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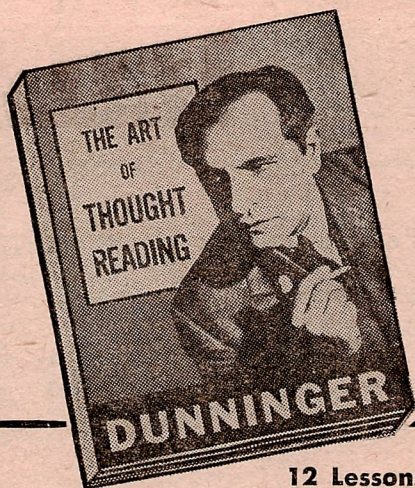
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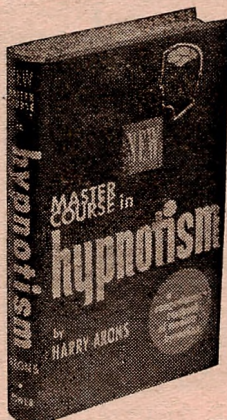
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Telepathy is something which ought not to happen if the materialistic view were true. But it does happen. So there must be something seriously wrong with the materialistic view.

— Professor H. H. Price

Holder of the Wykeham Chair
of Logic, Oxford University

THE SEPTEMBER 1 issue of *Science*, publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, contains an article by Bernard Barber, professor of sociology at Barnard College, discussing the "Resistance by Scientists to Scientific Discovery."

Professor Barber lists several reasons for such resistance, including the fact that "scientists are also human," and including previous concepts, religious ideas, fear for professional standing, and the like.

All these reasons obviously apply to scientific resistance to ESP, which is perhaps most resisted because psychic events do not fit established scientific models of reality as science has pictured it.

If we were all logical, we would face the logic of Professor Price's comment. That is, telepathy has

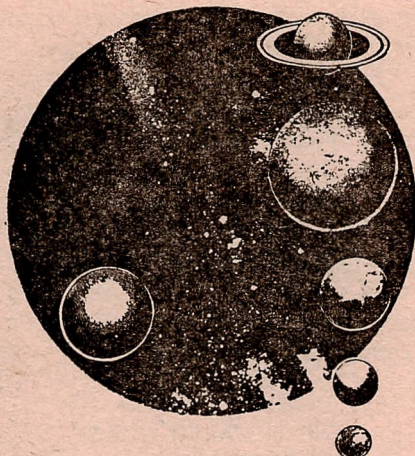


been proved; it does not fit established models of reality; therefore the established models must be wrong.

Professor Barber points out, for example, that Ampere's theory of magnetic currents in the 19th Century was resisted by Joseph Henry and others because they "did not see how it could be fitted into the Newtonian mechanical model. They refused to accept Ampere's view that the atoms of the Newtonian model had electrical properties which caused magnetic phenomena.

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himself was unable to translate into a dynamical model the abstract equations of Maxwell's theory."

Of course, there are two difficulties in this approach. As far as we know, psychic researchers have not really come up with a generally accepted theory to explain psychic phenomena, and certainly not one that is capable of being tested against a model under laboratory conditions.

The other is that the model really need not be a physical construction but can indeed be a conceptual one.

The problem is formidable and perhaps impossible if a suitable theory must come to terms with generally accepted concepts (or models) of reality.

Something different is obviously needed. As Professor Price makes clear, *there must be something seriously wrong with the model itself.*



THE PROBLEM HALOS

THE MINISTRY of Christ is surrounded by many unusual manifestations which some persons believe are psychic phenomena — precognition, clairaudience (the audible voice of God), and so forth.

Recently it was suggested that the halos surrounding the religious paintings of Christ and his disciples and of the saints had their origin in the psychic aura which many

persons believe surrounds everyone. Such auras almost invariably can be seen with Kilner screens or aura goggles but some persons see them without such mechanical aids.

In other words, the halo is not a pious myth but can actually be seen by some persons. They report that it is brighter and more intense around some individuals than around others. Such may have been the case with Christ and some saints until painting the "aura" as a halo around all saints became an artistic convention.



THE PIGTAILED GHOST

RESIDENTS OF an apartment house in Nottingham, England, say they are being disturbed by the apparition of a woman with black pigtails. It is seen only by women and children and has been reported by several.

Reginald King, one tenant, said his baby began to laugh as it slept in its cot. "When one of the children we have staying with us got up she asked if that 'strange woman' would be coming back," King declared. "She had seen her tickling the baby."

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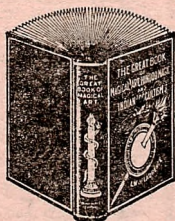
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Another little girl pointed across the room and asked her father, "Who is that lady over there?"

He could see nothing.

**SPIDER WRITING**

LATELY THERE has been a rash of stories in the newspapers claiming that spider webs are spelling out readable warnings of disaster for the world.

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New techniques of X-ray examination indicate that Pharaoh Siptah suffered from "club foot", Rameses V appears to have had smallpox, and other famous Egyptians had everything from bedsores to hydrocephalus — enlarged cranium. Still other mummies indicate the prevalence of pneumonia, appendicitis, gallstones and tuberculosis.

Not found were syphilis and, according to Science Service, a particular deformity of the big toe — which appears not to have existed because of the type of sandals the Egyptians wore.



VINLAND DISCOVERED?

ONE OF THE great mysteries of archeology is what happened to the Greenland Vikings. When Greenland was re-discovered they had disappeared along with their cattle, sheep and horses, though their church ruins and bones exist on Greenland to this day.

