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Mrs Elnor Roosevelt
Hyde Park. N.Y.
Dear Madam;

Thank

Stevens
Ogden Utah
Aug. 9th 1947

I am enclosing a poem that I wrote on the
greatest American that ever lived I sincerely
hope it meets with your approval, comments and
admiration are in order It would be greatly
appreciated if you would be kind enough to
acknowledge receipt of the same.

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Yours Truly
A.L. Stevens

Roosevelt

It's been over a year,
Since Roosevelt left
We miss him now every day
He did his part when he was here
Was the Solomon of our day
He knew what to do
When to do it its true
That's only half he did it too
The bankers made a panic
That drove them to the street
But Roosevelt put those birds
Back on their feet
Big business was raving
And pulling their hair
Roosevelt put them back
In their easy chair
The workers were hungry
Roaming the street
Roosevelt fed them
Put shoes on their feet
Foreign nations were falling
At Hitler's command.
Roosevelt stepped in
Saved all their land
So its plain to be seen
Why him we adore
No man on earth,
Ever did more.

A. L. Stevens
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San Francisco, California, March 20, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

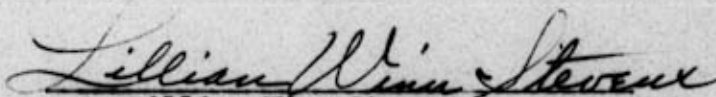
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

On the evening of Monday, the 10th instant, I had the pleasure of sitting on the stage at Scottish Rite Temple in this city and listening to your very fine lecture on the subject "United Nations and World Peace". Shortly thereafter I had the added pleasure of being introduced to you there in the foyer of the building by Ira P. Dawson, a retired Post Office Inspector, of Washington, D. C. To say that I thoroughly enjoyed your excellent lecture would be putting it very mildly.

Soon after the passing of your illustrious husband I wrote a tribute to his memory, his death having caused such a shock not only to me but to millions of other Americans throughout the world. At the time I met you I wanted so much to present to you a copy of my tribute but, unfortunately, I was unable to locate the copy at that time. However, I have since obtained the copy which I would like very much to have you accept for your memoirs, if you deem it worthy.

With great admiration, and with all good wishes for your political success, I remain,

Most sincerely,


Lillian Winn Stevens.

Inclosure.

A Tribute to F. D. R.

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In this life we all have our mission-
The path may be long and not straight;
But the task lies ahead and unfinished,
For each of us sooner or late.

We were created by God up above us,
His wishes on earth to fulfill;
And never expected to do more
Than we have by His grace and His will.

Our President was a wonderful leader,
With a wonderful mind to do good.
And, with his body impaired by an ailment,
He finished his work as he should.

His work here on earth is completed
The way God had meant it to be;
And now He has taken him Heavenward,
His spirit to ever be free.

I am sure this Tribute will be paid him
Up there with the Angels above;
"Well done, thou faithful servant-
Enter into the joys of His love".

-Lillian Winn Stevens.

Thank
Reply appreciated.
Secretary

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June 5, 1947

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

In my school, the astronomy club, of which I am a member has made a planetarium which I think will be of interest to you.

We have dedicated it to your husband because we admire him and his ideals greatly.

The planetarium is a large painting on the wall of our main hall, showing the stars on Mr Roosevelt's birthday, January 30.

We are enclosing a copy of our astronomy bulletin. We hope that you will enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed writing it.

Yours truly
Gene Regan
(for the group)

