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For colds and coughs?
Don't be in the soil
For lack of a tonic
But try cod-liver oil
For your symptoms pulmonia.

A grocer often shows his grit by putting sand in his sugar.

When the hands of young Jacob were covered with the skin of the little goat, that they might seem like the hairy hands of Esau, in order to obtain a blessing from blind Isaac, it was the kid that received the blessing.—N. O. Paganus.

"You want to buy a stove? Certainly, m'am. What kind of a stove?" "Well, we are just married, and think of going to housekeeping, and as I don't know how to cook I think I want a cooking stove."

An apologetic apology that is an ample apology. The Littleton Republic says: "Our outside 'make-up' is a little faulty this week, as the last eleven paragraphs of the story on the first page is the ending of the one on the fourth page, and the last nine paragraphs of the story on the fourth page is the end of the one on the first page."

They are making a great touse over the "Beverly Farms," so called. A few Boston capitalists have "got in" on that territory, which is contiguous to "Old Ocean," and are endeavoring to have it legally "set off" for their especial benefit, it would seem. But the "natives" strenuously object, as they fully understand the object in view. An old resident of Beverly, whose ancestors helped to settle the town, upon being interviewed pathetically remarked: "If these rich fellows keep on we shall be compelled to say, 'Please, good sirs, let us have one peep at the sea, or would you kindly grant us one spot for a swim?'"

Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, editor of *St. Nicholas*, once asked *ayyops* of feminine poets: "Why is it that Paganus, as soon as he feels a side-ache on his back, begins to gallop toward a graveyard?"

John Bull has got his greedy eyes on Hayti. If there is any land in the world which he does not want a slice of, it would be pleasant to know just where it is.

A man who is described as a "hunting young attorney" has been appointed fish-warden in Michigan. This must be because he is familiar with the writ of *deorum fides*.

A young man in Lincoln, Placer County, Cal., has eyes possessing the peculiarities of those of an owl. He can see but little in daylight, scarcely at all in the sunlight, but at night his vision is perfect.

The employees of the New York *State Tribune*, to the number of 175, recently received their annual dividend of 10 per cent. on their total earnings for the year. This dividend is received by every employee who zealously devotes his time and attention to the paper. It has been the custom for the past seven years of Mr. Ottendorfer, the editor, to make this special gift.

The New York State Prison must be a happy place of residence, as it is Sing Sing all the time. It is said that Ferdinand Ward is the star singer in the Protestant choir there.

THE BEAUTIES OF LAW.—*Omaha Man*—"Why under heaven don't you get rid of the deadly car stove?" *New York Herald*—"We would be bankrupt if we did." "Great Gats! how do you make that out?" "Under the State law if a man loses a leg we may have to pay \$50,000, but if we can burn him up it only costs \$5,000."—*Omaha World*.

Joseph Messenger, of Altoona, Pa., found a nest of six young rats in a barrel. He put his cat in the barrel that she might slaughter them, but she then and there adopted the rattlings, and endeavored to carry them away in her mouth, as she would her own kittens.

New and terrible explosives seem to be multiplying. The French discovery of melinite was followed by a German discovery of an explosive said to be even more destructive than melinite, and now close upon the heels of the German death-and-destruction-dealing compound comes Russia with the announcement that she has a new explosive which possesses fifteen times greater destructive power than gunpowder, and produces no smoke.

"Aw, De Bappy, what's ailing you this mawnin'?" "I've weezled, Ripper." "Well, it's 'Tall me about it." "Yestaday I purchased a dozen high collars, doncher know?" "Well, it's 'Tall me about it." "I learned that the Prince of Wales has begun to wear saradons. It's dreadful!"—*Pittsburgh Chronicle*.

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L. O.

Shirts are made in the East End of London at four cents apiece, and the sewing girl must furnish her own thread. It is just possible to make six shirts a day.

Experiments have shown that guns have once more triumphed over armor, the Governments of England, France and Russia are actively laying in a supply of steel projectiles, of which great quantities have been ordered. Steel projectiles will pierce the thickest armor afloat.

If you wish to expand your lungs, and consequently keep them healthy, breathe in a large amount of oxygen with your mouth closed. This result will not follow if the exercise is had in a heated room. Outdoor air is what is needed.

The Cocheo printworks in Dover, N. H., were destroyed by fire, on the afternoon of April 18th. Loss, \$300,000. Six hundred people were thrown out of employment.