It has been theorized that they were killed off by the Eskimos, or that they emigrated en masse to Vinland — the country of timber and grapes that Leif Ericsson reported in such detail after the original Greenland settlement. It is known, for instance, that the Vikings obtained timber from Vinland but no one has been absolutely sure where Vinland was.

Now a Norwegian expedition under Explorer Helge Ingstad, an archeologist, has returned with the announcement that Vinland may have been in Newfoundland — at any rate that the Norsemen settled the northern peninsula of Newfoundland about 1,000 years ago.

The expedition found the remains of seven houses that it believes Norsemen built there in a location about 10 miles west of Cape Bauld. Mr. Ingstad will return to Newfoundland next summer to continue his explorations. He is the author of eight books, including *Under the Polar Star*, now being translated into English.



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE . . .

ALL MANNER OF romantic legend has been associated with Mount Ranier, very little of which will stand critical investigation.

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Since an avalanche opened a fissure in the side of the mountain near Gibraltar Rock, at about the 12,000 foot level, early in August, Ranier has been sending jets of steam nearly 100 feet in the air.

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chance of Ranier erupting, however. The last eruption may have occurred thousands of years ago and they think the current activity is no more than the mountain burping a little gas.



CONCERNING BLOOD PRESSURE

THE AVERAGE European or American can expect his blood pressure to rise from 120 millimeters of mercury at age 25 to 135 mm at age 50 and then, more steeply, to 160 at age 70.

But on the island of Gau in the Fiji group or on Abaiang of the Gilbert Islands, this does not happen, according to Dr. Abraham Marcus of the London *Observer*. Dr. Marcus reports on a study of nearly the total population of these islands by Dr. I. Maddocks of Australia.

He found that the average blood pressures of the Fijians and Gilbertese were similar to Western peoples up to the age of 50. But after that they do not continue to rise.

Pacific islanders of 70 have a blood pressure averaging only 130.

Dr. Maddocks measured the blood pressures of nearly 6,000 persons on the two islands. Now, as they are exposed increasingly to the stresses of western life, they will be watched very closely to see whether they, too, develop the ills of which

we westerners are victims.



CHINA AND THE BIBLE

IT IS POPULARLY believed that China is not mentioned in the Bible and that the Chinese were unknown on the Arabian Peninsula.

Not true, says Dr. George M. Lamsa, translator of the Bible from the Aramaic, the ancient language of Biblical days.

"Scholars and readers of the Holy Bible will be amazed to learn that China is mentioned 17 times in the Eastern text of the Bible, the Peshitta," Dr. Lamsa recently declared.

"In Aramaic, which for centuries was the common language of the Fertile Crescent of the Babylonian and Assyrian empires, China is called Cathey or Kathey. And the Aramaic word for Chinese is 'Kath-eye'. In Hebrew it is 'Kittin' or 'Chittim'."

"The Western translators of the Bible," says Dr. Lamsa, "unfortunately thought that Cathey (Chittim or Kittim) meant Cyprus . . . (for example Ezekiel XXVII, 6—*'They have made your benches of ivory brought from the isles of Chittim.'*)"

"Cyprus is a little island in the Mediterranean Sea which has neither elephants nor spices nor armies to invade any country," Dr. Lamsa said.

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to the Chinese and Mongolians as having a population "the number of whom is as the sand of the sea." This is in Revelations XX, 8, where the words Gog and Magog mean China and Mongolia, Dr. Lamsa asserts.



HUMAN COMPUTER

RUSSELL NASH, Jr., a 32-year-old cost estimator at Virginia Metal Products, Inc., of Richmond, Va., has a computer in his head, but he insists its only a little computer, and that anyone can learn to do what he can do —

Such as multiplying three digit numbers and getting the answer instantly.

Or dividing a six-digit number by a four-digit number and getting the answer just as fast.

Nash says he got only average grades in math, and was always poor at algebra. And he still uses a calculator. "I can only go to one decimal in my head," he explains.

Which leaves him far behind some of the mathematical geniuses of the past — but still pretty darn good.



UP TO DATE ON OTIS T. CARR

SOME OF OUR readers will remember the space machine of Otis T. Carr which was all set to take passengers to the moon but

ran into a slight mishap — it would not fly.

Late in September the State Supreme Court of New York ordered promoters of this or a similar space ship to stop selling stock in their enterprise in the state of New York.

New Yorkers apparently had already invested \$50,000 in O.T.C. (after Otis T. Carr) Enterprises, Inc., of Baltimore.

Atty. Gen Louis J. Lefkowitz charged that O.T.C. claimed to have developed a miraculous motor with "a perpetual source of energy" which was to be used to propel the company's space ship, the OTC-XI.

If the trip is any time soon, it is doubtful whether Mr. Carr will be able to make it. At present he is in jail in Oklahoma City working off a \$5,000 fine at the rate of \$1 a day on a charge of selling un-registered stock.



THE MAN WHO CAME HOME

THE JUNE, 1952, issue of FATE told the all-but-incredible story of "The Man Who Came Home" despite Hell and because of High Water. Now there is a sequel . . .

Charles Coghlan was a great Shakespearean actor born on Prince Edward Island, Canada, in 1841. He was educated in England, and toured there and in the United States and Canada.

He never forgot, nor did he al-

low his friends to forget, what a gypsy fortune teller once told him — that he would die in an American southern city but that eternal rest would come to him only in the place of his birth — Prince Edward Island.

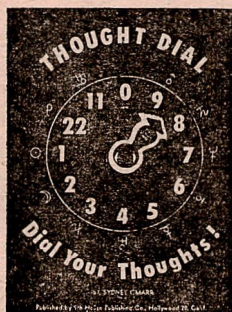
Coghlan died suddenly in 1898 while playing Hamlet in Galveston, Tex. He was buried in a Galveston cemetery.