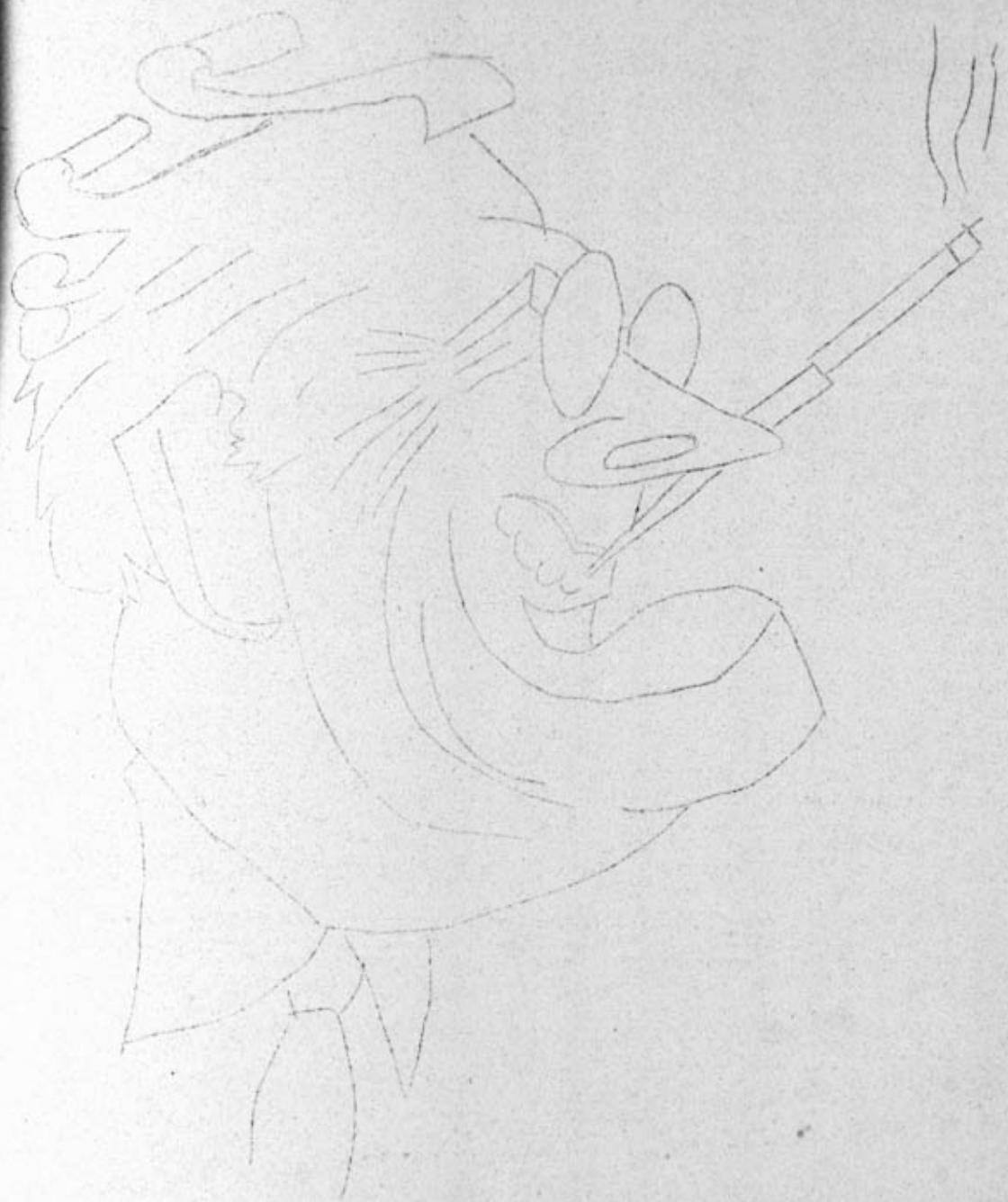
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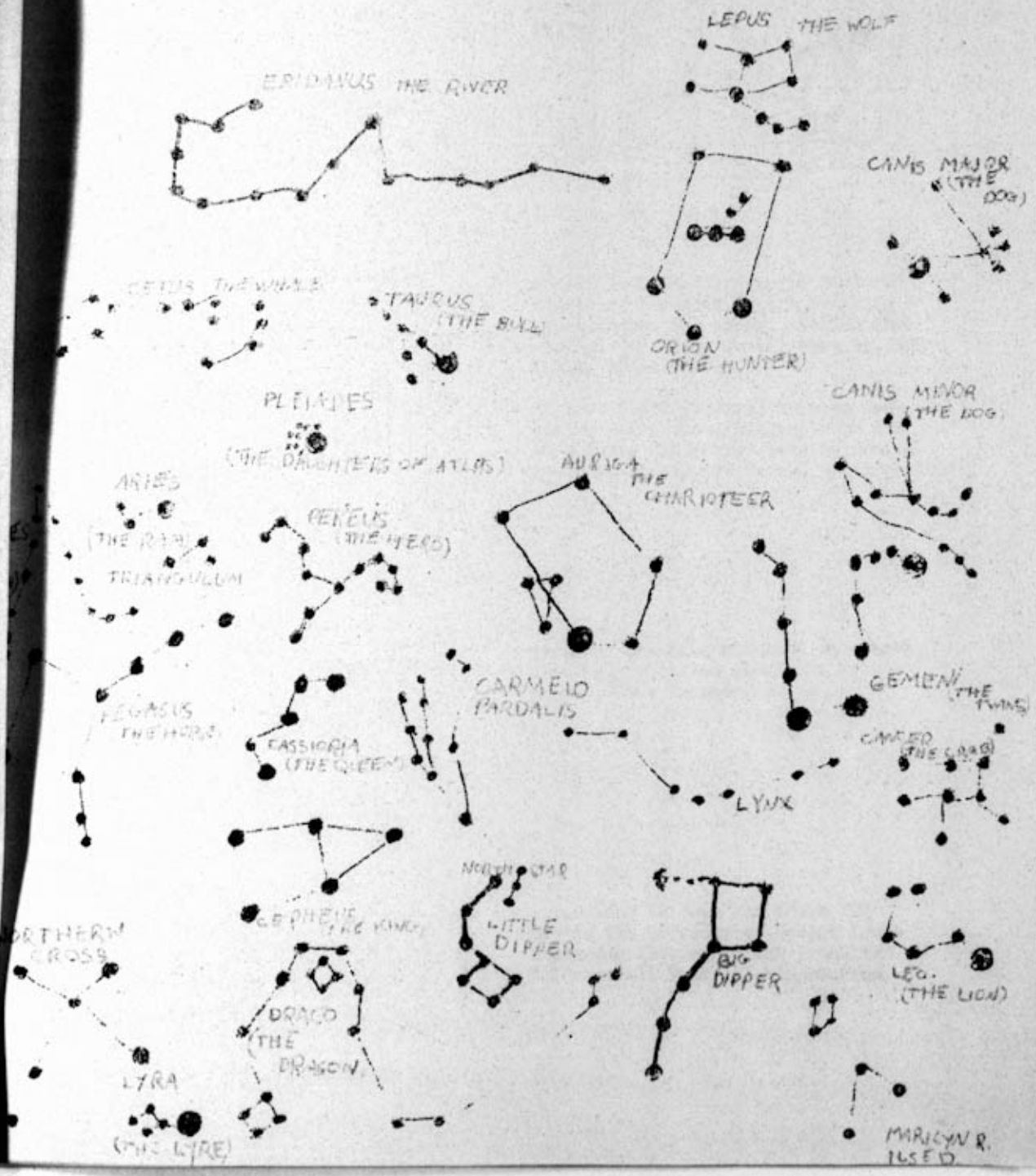
ROBERT LOUIS ^{at} STEVENSON SCHOOL