The Salvation Army headquarters were burned in London, April 10th; on which occasion "The devil" appears to have had his innings on the saints.

W. W. Story has finished in Rome a statue of Christ in Arab dress, the head bound with a scarf and the shoulders covered by a square mantle. The figure is that of a tall, slender, young man, with the left hand resting on the hip and the right extended. Mr. Story says it is the reflection of a vision that came to him when at sea in Cambridge, Mass.

Official reports show that the tide of immigration into the United States is again rising. The total number of arrivals during the year 1886 was 100,000, against 87,419 in January, 1887. For the seven months ended Jan. 31st, 1887, 70,000 immigrants arrived, against 57,419 in the same period of 1886; an increase of 30,000, or forty-one per cent. The largest number of arrivals from any one country seem to have been the Germans. Germany ranked second (80,000), followed by Italy (40,000) and next. The larger number of immigrants (20,000) came from Great Britain.

Twenty-five years ago a very valuable work disappeared from the Royal Library at Berlin, and every year there has been a search for it. Among the most eager in the hunt was Dr. S. who died recently. Since then it has been discovered that the Doctor had been using the folio to raise his seat.

In a magazine article, showing the relative size of long and short words by different authors by the construction of curves, it is shown that the mean word length of Addison is 4.56 letters, of Dickens, 4.44; Thackeray, 4.41; of Mill, 4.77.

A rich petroleum district has been tapped in the island of Formosa, off the Chinese coast. Diamond fields have been discovered on the same island.

McConnell's company, under the command of Gen. Start. Mrs. Tilton is now a trifle more than a hundred years old.

The Boston *Investigator*, under date of April 18th current, informs its readers that that number commences its fifty-seventh volume. It is as bright and pungent as ever in its old age—although it sometimes allows its correspondents too much leeway in abusing Spiritualists. Its editor, personally, speaks in a gentlemanly tone whenever he has occasion to say anything upon the subject connected with the spiritual cause. For this we cordially thank him; and although we do not believe in his "doctrine," yet we hope he is prospering on the "material" plane of life.

PROFESSIONAL ALARMISTS.—*Clerical quest* (to fellow passengers)—Have you ever thought that in the midst of life we are in death? *Fellow passenger*—Often. I have reflected that at any moment we may be buried into eternity, and that we ought to be prepared for that event. "I've said so a million times." "Is it possible that I am speaking to a brother or sister?" "I judged from your dress—'I'm an insurance agent.' Just let me show you a few figures."—*Philadelphia Record*.

It is said that the faces of Indian boys and girls, which bear the marks of savage character on the features of their possessors to the school at Hampton, Va., become after a while alert, intelligent and thoughtful, attaining a giving place to a noticeable refinement and earnestness of expression, owing to the influence of education.

The extra military credits asked by the German Government amount to 134,000,000 marks. Of this sum, 40,000,000 marks are for the increase of the army, 12,000,000 for new equipments, and the remainder for strategic railways and improvements in fortresses.

Since 1876 the exact locality of the resting-place of President Lincoln was a secret known only to a few gentlemen. A few days since the body was removed and placed in the vault where it cannot be reached by grave-robbers.

DIVIDING THE TERRITORY.—"Are n't you Mr. Hayseed?" asked the confidante man. "No, sir; I'm Dea Sniffles," was the reply. "And I'm on my way to get up a church fair." "No, is that so?" exclaimed the confidante man. "Well, say! I'm glad you put me on. Where are you going to work?" "The church is a few blocks north of here." "All right. Then you just stick to this end of the town, and I'll work the other, so's we won't conflict."—*Tribune*.

BREAKFAST FRITTERS.—One cup of cold boiled rice, one pint of flour, one teaspoonful of salt, two beaten lightly, two teaspoonfuls of baking powder stirred into the flour, and enough milk to make a thick batter. Fry like griddle cakes.

EARLY RISING.

"God bless the man who first invented sleep!" So Sancho Panza said, and so say I; And bless him, also, who first discovered the right sort of pillow to himself; nor try To make it—as the lucky fellow might—A close monopoly by patent right! Yes, bless the man who first invented sleep, (I really can't avoid the literary snore.) But bless the man, with curses loud and deep, Who first invented the alarm clock, or station, That artificial cut-off—early rising.—*John G. Saxe*.