When the great hurricane of September 8, 1900, swept over Galveston, killing 5,000 persons and ruining the city, the floods washed some of the city's cemeteries into the Gulf of Mexico. Coffins floated beside the bodies of the newly

drowned. Coghlan's body in its coffin was one of these.

In October, 1908, fishermen on Prince Edward Island found a large box, encrusted with barnacles, floating in the water. The fishermen chipped it open. Inside they found a coffin containing the body of a middle-aged man. A silver plate identified him as Charles Coghlan, born on this very island. He was reburied near the church where he had been baptized, home at last!

We were reminded of this unusual story when the great 1961 hurricane ravaged Galveston. As the flood waters rose over the city, the weather-worn locks on mauso-



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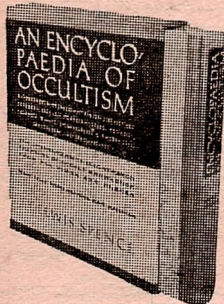
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THOSE SHATTERED WINDOWS
SPRINGFIELD, MASS., has had an outbreak of broken car windows. On August 20, for the second time in five months, more than 100 residents awoke to discover that the rear windows of their parked cars were shattered.

The holes varied from the size of a BB shot to that of an apple. In each case the windows were cross-hatched with thousands of tiny lines that made them look crystallized.

Police discounted the possibility of vandalism but they could not explain the mystery. Several makes of cars were involved, most of them were 1954 to 1957 models.

About 100 rear windows were broken in a similar epidemic on March 5. Temperatures on the two nights were quite dissimilar but here were two things similar about the weather on each night—humidity was high and the barometer stood between 30.17 and 30.02.

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SKY MYSTERY

EXPLAIN THIS, someone.

In 1959, the U.S. Weather Bureau sent aloft a weather balloon bearing a radio transmitter. The balloon was designed to burst at 16 miles and allow the transmitter to descend gently by parachute.

It came down two years later, on September 13, 1961, on the hut of a postal worker near Karachi, Pakistan.



FIREBALL

MRS. DORIS WILL was in the kitchen of her home in Cheltenham, Australia, one day recently watching a thunderstorm outside when she "felt this great thing over my shoulder."

Mrs. Will looked around and let out a yawp. There was a fireball. She raced through the dining room and headed for the stairs. The fireball followed her, passing her in her stairwell.

Mrs. Will was so confused she continued on up the stairs, now the pursuer instead of the pursued. She arrived at the top of the stairs just in time to see the fireball enter a bedroom.

Her brothers Des and Noel were still abed. They heard a crash "like thunder amplified 10 times." And before their terrified eyes the fireball escaped through the open window of their room.

What is a fireball?



THAT SOOT

DOWN IN TAMPA they have been bothered with mysterious falls of black, smelly soot whose source no one has been able to pinpoint.

For example, on September 9, the Tampa *Tribune* reported that a "new type" (how many types have there been?) of soot had fallen on Davis Island and housewives were angry.

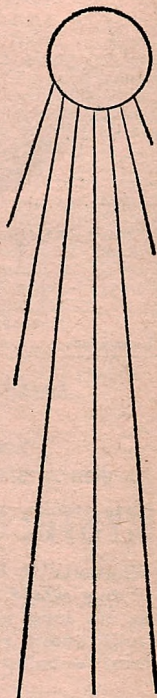
The "new kind" is not the "big flaky stuff, but boy does it smell" complained Mrs. Harrison C. Thompson, Jr. Mrs. Clayton Edson added that "It's not as bad as it was with the large flakes; it's not as gummy."

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OFF TO SPACE

EVERY MONTH we take our readers on a more or less happy ride through Space (spelled with a capital "S"), detailing all the latest findings, hazards, contradictions, and booby-traps to be found Out There.

Dr. Giancarlo Masini, a professor at Florence University's Chemical Physics Institute, went underground one day in August for a month-long stay with a group of animals. He and several other scientists climbed down into an Italian cave carrying tents, delicate instruments, food supplies, two calves, four sheep, 30 hens, 50 chicks, and so on. They stayed completely in the dark except for candle light and completely in silence at a depth of 2,624 feet.

At the end of a week, Dr. Masini couldn't take it any longer and

came crawling out. He said that the intense light was almost unbearable; colors appeared faded out and of a different hue than normally. Even the hum of a fly bothered his hearing. It is in an equal, even though different, kind of environment that spacemen must operate. What will their attitudes be?



NOTES FROM ALL OVER

WEST NEW YORK, N.J.— Florence Jacobs owns public library card No. 4536. She already has read some 60 books and can tick off in alphabetical order all the 50 states of this country. She is 2½ years old.

HOUSTON, TEX.— The Charlie Bass family has a four-year-old part Persian cat that has two wing-like structures about six inches long protruding from its body about four inches back of the shoulder bone. Some critics, who object to paying 25 cents to see this cat, claim the projections are only matted fur.

OTTAWA, October 28— Frank J. DeKinder, director of the Montreal Center of Canada's Royal Astronomical Society, reported sighting an object tonight that gave off strong light and moved too fast to be a man-made object and too slow to be a comet. "I have never seen anything like it before," he said.

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The mysterious gray scum has crept over the furniture, walls, floors, and books until it possesses the house. This amazing growth is

A PESTILENCE OF MOLD

By Lee R. Gandee

IN SURRY COUNTY North Carolina there is a family who can say first hand what it is like to suffer the loss of their home and belongings and to be shunned and dreaded because of their misfortune. Were it not that they are well-known and respected in the community, and that they live in this century, they probably would have been driven out and their dwelling burned, for a pestilence of mold is in it and their neighbors are haunted with the same fear and dread that impelled men in the middle ages to stone away from the walls of their villages the refugees from plague who sought help from them. The instinct for self-preservation is

stronger than the impulses of charity.

