

a certain man was an astrologer in Hollywood, and he gave the movie stars and also many prominent statesmen advice regarding the future, and so the editors of Liberty magazine went to him and asked him, what's going to happen in 1939. Well, I'm sure this would have been interesting reading in December 1938, but it was ~~not~~ more interesting reading in December of 1939, because he made ~~so~~ such definite predictions. He said in 1939 that Hitler would die a violent death. He said there would be ~~no~~ no war that will start in 1939. He said in 1939 President Roosevelt would announce he is not going to run for a third term. He went on that way with prediction after prediction. I don't think there was one in four of his predictions that turned out right. It is very, very difficult to tell what is ahead in the future. Prediction of the future is very difficult. Well, the ancient religions--most of them don't attempt to predict the future. But there have been some of them. Some of ancient Greeks, there was what they called the Delphic Oracle. There at Delphi was an oracle someone could send and ask ~~any~~ questions and sometimes the oracle would give a definite answer to these questions. ~~Cyrus~~- Chremsus the King of Lydia, the richest man in the world at the time, saw the armies of Cyrus, the emperor of Persia, moving westward through Asia Minor and moving close to his domain, and Chremsus sent a messenger to the Delphic Oracle, and he said, What shall I do, shall I march out across the river Helles and attack the ~~army~~ armies of Cyrus or shall I stay behind the river hoping to defend myself? And the answer came from the Delphic Oracle, "If you cross the river Helles, a great empire will be destroyed. Well, that's wonderful, to destroy Cyrus' empire. So Chremsus marched across the river, attacked the armies of Cyrus, there was a great battle. Chremsus was completely defeated, and the empire of Chremsus rather than the empire of Cyrus was destroyed. No matter what happened, the prediction would have been equally true. The same is true of the Sybeline books in Rome. There were some books which they called the Sybeline books which were held in