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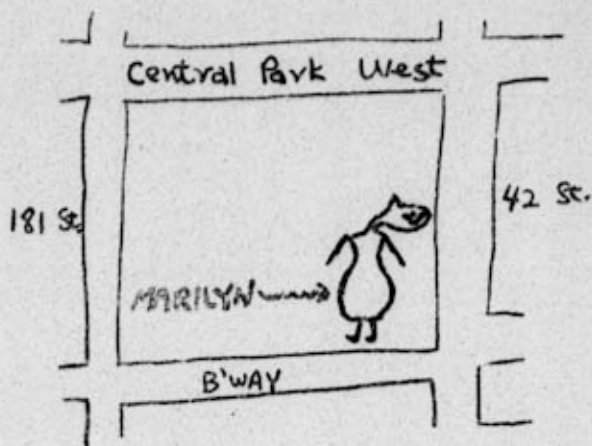
THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL PLANETARIUM
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"UPSIDE DOWN"

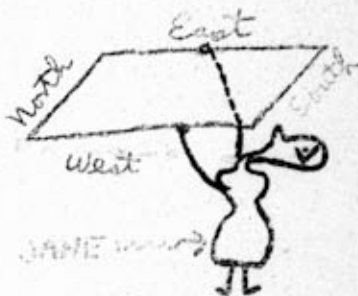
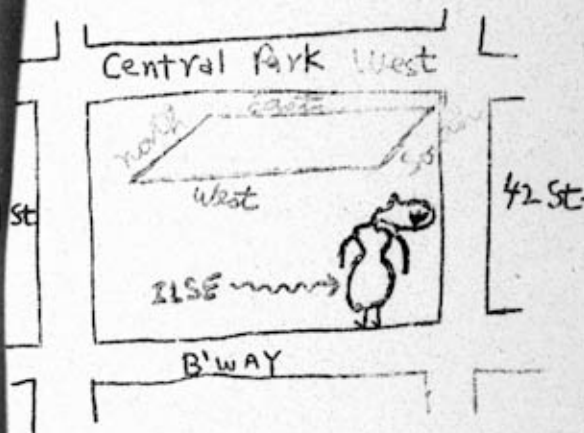
or
"How to Understand
the Planetarium"

or
Why "North" is Down
and "South" is Up!