Newspaper articles and one television broadcast have focused public attention upon the family and its blighted house so that interest has extended far beyond the small community that first knew of them, and FATE Magazine felt that it should ascertain the truth of the report that is being circulated. I was sent to interview the family, to see the house, and to write a true report if any aspects of the case merited presentation.

EVEN IN YADKIN County, where I stopped for gas before going on to Surry, I heard enough

to realize that the matter is entirely out of the ordinary. Whether it be natural or supernatural I cannot say, but probably not since the days of the Bell Witch has any house in the hill country become so widely known in so short a time, nor become the subject of so much discussion and speculation.

When the attendant at the station learned that I had come to interview the family and write a story, his keen young face shone with excitement. "Boy!" he exclaimed, "I sure want to read that! You know, you hear all the time about queer things that happen, but they are always away off, somewhere else. When a thing like this takes place right close by, it's different, like. It scares you, and you can't help thinking and wondering. I'd be purely careful, if I were you. It could spread anywhere, though the funniest part of it all is that it hasn't spread yet. You'd think it would be all over the country, the way it took that house. Seems like it just singled out that one house, and that one family, like as if it was intelligent, and had some special reason. Mother was talking about it last night."

I had hardly counted on having anyone speculate that mold might be intelligent and operate with purpose, so I asked him to tell me all he knew of the case.

"I just know what was in the

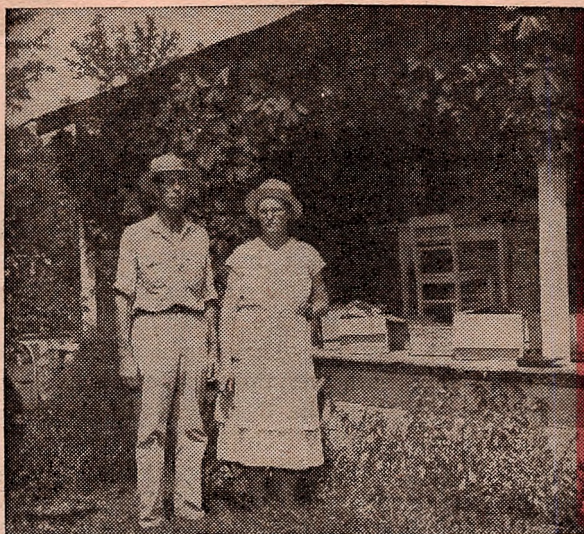
papers and on television, and what people say," he considered. "You know, that the mold showed up first about two years ago in some rugs, and took over the house and all in spite of everything that could be done, and made the family so sick they had to move out and let the house go. They live in an old school bus now."

"Do you think it is a natural mold?" I pursued.

"It don't act that way," he replied. "Like I said, you'd think if it was, it would have spread, and they say it has stayed on that one farm. It didn't even spread to the old bus."

Jonesville is just across the Yadkin River from Elkin. In Elkin I visited the Health Department, which was closed, as it was Saturday, and decided to ask people on the street what they knew of the house until I found someone who could direct me to it. A lady drove up and fumbled for change for the parking meter. She asked me to change a quarter, and when I gave her change I asked her if she knew anything about the Grady Norman family and their house with the mold in it.

"Oh, it's simply horrible!" she exclaimed. "Those poor people! They say it has them all down sick, and that it has taken over all that they had — house, clothes, furniture, everything. They had to move



Mr. and Mrs. Grady Norman of Mountain Park, N. C., view mold-covered belongings spread out in sun before the home they were forced to abandon.

into a trailer, and now they say it has started in that."

She seemed so concerned I judged she must know the family, so I asked her how to find them.

"I wish I could tell you," she replied, "but I don't have the least idea where they live. You see, I'm not from around here; I'm from Lincolnton."

I was shocked. Lincolnton is four counties distant from Surry.

The next person I asked had known Grady Norman most of his life. "You take Highway 21 to the turn-off to Mountain Park," he directed. "Grady lives four miles out on a dirt road they are fixing to pave, and you'd best ask again

at Mountain Park; they can show you exactly where the dirt road is. He's got an old bus set up in the woods not far from the house, and anybody in Mountain Park can show you exactly where to go."

He seemed a man to ask more searching questions. "What do you think about the mold?" I queried, "Is it natural or not?"

"I can't say what I do think," he considered. "Nobody around here ever had any trouble with mold before. In wet weather it sometimes sets in on shoes and such, but you just brush it off, and that is all. Lord knows, this mold is not like that! If it is real mold it surely acts in a queer way. Nothing

they put on it has any effect — alcohol, disinfectant, boiling water — it just keeps growing and spreading. But if it isn't natural, like they say, what can a body make of it?"

"Then some do think it is not natural," I exclaimed. "Do they think it might have been sent?"

"As a curse from God?" he asked. "Well, yes; some say that; I have heard it discussed. But why? Why would God send a curse on a man like Grady Norman, who never did wrong to any man anywhere, and who lives by the Word as close as anybody you'll ever find? I can't believe that a just God would send trouble like that, sore trouble, with sickness and loss, and all the worry and that, without a reason. God wouldn't do it."

"What of some enemy?" I asked, hoping to lead him on. "Could it have been sent by a spell?"

"I have heard that talked, too. I don't see how it could be done. Besides, I don't know of anybody in these parts who has the name of being a witch. If it could be sent by a spell I'd think that before I'd think it is a curse from God, but I don't hold with that notion. I just don't know."