The best way to keep hardworking hands smooth and soft is to put borax in a bottle and fill it with lukewarm water; put borax in until there are a few lumps left in the bottle that will not dissolve. Prepared in this way it will keep any length of time and is not expensive. At night, before retiring, wash in a pint of water, to which add one tablespoon of borax water.

A ZOOLOGICAL DEFINITION.—*Editor*—Ethelbert, has any one called during my absence? *Ethelbert*—"Yes, Mr. Editor. Mr. Murphy called for the right sort of Editor." "Mr. Murphy is an 'Orthorhynchus'." *Ethelbert*—"That's that; that's that." It is derived, Ethelbert, from two Greek words, and means a beast with a bill!—*The Lampoon*.

A resident of another city than Boston, who, as a dentist, writes professionally, says that nothing is superior to Boston brown bread for bone and tooth building, and that baked beans should be on the table, hot or cold, at least three times a week, on account of their supply of lime salts.

Of late the papers which are seeking after large circulation figures more than anything else, have run into the cheapest kind of sensationalism, and the printing of stuff which is not to be read at home nor fit for one to be seen reading in the presence of friends.—*Boston Evening Record*.

Intelligence has been received in England that a body of the Amer of Afghanistan's troops made a night attack upon a force of the Ghilzai rebels, and killed two hundred of them. Several villages in the disturbed district of Afghanistan have been destroyed by fire. A number of other tribes than the Ghilzais are joining in the rebellion against the authority of the Amer. It is reported that the Russians are moving by slow marches toward Zaidkar, which place is about one hundred and forty miles northwest of Herat. So Bro. "Bull" will have to look out sharp, or else the Russian "Bear" will get on to his back, when B. will find it hard work to shake him off.

Parents seeking a healthy, home-like retreat for their children during the summer can find one by addressing B. F. Clark, M. D., Belvidere, N. J.

At Greenwich, Mass.,

The interest in the cause of Spiritualism and of liberal thought generally is constantly maintained, owing to the indefatigable labors of Mr. H. W. Smith, whose beautiful little Temple at that place is weekly opened to the people. Within these walls the truths and consoling promises of our precious philosophy are spoken Sunday after Sunday by some of the most highly inspired and earnest men and women of our country people for miles around gather to partake of this spiritual feast which the philanthropy of one man freely provides for them.

On the morning of Sunday, April 17th, Miss M. T. Shelhamer lectured in Greenwich under the influence of an advanced intelligence, who announced as his theme, "A Chapter from the Life of a Spiritist," in which was plotted the personal spiritual experiences of the spiritist, his entrance into the immortal world, first experience at finding himself still a conscious, living man, the discovery of his surroundings, and the subsequent labors that occupied his time.

The discourse was listened to with marked attention, and at its close many of the hearers expressed themselves highly gratified at what they had heard.

The Greenwich Lyceum, which meets at one o'clock in the vestry of the church, is a highly commendable institution. There the children are welcomed and made to feel at home, and it is safe to say that Mr. Smith and his colleagues are beloved as leaders and friends by pupils and parents alike. The exercises at this school are after the most highly approved method of Lyceum work—progressive, beautiful and instructive—and are followed with zeal by the teachers and scholars of this interesting society.

Worthy of Aid.

As noted in a recent issue there are now living in very reduced circumstances, in a locality near Boston, two sisters and a brother—each of the trio being over eighty years of age. We trust the generous philanthropists will feel moved to assist these needy Spiritualists friends in sustaining themselves a short time longer among the rough trials of life. Our call in their behalf has already brought out the following responses:

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Movements of Mediums and Lecturers.

(Notices for this Department must reach our office by Monday's mail to insure insertion the same week.)

Hon. Warren Chase lectures in Lynn, Mass., April 24th; and in Bridgeport, Ct., the five Sundays of May. He speaks at Oyster Camp July 24th and 25th; at Supt. Lake, N. H., Sept. 2nd; at 25th; at Queen City, Pa., Sept. 7th and 8th; at Hanson, Mass., July 31st. He is open for other engagements, including June. Address, 301 Summer street, Worcester, Mass.

Bishop A. Reals holds his engagement at Oshkosh, Wis., on Sunday, April 17th, at 10 o'clock, in St. Louis, April 18th, and at Green, Ill., the first Sunday in May; the last two Sundays of that month he will be in Providence, R. I.

Prof. W. F. Peck speaks at New Haven, Conn., April 24th; at Bridgeport, Conn., June 13th, 18th and 22nd. He may be engaged for the Sundays of May and for camps. Address 123 West Concord street, Boston.