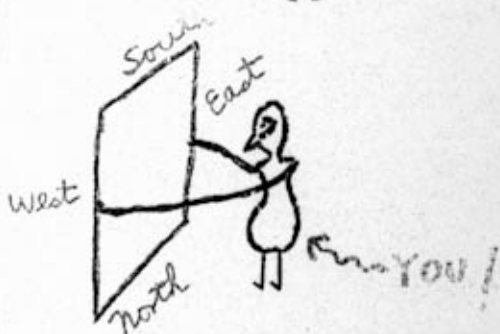


Behold poor Marilyn (upper picture) straining her neck to the breaking point to see the stars. Notice that Marilyn is facing North, that is, she's facing 181st Street.

If Ilse (left picture) were to draw a picture of the stars exactly as she sees them, the stars would be framed in an imaginary red framed "planetarium".



Tired of the long stretch, convinced that only giraffes should be astronomers, Jane reaches up....



....swings it down and there YOU are in the corridor of Robert Louis Stevenson looking at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Planetarium.

HOW THE CONSTELLATIONS GOT THEIR NAMES (alphabetical)

ARIES THE RAM Aries does not look like a ram but it is the first constellation of the zodiac. Therefore ancient people gave it that name because the ram played an important part in their legends and religions.

AURIGA THE CHARIOTEER Auriga is represented by a shepherd carrying a goat on his shoulder and holding two kids with his left hand. The name "charioteer" may have been assigned to this constellation because of its resemblance to a bear which early peoples called "chariot". It includes Capella, the "Shepherd's Star".

"DEMOCRACY IS NOT A STATIC THING. IT IS AN EVERLASTING MARCH."

FDR

BIG DIPPER Perhaps the best known constellation in the sky is the Big Dipper. It is also known as the Big Bear. "Bear" in Greek is "arctos". Because the Big Dipper is in the northern sky we get the name "Arctic Circle" and, in the South, the Antarctic Circle.

CANCER THE CRAB Everybody knows that the days get longer in summer and shorter in winter. As they get longer the sun rises more and more to the north. On the longest day of the year, June 21, it stops rising more and more to the north but instead, it starts going back to the south. Well, on June 21, the sun is in the constellation Cancer so that constellation was given the name Cancer the Crab because the crab can go in both directions, walking backwards and forward equally well.

Another story about the Crab is that after Hercules was born, jealous Juno sent the Hydra to destroy him and the Crab to annoy him by biting him in the heel. Now these constellations are neighbors in the sky.

"... we in the United States are all descended from immigrants (all except the Indians)..."

FDR

CANIS MAJOR Canis means "dog". It is next to the constellation Orion the Hunter. There are two dogs in the sky, Canis Major and Canis Minor, or, the big and little dog. Canis Major has the brightest star in the sky, Sirius, the Dog Star.

Canis MINOR Hero's Junior. It is said that the expression "dog days" comes from rainy weather associated with seasons when the dogs are prominent in the sky.

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely... To prepare each citizen to choose wisely... are paramount functions of the schools in a democracy."

FDR

CASSIOPEIA Queen Cassiopeia boasted that she was more beautiful than the Nymphs which angered Neptune, the Sea God, who sent Draco the Dragon (see Draco) to destroy her. Cassiopeia appealed to Jupiter who ruled that Cassiopeia's daughter, Princess Andromeda, would have to be sacrificed. Along came Jack Dalton alias Perseus the Hero who rode his white horse and slew the dragon. The dust raised by the horse created the Milky Way.

Cassiopeia is in the "sword" part of the sky, near her husband Cepheus, the King, Perseus the Hero, Draco the Dragon and the Milky Way.

CELESTIAL SEA Appropriately, the largest constellation in the sky. It's in the Celestial Sea, that is, it's between Eridanus the River and Pisces the Fish.

Here is a challenge to our democracy: in this nation I see tens of millions of its citizens - a substantial part of its whole population - who at this very moment are denied the greater part of what the very lowest standards of today call the necessities of life.

I see millions of families trying to live on incomes so meager that the pall of family disaster hangs over them day by day.

I see millions whose daily lives in city and on farm continue under conditions labelled indecent by a so-called polite society half a century ago.

I see millions denied education, recreation, and the opportunity to better their lot and the lot of their children. I see millions lacking the means to buy the products of farm and factory and by their poverty denying work and productivity to many other millions.