"It is peculiar that it has affected only the one family," I said, wondering whether the thought had occurred to him, "or has it spread to other places?"

"It spread to the outbuilding

where they put the rugs," he replied "but not anywhere else. If it had I'd have heard of it. That's what everybody is so scared will happen. The dry cleaner didn't want to touch their clothes. The house is posted by the Health Department, but they go where they please. It's a blessing that it stays on that one farm. Unless the health people can stop it there, no telling what might happen. They ought to go in and burn everything to the ground. That would be the safest thing, and no worse for Grady than it is now."

"It's strange that it stays just on that one farm." I said pointedly.

"Yes, it sure is!" he agreed with a meaningful look. "Makes you think it was sent, whether it was or not. If it had been any other man, or any other farm, people wouldn't wonder so, but him a preacher — just as if it was meant for people to take notice and wonder."

Mountain Park is not far from Elkin. When I arrived there, just as my informant had said, the first man I asked stepped to the porch and motioned up the highway.

"You go a piece up the road yonder to where the loose gravel turns off left," he directed. "On it, the fourth house, Grady's son Kenneth lives, and the bus is on about three miles in the woods off to the right where you can see it. The house with the mold is in sight of it, close the road. You'd best stop

at Kenneth's and ask if Grady is there; he might be. They've been bothered a good bit by reporters and such, but they'll talk. You'll find that they're real nice folks. It sure is a pity for poor old Grady, such a good man, a preacher and all."

"How do they react to the publicity?" I asked him.

"Well, stuff that ain't so has got out, and slighty comments has been made by them that don't know the family, and it hurts their feelings. You know, it was in the papers that if they'd try scrubbing and cleaning, they might get it under control, and that grieved Daisy something terrible. After all she had done! Besides, she always kept a mighty neat, clean house, and wouldn't stand for a bit of dirt. Then, too, nobody would want outsiders coming to peep and pry and make a sensation out of his trouble, and folks have done that. But if you let them know you will tell the straight of it, they'd be right glad to have it told, I reckon — though what the straight of it is, God only knows!"

The fourth house on the gravel road was small, but neat and cheerful with white paint and flowers. Just by, in the field, a family was working with hay. A middle-aged man was driving a tractor with a rake and a woman was working with a pitchfork. A younger couple

had begun a small haystack, and a boy and his dog romped nearby. It was the family I had come so far to see: Grady Norman, his wife Daisy, their son Kenneth, and his wife and child. In the yard Wilda Mae, Kenneth's pretty teen-age sister, was working at something else. The children seemed strong and healthy, intelligent and appealing.

Mrs. Norman, a quiet, motherly mountain woman in a quaint sun-bonnet, showed the traces of a lifetime of hard work and of recent worry and illness, but even in faded work clothes bore herself with dignity. Her husband, thin and stooped, and also showing traces of their ordeal, had evidently been a stalwart, resolute man. He left his tractor as soon as he realized my purpose and joined his family, which silenced to give him command of the situation, to make whatever statements he deemed discreet. There was no hostility in his manner, only caution, and some annoyance with the publicity he had already suffered. Soon the innate hospitality of the hill people had made itself manifest, and I felt at ease, as with old friends and neighbors. I too am a hill-country man, and we understood one another, not only because we speak the same dialect, but because I share their background of folk beliefs, religious training, and their

respect for the inscrutable phenomena of nature which many call the supernatural.

It is sufficient to say that I found Grady Norman as puzzled as any of his neighbors, and thinking the same thoughts. It was impossible not to believe him sincere. I think he wondered whether the mold had been sent to test his faith, for he spoke of Job, and said that he has gone more deeply into that story than he ever had gone before. He admitted that he had one enemy, but scorned the thought that man had any power to bring misfortune upon him, and he refused even to name the man who might suffer embarrassment from the implications of his story.

The mold began, he said, about three years ago, as best he could determine, from some linoleum he bought from a neighbor who was selling out to move away. It came from a building converted from former use as a dairy house. This building, a cement block structure with a cement floor, had been refloored with wooden flooring over a frame of two-by-six timbers. Molds are prevalent in dairy houses, and this one probably was damp. Mr. Norman did not say so but it must have been a slovenly, filthy sort of dwelling for he mentioned hordes of roaches that swarmed in the house during the last illness of the tenant's wife, were poisoned with rat

poison, and crept into the tank of the commode where they rotted in such numbers that it fouled the water. The woman finally died and it was after her death, before her husband remarried, that Mr. Norman bought the linoleum. It was practically new, in excellent condition, and no doubt it seemed too good a bargain to let pass.

Evidently it showed no evidence of the mold at the time for when Mrs. Norman began to be affected, she did not suspect the linoleum. It was winter, but she began with symptoms like those of hay fever. The doctor diagnosed the condition as an allergy. She gave up feather pillows but the condition grew worse. As she pondered what had not been in the house until recently and might be causing the allergy her thought turned to the linoleum. Then she and her husband, who was also becoming affected, observed that their symptoms were aggravated in the two rooms where it had been laid. They examined the floor and found that the rugs had a thick growth of the mold under them. One had been laid over other linoleum, but the floor under the old piece was unaffected. They took up the linoleum and carried it to two outbuildings. It seemed too useful to be destroyed, and Mr. Norman considered using it like tar paper to roof something.

They then cleaned the floors

thoroughly, and Mr. Norman covered the two affected ones with shellac, thinking that the alcohol would kill any mold that had escaped the hot water and detergents. It had no effect, they state. Instead, the mold began to spread with alarming rapidity, to appear on walls, in drawers, on clothing, in other rooms, in the basement, until every room in the house was polluted with it.