Mrs. E. S. Lake speaks for the Spiritualists of New Haven, Conn., April 24th; at the First Spiritual Temple, Boston, May 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th; is re-engaged at Bridgeport, Conn., for June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th; and at 25th; at Queen City, Pa., Sept. 7th and 8th; at Hanson, Mass., July 31st. Address, 301 Summer street, Worcester, Mass.

We are informed that J. V. Mansfield has been very ill for the past three weeks at the house of his son in Chelsea, Mass. "As present he is much better, and hopes to resume his duties soon."

Mrs. F. A. Logan, whose permanent address is West End, Alameda, Cal., is on a tour over the C. P. R., stopping in all places, large and small, on the route, in the exercise of her medical gifts.

Madison Allen has of late been occupied at Mobile, Ala., and was at last accounts, about to return to New Orleans, La.

A. A. Wheelock has spoken in Springfield, Mass., the last four Sundays; he was there on the 1st of March at the Anniversary exercises. He speaks in Portland, Me., the last two Sundays of April; in Newburyport, Mass., the first Sunday in May; is re-engaged to speak in Springfield the remaining Sundays of May.

Mrs. E. E. Warner-Bishop's address is now 549 High Street, Oakland, Wis. She would be glad to respond to calls to lecture for the season in any part of the United States.

Dr. Dean Clarke is ready to accept calls to lecture either for the spring meetings or the summer camps. He can instruct and speak, and should be kept actively employed. Address him care of this office.

Mr. J. Frank Baxter will lecture again at Berkeley Hall next Sunday forenoon and evening. On Monday evening, 18th, he lectured in Rockport (Pigeon Point), Mass., and on Tuesday, 19th, at 10 o'clock, in Wilmamette, Conn., Sunday, May 15th, in Pittsburgh, Pa., and on Sunday, May 22nd and 29th, in Lynn, Mass. Many week evenings are engaged and some will be continued.

J. W. Fletcher lectured before the Psi Chi Society at the College of Physicians and Surgeons on Wednesday at 4 P. M., in Liberty Hall, New Bedford, Mass., on Sunday; he speaks in Norwich, Conn., the first two Sundays in May. Address 6 Beacon street, Boston, Mass.

Mrs. E. O. Kimball, of Lawrence, Mass., is ready to make engagements for platform lectures and tests. Address 117 East Haverhill street.

Mrs. E. S. Lake lectures in Bridgeport, March 31st, 18th and 20th; in New Haven, March 27th; in Troy, N. Y., April 3rd and 10th; in Worcester, April 17th—she speaks there again on the 24th; he will be in Providence, R. I., on Sunday, May 1st, and 8th, and in Newburyport, Mass., the first Sunday in May. He is also engaged for Lake Pleasant Camp August 8th and 15th; at Harwich, July 29th and 31st; at Queen City, Pa., Sept. 7th and 8th; at Hanson, Mass., July 31st. He can be addressed at 104 Oak street, Springfield, Mass.

Meetings in Providence.

Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie again ministered before the Providence Spiritual Association Sunday, giving two most excellent discourses based on topics and questions from the audience.

Mrs. Lillie's power in cohering into a comely and orderly series of material is furnished by so many independent topics is most remarkable. No matter what the questions may be, Spiritualism is sure to be the central idea. Herein is seen its universality.

The soulful singing of Mr. Lillie is another grand feature. Wm. Foster, Jr.

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ALLEN PUTNAM, Esq., will answer calls to lecture or to attend funerals. Address him No. 670 Tremont street, Boston, Mass.

Leavenworth, Kan.

The First Society of Spiritualists of Leavenworth County will hold a Three-Days' Meeting at the residence of Esquire Colby, commencing on the 1st of May. The mediums and speakers are expected. H. I. AUSTIN.

NEWARK, N. J.—The People's Spiritual Fraternity holds meetings every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock at Liberal League Hall, No. 177 Halsey street. Mrs. G. Dorn, President.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Avenue Hall, 100 2nd street, Chicago, Ill., will hold a series of Spiritualist lectures and mediums' meetings, 3 P. M. Mediums' Receptions, first and third Tuesday evenings. Society Societies, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—The First Association of Spiritualists meets at 34 P. M. every Sunday in Brandt's Hall, southwest corner of Franklin Avenue and Ninth street. Friends of the cause are cordially and confidentially invited from America and Europe. H. W. Fay, President, No. 620 South Broadway. Isaac S. Lee, Cor. Sec., No. 122 Ninth street, St. Louis, Mo.