I SEE ONE THIRD OF A NATION ILL-HOUSED, ILL-CLOED, AND ILL-NOURISHED."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

CEPHEUS, Here's King Cepheus, husband of Queen Cassiopeia. He must be a good husband because he's next to his wife in the sky.

DRACO the DRAGON Our friend the dragon guarded the golden apples of Hesperides but poor Draco was finally killed by HERCULES, whose constellation is placed so that Hercules has his foot on the dragon's tail. Draco is wrapped around the Little Dipper so that he never goes below the horizon. This is so that we can watch the dragon and keep him out of mischief. This is the dragon who frightened Venus and her son, Cupid, so that they jumped into the Euphrates.

ERIDANUS THE RIVER Early peoples identified Eridanus with the Nile or with the Euphrates depending on where they lived. When Phaeton took the fiery steeds of his father, Apollo, the sun god, and drove them across the sky it was into the River Eridanus that he was thrown by the thunderbolt of Jupiter.

GENEVI THE TWINS Castor and Pollux are the twin stars in the constellation. They were twin sons of Jupiter. One day Castor was slain in battle. Pollux was so attached to his brother that he went to his father and begged him to let him die also. Jupiter was so touched that he brought Castor back to life. Later he placed them together in the same constellation.

"Because it has become increasingly difficult for individuals to build their own security single handed, governments must step in and help them lay the foundation stones just as in the past government helped lay the foundation stones for business and industry."

FDR

LITTLE DIPPER Jupiter, king of the gods, indulged in love affairs with mortal maidens. Juno, his wife, found out he was in love with Callisto. Callisto had a son and Juno thrust Callisto and the child into the woods hoping they would perish. Jupiter found them, disguised them as bears and placed them in the sky. But Juno had the last word. She put them in the Little Dipper (Little Bear) which contains Polaris, the North Star around which they must always revolve, never going below the horizon. In that way Juno could keep a wifely eye on Callisto all the time.

LYNX The only constellation that doesn't go back to antiquity. It first appeared in star charts about 1600. The lynx is a sharp eyed animal.

LYRA THE LYRE Mercury made it from the back of a tortoise and gave it to Orpheus. Orpheus was so saddened by the capture of his wife by Hades that he played only mournful tunes. He was killed by those who wanted cheerful tunes. The lyre was put in the sky.

NORTHERN CROSS After his death, Orpheus was changed into a swan and placed next to Lyra the lyre. This is the constellation Cygnus the Swan, which is generally identified as the Northern Cross.

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

FDR

ORION THE HUNTER Orion fell in love with Diana, goddess of the hunt and the moon. This aroused the anger of Apollo, the sun god. Apollo once saw Orion walking in the ocean with only his head above water. Since the sun shines more brightly than the moon, Apollo could see that it was Orion but Diana couldn't. He challenged her to shoot the object which she did. When she found out she had killed her lover she made him into a constellation.

PEGASUS THE HORSE He carried Perseus the Hero to the battle with Medusa and then dashed to the rescue of Andromeda who was being molested by Draco the Dragon. Doing those good deeds, he kicked up the dust of the Milky Way.

PARSEUS THE KING We've got his several little sisters. Niece of Logans; .
v. for over Madam, treasurer of Princess Androseda.

"There is nothing mysterious about the foundations of a healthy and strong democracy. The basic things expected by our people of their political and economic systems are simple. They are:

Equality of opportunity for youth and for others.
Jobs for those who can work.
Security for those who need it.
The ending of special privilege for the few.
The preservation of civil liberties for all.
The enjoyment of the fruits of scientific progress in a wider and constantly rising standard of living."

FDR

Orion, on a hunting trip, fell in love with the seven nymphs of Diana, one of them daughters of Atlas. They became frightened at his approach and fled, pursued by Orion who really was a bull. Just as he was catching up to them they changed them into constellations and they flew into the sky becoming the Pleiades.

"It is not for a return to that definition of liberty under which for many years a free people American were being gradually regimented into the service of the privileged few."

FDR

THE BULL In many early religions the bull was a sacred animal in the same way that in many contemporary religions animals like the cow and elephant are held to be sacred.

"The first truth is that the liberty of a democracy is not safe if the people tolerate the growth of a private power to a point where it becomes stronger than their democratic state itself. That, in its essence, is fascism: ownership of government by an individual, by a group, or by any other controlling private power."

FDR

PLANETARIUM Just about the only constellation that resembles its name.

THE PLANETARIUM SHOWS THE APPEARANCE
OF THE STARS ON JANUARY 10, HIS PERSEUS.