As it spread, its effects became more acute. Mr. Norman began to find that even his bath water produced intense itching and burning and, as the water in the well remained unchanged, he realized that mold had entered the pipes, and the water became contaminated as it flowed from the spigots. They fought grimly, using every agent recommended to them, cleansers, detergents, disinfectants, bleaches, scalding water. They opened the house to provide the utmost amount of ventilation and sunlight. A picture taken before they were forced to leave shows the front littered with boxes of small belongings brought out daily to bake in hot sunlight. Even the preacher's favorite Bible shows in this picture, for it became a hotbed of mold. Others found the house intolerable, and coughed almost as much as the Normans when they tried to enter it.

They came to view the behavior of the mold with astonishment and

even fear. It spread unpredictably and with shocking speed. One incident impressed them particularly. They have a married daughter who lives in Sparta, N.C., some distance from Elkin. She was visiting and before leaving decided to lie down on the sofa and take a nap. When she left her father and mother, and their son Kenneth, took note of the time to see how long it took Alma Jean and her husband to drive to Sparta, as they promised to write and say when they arrived. They then went out to milk and do the evening chores, and were out of the house just one hour. When they reentered, they were met by a strong stench of the mold smell, and found that the sofa on which the girl had taken her nap an hour before was now shrouded in mold and intolerable. Coughing and choking, the two men carried it out of the house into the yard, where it still sets. Another sofa remained unaffected for a considerable time after that.

The same sort of behavior was noticed in the infection of drawers and other furniture. The strong smell would appear suddenly, and a hitherto seemingly unaffected place would be found grey with mold. It is not an unpleasant smell to me, rather musty, but now that the house is altogether infected, the Normans can smell it almost 500 feet when the wind is right. I could

not smell it until I was much nearer. However, the stinging, burning sensation it created lasted until I was well out of Surry County, and I do not believe that the sensation was subjective.

Terse notices posted by the County Health officials forbid entry of the house. I did not go inside. I stepped to the front door and saw enough. Just inside was a quaint, hand-made chest of drawers, shrouded in the mold. I commented on its beauty. Mr. Norman sighed. "My father made that," he said bleakly. "I hate to have to give it up." He held his handkerchief to his nose and reached in for his Bible. He held it toward me, grey, mold-eaten, revolting, and I drew back with horror. I could not be persuaded to touch anything in that house.

Much that is in it is inherited, hand-crafted, strong, beautiful furniture that would bring excited bidding at a country sale. It is perfectly safe to leave it there behind unlatched screen doors. The house is where nobody would pass it who does not know its story, and the story is better protection than any lock ever devised. The porch is cluttered with furniture brought out when mold overran it, and the flowers that Mrs. Norman once nurtured stand dead in their pots, dry, grey skeletons. The health authorities allowed the family to remove only the stove and refrigerator,

china, glassware, and such clothing and linens as can be boiled in the strongest of disinfectants.

Mrs. Norman has a piece of cloth in which the mold was killed by boiling in such a solution. The cloth shows plainly where the infection was, for the mold took out the very color, leaving a yellowish stain where it had been. Before leaving the house, Mr. Norman raised the trapdoor in the front porch floor that leads to the basement. Below, on moldy shelves, stood his wife's canned fruits and vegetables, abandoned, lost to them, as is so much else.

"What will be the outcome?" I asked him.

He gave a gesture of resignation. "It is out of our hands," he murmured. "Whatever the health officials do is what the outcome will have to be. If I can sell the land, maybe we can build a little place near Kenneth's. Winter is coming on, and we can't stay in the bus."

I read much into what he said. From the unconscious stress he placed on the word *land* it seemed evident that he anticipates there will be no buildings left on it. His love for the old house, its heirlooms and memories would not allow him to speak the word *fire*. His neighbors will never be satisfied until the land is bare, until the mold has been consumed. Their dread of it is too intense.

Perhaps that is not altogether true.

If the mold would go away as mysteriously as it came, they would be satisfied. Those who believe it is a supernatural visitation, or a natural thing acting in a supernatural way — the ones who credit it with intelligence and purpose — suggest by words used obliquely, by speaking silences, by intonations and pauses, by expressions of countenance — by all the communications which make mountain speech so incredibly expressive to those who know it perfectly, and so uncommunicative to outsiders, that the mold is merely the means to an end. They do not believe that the direct-ing will, be it God or spirit, has any grievance against Grady Nor-

man. What they do believe seems to be that this entity is determined to keep the Surry County mold a mystery until there has been one very far-reaching investigation. They would be satisfied, and very happy indeed, if after that the mold should disappear and leave the house as it was before.

This is a superstitious notion, of course. The health officials say that the mold is natural, is nothing extraordinary, that it will abate when dry weather sets in. It was very dusty the day I was at the house and it had not abated — at least, one could hardly imagine that it had ever been worse — and if it is not as the health department believes, it is a weird, horrible thing, and even fire may not destroy it.

—and it comes in colors . . . —

Mrs. Mary Were, who lives at Chalfont St. Peter, London, England, says her housekeeping is becoming a misery.

"I've never seen anything like this before," she said. "A red fungus appears overnight on my cooked food."

After local officials were unable to explain the mystery or to identify the red fungus, which appears only on food that has been cooked, a member of the British Parliament asked the Health Ministry to investigate.

"It is strange and rather alarming," Fenner Brockway, Laborite member of the House of Commons commented.

"I'm just hoping it has nothing to do with atomic radiation, or anything like that," Mrs. Were said.

Britain's atomic energy authority has a center at Amersham, about five miles from Mrs. Were's home.

DUANE HART, 16, and Mike Pietrzak, 15, of Waterford Township, Oakland County, Mich., were fishing late Sunday night, July 9, on a small lake off Clintonville Road. The fishing was good and they decided to go home, get their camping equipment and make a night of it.