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Invocation.—Oh! our Father, with thanksgiving upon our lips and the increase of gratitude in our souls, we approach thee in love. We would become receptive to the pure teachings of thy angel-messengers, receiving from them such of the wisdom of earth-life which we need to strengthen our lives for the coming time. Oh! may each one present realize the harmony and peace that descend from heavenly lands; may the love and unity which are the basis of all good be established in our hearts, and may we be able to receive the pure teachings of thy angel-messengers, receiving from them such of the wisdom of earth-life which we need to strengthen our lives for the coming time.

Questions and Answers.—**CONTROLLING SPIRIT.**—Your questions are now in order, Mr. Chairman. **Ques.**—Do you ever reach a point where it is impossible to reform? In other words, is it possible for a soul to wither, like a flower, and die? **Ans.**—Spiritualism teaches of eternal progress for the soul of man; and while it admits that the soul may, for a season, be in a state of stagnation, and that it may sink in degradation, it also teaches that such a soul cannot always remain in its degraded condition. We know of no point or state which a soul may reach that will not allow it opportunities for reformation, or improvement, and that it is impossible for a human soul to wither or fade out from existence. It is our belief, based upon the teachings that we have received from higher sources, that the human soul individually is always a spark from the Divine Fountain of all Life and Intelligence, and that it is impossible for a part or portion, or any emanation from that fountain of life and power, to be extinguished or blotted out; consequently we do not think it possible for any soul, however low in aspiration it may seem to be, to fade out and die. We do not think it possible for a soul being in soul-life ever come to a condition where it is impossible to reform. But we do teach and believe that there are ever open to the spirit of man opportunities and facilities for improvement, for growth, for soul-progress, and that a spirit sunk in degradation and crime will yet feel stirring within himself impulses and aspirations that will lead him on toward light, happiness and peace.

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was called from earth, but she has lost no interest in her relatives and friends, and has been permitted to watch over their lives and take note of their experiences. The changes that have come to them are not unknown to her, and she has sympathized with them. This spirit had arrived at middle age about the time she passed from earth. She is what might be called a progressive spirit, being able to throw off rapidly the effects of earthly life, so far as the marks of pain and care are concerned, and to grow into the spiritual. There is a young woman connected with this spirit who is highly mediumistic; she is called Carrie. This one who comes to us wishes to use her influence in developing the mediumship of young Carrie, so that it may be of service to the world.

Harvey White.—A young man, about twenty-four years of age, gives us the name of Harvey White. He wishes to send his love to his mother and father. He has no knowledge of Spiritualism. Before he passed from earth this spirit studied into these things a little, and wished to know more, but his friends did not encourage him, and so he said little to them concerning Spiritualism. He now wishes to know that which is coming from the spirit-world, and is highly interested in the study of spiritual laws. Many times he has attempted to reach his friends, and to tell them of his continued existence and associations in the spirit-world, and something of his father whom he met there, and of other friends; but there seems to be a barrier between him and his earthly friends which he cannot penetrate because of their indifference to this subject. He thought if he could return here and publicly announce himself, and a knowledge of it reached his friends, perhaps his mother and other relatives would become interested. They have been very sad because of his early departure from earth-life, but they know that he still exists in a brighter world, with grander opportunities for unfoldment and growth, they will perhaps become more reconciled to the changes which have come to them at home. His mother's name is Elizabeth White, and we are told that she lives in Providence, R. I.

Charles Davis.—Another young man appears, calling himself Charles Davis, claiming kinship with parties in Syracuse, N. Y. He says he feels more at home there than elsewhere—the magnetism of the place seems to be a part of himself—and he spent the greater portion of his earthly life in that vicinity. We are told that he was brought out from consumption or a wearing disease of that kind. He appeared pale and attenuated before passing from the body, but in the spirit-world he does not present such an appearance. He possessed a studious mind, one given to investigating whatever seemed important to him, and not to much of the ordinary life of sports as were those of some of his companions. This spirit wishes to know that in the life beyond he finds all the facilities for pursuing studies he lacked here. He is grateful for the change, and has no desire to give it up for the life of the past; yet he has dear friends who were so very dear to him, and he has many and many affectionate remembrances. He thanks them for all their kindness in the past, and says that he will do his best to repay them in some way in the future. He would like to come into communication privately with his friends. He has many things to say to them which may perhaps be of interest or use to them.

