wrote  
 two stories, would like to know if they will make  
 good?

Is the new job I have been offered worth taking.?

The following is a regular letter.

Please tell me if I will ever gain wealth? Do you think  
 it is worthless for me to do what I intend to do and  
 will I be a success? Will I marry the man I am  
 courting now, or someone else.? If so what sort of  
 a man, and also if I will agree with him, and if I  
 will raise a big family. How soon will I marry?  
 Can you tell the man's name I am courting now.?

(Just answer parts of questions and sell  
 a book.)

When will I sell my house on Mc.Vicars Ave?  
 Is my friend going to marry me. Does he love me truly.  
 Will I ever get my health back.?  
 Will I hear from relative soon.?  
 I am thinking of buying a piece of property, would that  
 be a good investment.?  
 Will married life interfere with my career. Will I  
 marry a musician. Thank you.  
 Will we be successful in our aim to make a worth while  
 and successful man of Claudis. Will he repay us  
 in kindness and love, or will we regret ?  
 What and how serious is my present ailment?  
 What will be the outcome of the two cases pending in  
 the court?  
 Should we keep the flat we have secured on lease and purchase  
 the furniture we have paid a deposit on.  
 Was influenza the cause of my husbands condition and will  
 he grow worse in time.

I may be criticised in giving a series of questions; some no  
 doubt will state that it is superfluous. However, I know it will  
 be of great value to the beginner. He will not only get a fair  
 insight into the character of questions asked, but as stated at  
 the start of this series, it will give him good practice in  
 inventing suitable replies. If you have tried to imagine a  
 series of possible questions, you will agree with me that it is  
 a hard task to think them up, and the above being actual  
 questions, give a solid working basis for the neophyte.

(Signed) Geo De Lawrence, Chicago. Ill.