The fish they pulled in during the rest of the night, however, would not fill a fishing stringer. What they caught was a detailed view of an Unidentified Flying Object, glowing and changing colors.

At first it looked like a huge flashlight hovering over the tree-tops. They said it was the size of a football. It moved back and forth, changing colors from white to gold to orange and then back to white. While they watched, the UFO appeared to move around, then it suddenly took off at right angles, glowing brightly and then fading.

About 3:00 A.M. the boys went to the home of Duane's parents, 4265 Clintonville Road, and called the Waterford Township police department. Officers David Putnam and Fred St. Souver added their eye-witness report to the day's "catch." The policemen said that the object seemed to pulsate. At times it was very bright and large; at other times it grew dim and it faded from sight two or three times, appearing to be moving both horizontally and vertically.

The Boys who

By Curtis Fuller

A call to the sheriff's office brought still more fishermen. Deputies Richard Hubbell and Robert McFarlane noted that the object "appeared to be foreign to a normal sky"—certainly a polite way of saying they were watching something unusual.

They notified Selfridge Field and the Air Force base there said it already had received many calls concerning the object. Meanwhile, the Sheriff's office was deluged with calls and since they aren't really in the UFO business either, they decided to call the Pontiac State Police Post.

Corp. Matiland Landon told the deputies he had received no reports and they suggested he look out the window. Sure enough, Landon saw a "big and brilliant white object" moving toward Pontiac at a high altitude. "And it was no weather balloon," he told the *Detroit News*.

From over much of Michigan reports streamed in to various official and semi-official agencies. Many Central Michigan residents said that a large round object was flying northeastward over the area

"caught" a Flying Saucer

They were after fish — but what they hooked up with was a strange glowing object that moved through air instead of water.

Mystery Lights in Wayne County

Saucer Sighted? 9 Have Mixed Views

By PATRICIA COSTA

"There it is," came the cry. The time was 3:30 a.m. With a jolt, the sleepers awoke that characterized at least half of the party of nine, harnessed to a fishing party.

One said, just to the right of where the man's round bait was to make its fifth some 50 minutes later, was the bright, orange-glowing, unimpeachable ball of light.

To another appearance just above the horizon had been missed by the spectators of watchers that had gathered in the dark, lonely Sharon farmstead a few minutes before.

The group's entire assembly of stars to the south and much higher in the sky, had caused the brilliant ball-shaped light to appear vanished.

One to see it was Virginia Henry, Williamsboro correspondent for The Democrat and Chronicle, who had given the signal.

"That's it," confirmed Joyce Privately, hostess at the camp, dark voice.

For the Sharon woman and her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

John Diggle, the witch had rounded out a full week of early morning assembly in the lake yard.

Diggle, of 805 DeWitt Road, Webster, who owns the Ball Road farm occupied by his daughter's family had just seen the ball of light one week before.

In the habit of spending weekends at a trailer home near the farm house, Diggle said he had been asleep in the middle quarters.

He had not slept well, he reported, and woke around 4 a.m. to find his room flooded with light which he first thought to be from the moon.

But, as he checked the moon, it was in its expected position, in the west and the unusually bright object due east.

Still not certain that he wasn't sleeping, he found his glasses and peered outside. The bright ball was there.

"When his daughter learned of the early morning incident, she vowed to see for herself what the light looked like.

At the same time Monday morning, she went out to her side yard to see the same bright object after a half

hour wait, the object, according to Mrs. Privately, shot upward, trailing a blue flame.

With the exception of Thursday when overcast weather prevented a good look at the object, she watched and was able to pick out some details.

The father and daughter offered similar descriptions of what they concluded was some kind of craft.

When it appeared nearest to the farm, hovering just over a slight incline of wooded land, the craft appeared to be more oval in shape and silver-colored rather than yellow-orange.

Three openings or windows had holes seemed to divide the upper and lower halves.

Both testified that they had seen a blinding of flashing of red lights from the sides of the silver ship-like object.

Although Mrs. Privately's husband, Frank, and her mother, Mrs. Diggle, had also witnessed the object at further distances, only Diggle and his daughter had seen it at a proximity close enough to distinguish the above details.

Sunday morning's observers included a full party: The Diggle family, their daughter, a son, John, Jr., 20, his friend, Jerry Diggle, 21, of 121 Gravel Road, Webster.

Also, Mrs. Henry, her son, Jim, 12, Marjorie Rice, a staff member of The Democrat and Chronicle also and the reporter.

The last four had arrived on the scene, a scolding attitude heavily concealed.

Attention of all nine was caught with the signal of Mrs. Henry.

At location partially in the dark and bare area. There were no trees, no lights, no wires. The only other objects visible were stars high overhead, white and minute in contrast to the yellow ball.

The reporter still believed that the solar system held the explanation.

But all spoke in hushed voices at the instructions of Mrs. Privately.

"One night last week," she had recounted, I saw the light coming closer. I was in the house and turned

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at only 100 feet or so above the ground. A motorist told state police at Mt. Pleasant that he was afraid he was going to collide with the UFO as he drove along U.S. Route 27. At this point the UFO was giving off a brilliant blue light, he said.

Early Wednesday, July 12, another (or the same) UFO was sighted in the Waterford area. This one appeared to be smaller than that reported early Monday morning, but it also was glowing red, orange and white.

Roger Howes of Waterford Town-

ship called township police at 2:00 A.M. Wednesday to say that an object "the size of a marble" was moving about overhead. Patrolman Ray Wilhelm watched it through binoculars and said that the top was white and the bottom a flashing red and orange.