Joseph Smith.—Joseph Smith of Pittsburgh, Mass., reports himself as an old Spiritualist, acquainted with the philosophy of Spiritualism, and took an interest in it. He thinks it about time that he gave a little account to his friends. He does not wish them to think he has forgotten them, but that in passing through the spirit-world he has for a moment laid aside the interest he felt in the welfare of those he left on earth; on the contrary, it increases with him, and he is glad to come here to-day and send a few words of greeting and regard to those he has known in the past. He wishes to say that he has increased his knowledge of Spiritualism and the law of mediumistic control, and would like the opportunity of telling his friends what he has learned, though he hardly expects it. He has been in close contact with those he knew, and sometimes made his influence felt with certain persons, and he says that he has learned to what he hopes to do by-and-by. He is at times watching those who are here on earth, and looking forward to the time when he shall greet them and conduct them to his home in the spirit-world.

Martha Drayton.—This young girl says her friends live in San Francisco. She is familiar with the spirit-world, although she has tried several times to manifest in this way to her friends. She brings much love. There was something sad connected with her decease; it seemed to have been rather sudden, that is, she was ill but a few days, snatched in the bloom of youth from earth at an early age. Her friends mourned her loss; they could not understand it, and rebelled in spirit. This made the girl sad; it attracted and held her to them; she could not rise above the conditions thus thrown around her, and for quite a while she was what is called an unhappy spirit. But time passed, and she came to know of her friends; they had other things to think of, and gradually the sense of loss faded from them; as it did so, the tie binding the spirit loosened, and she was enabled to get away into the higher life, with those friends who watched above her.

She wishes to say that her father, her grandmother and her little sister are all with her in her spirit-home, and they are happy together; there is nothing more to sigh for, except the presence of those dear ones who yet remain on earth. By-and-by they will join the band, and then all will be united and happy. These spirits send their love to the friends on earth, asking them to lead quiet, peaceful lives, doing their duty as best they can, and looking forward with hope to the future, when there will be sweet reunion.

Frank McBride.—A spirit who passed from earth as a young girl, and whose name is Frank McBride, and says his parents are in Boston, and that he is here. He has been absent a good many years; now he appears advanced somewhat in maturity, and is an active, working spirit. He brings his regards to his friends, and wishes them to know he has many times tried to help them. His friends are not in a fit state of mind to receive his love, but he is not discouraged; sometimes they have been depressed and oppressed by the conditions of material life; but this spirit has been bringing them assistance in his own way, and helped them out of the shadows into the light.

For some time he has desired to send a few words of love to his friends, that they might know he was still watching over them, trying to help them along in life. He is making an effort to gain information and keep pace with some of those bright spirits he sees in the other life. He hopes, before a great while, to have the opportunity of manifesting privately in such tangible ways as will bring conviction to the hearts of those who are dear to him. He is working for that end.

Clara Hill.—A young spirit is here who gives the name of Clara Hill, and claims a residence at Memphis, Tenn. She says her brother is there, also a sister, and others who are near and dear to her, to all of whom she sends her love. She is very anxious to have her friends know something of Spiritualism; they are totally ignorant concerning it, and it disturbs her because of the darkness around her friends—that is, concerning the truth; they are bound down by the opinions and beliefs which were taught them early in childhood, and they have seen no star of truth shining in the spiritual world. For a few years this spirit has watched around her friends, and has seen that the dawn would come to them. She has tried to manifest through various channels, but without success. To-day she comes, but we do not get into close rapport with her, because there is a hesitancy, a diffidence, that keeps her apart from us; however, we report

what we get concerning her, because it is possible it may reach her friends, and be of use to the spirit herself.

Rachel Koon.—Is the name of a lady in advanced life when on earth. She was a Quakeress. She has friends in Chester, Pa., to whom she brings her greetings. She is anxious they should know of her presence, and that she is with her, also Isaac and Mary; they are all happy together in a quiet home in the spirit-world. They have deep regard for the friends who are here, and show their solicitude by returning to their homes with helpful influences. They wish the friends to learn something of what lies beyond the river of death. The old lady came here in the hope of letting a little truth into the hearts of those who are near to her.

James Spaulding.—Now we see the spirit of a middle-aged man, of large commanding presence, and whose word carried weight with it. He was the master of a large family in Brooklyn, N.