As Wilhelm and White watched it continued to move about slowly then it suddenly zoomed off at very high speed to the north, veered to the west, then reversed to the east and was lost from sight.

Selfridge Air Force Base officials this time said they had received

telephone calls from "many other departments" but that the UFO might have been a weather balloon reflecting the sun's rays at a very high altitude.

In Mt. Pleasant, Ray Martin, Isabella County Civil Defense Director, received more than 25 confirmations of a UFO over Central Michigan on Wednesday evening. Reports came from an area from five miles south of Mt. Pleasant northward, including Clare, Harrison, Gladwin and Beaverton.

All accounts, said Martin, agreed in their description of the object, which was low-flying, colored, and trailing sparks.

Evidently it was a different object from that sighted in Waterford Township, which is nearly 100 miles to the southeast.

Barry Stark, 19, Winfield, Ill., was one out-of-stater who might have seen one of the UFO's observed in Michigan. On Sunday night, June 9, he was walking west on Sunnyside in Winfield with a friend, Tom Glosenger, 17, when an object streaked through the sky.

Stark described it to the *Wheaton Daily Journal* as "tear-shaped" and "about the size of a light airplane flying at 3,500 to 4,000 feet."

The object was moving north to south, then it stopped and moved to east and west three times, then went to the southeast.

Stark is an employee of the Du

Page County airport and ought to be a pretty good judge of size and distance. By "tear-shaped" he means that it had a blunt end forward.

The object had flashing white lights. It did not glow, Stark said, "but it was brighter than any star."

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UFO ACTIVITY continued at a moderate rate throughout the summer months and into the fall despite the fact that citizens were solemnly assured, apparently by Government decree, that there hadn't been any UFO's around lately.

The reports given herewith have been selected from many others because of their special interest.

An alleged meteorite fall near Marshall, Tex., is unusual for several reasons. Troy Peterson of Marshall was standing on his back porch on Tuesday, July 11, watching fiery meteors streaking across the sky.

A red ball of fire came streaking in from the west and buried itself four inches in the ground only 10 feet from where Mr. Peterson was standing. Deputy Sheriff Les Anderson said it was "too hot to hold" and that it resembled a piece of charred, petrified wood. He said it "sparkled and glimmered." It weighed 16 pounds.

There are a number of queer things about this fall beside the

fact that it landed only 10 feet from Mr. Peterson. One is that a 16-pound object would bury itself only four inches in the ground. This does not sound like the behavior of a true meteorite to us.

Furthermore, a true meteorite weighing 16 pounds ought to have hit the ground with an earth-shaking crash—and it ought to have created a shock wave that would have knocked Mr. Peterson head over heels.

Nor does the description of the object as looking like a piece of charred wood sound much like a meteorite.

The last point of interest is that another alleged meteorite fell near the Marshall area two months previously and was taken to the Smithsonian Institution for study.

Such objects apparently have a great affinity for the Marshall area but they are only two of several similar mysteries in the country during the summer months.

On August 6 an object believed to be a meteorite struck a tree near Smiths Ferry, Idaho, and started a small forest fire. Phillip Davis, a fire fighter for the Southern Idaho Timber Protective Association which extinguished the blaze, said the object cut the tree off about 30 feet from the ground. Then, he said, it burned its way inside the two-and-one-half-foot trunk to the ground, leaving the trunk standing like a

hollow burned out chimney.

Frank Harsin, deputy fire warden for the Association, gathered samples of the rocklike fragments from the base of the tree and sent them to the University of Idaho for chemical analysis. However, Harsin doubts they were parts of a meteorite.

Harsin stated that chemists believe that when lightning strikes a tree it sometimes causes a chemical reaction that converts parts of it to a rock-like substance which holds fire for a considerable period of time. He thought that explained the "meteorite."

Not so easily explained is a fiery, red-hot piece of metal, eight inches by two inches, which plunged to earth in a ruby glow in a vacant lot in Sunland, Calif., on August 24.

Firemen who answered the call at Sunland Boulevard and Olinda Street at 9:30 P.M. reported the metal was so hot it could not be handled for more than 20 minutes. It partially buried itself in the ground and scorched a surrounding area 10 feet wide.

The interesting thing about all these reports is that the objects do not appear to have the speed that true meteors ought to have. It is fair to assume from that fact alone that either they are not true meteorites or that our ideas of what meteors are and how they behave is

subject to considerable revision.

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THERE WAS NO particular pattern of geography, timing or behavior about other sightings in August and September.

A "wave" of UFO sightings was reported from Kansas early in August. Many persons reported sighting an object between 7:30 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on August 4.

A Cunningham man reported seeing a bright UFO racing across the sky and then slowing down directly overhead. Other observers described it as cigar-shaped, disc-shaped, funnel-shaped, bright blue, green-blue, and "silver blue metal with flames shooting out of one side of it."

Mrs. M. S. Buck of Wichita said it appeared to wobble from side to side and trace a stop-and-go track across the sky.

On August 14 a family south of Topeka saw an odd pulsing light in the southeast sky around 10:00 P.M. They are familiar with Venus and said the light was near Venus, but it faded and grew brighter than Venus in a pulsing pattern.

Around 9:00 P.M. on August 30, dozens of Cincinnati residents watched a moving red light, flickering, moving very slowly toward the southwest. Mrs. Walter Mueller of 4910 Glenshade Ave., Madisonville, described it as "huge, round and red, dark red in the center and

pink around the edges."

David Davis saw it was "high — a real bright red, about the size of a star."

Then, while scores of persons watched the slow-moving object — it exploded! There was no disagreement about that — it burst in a white flash and disappeared.

Chris Beuerlein of 1732 Dale Rd., Bond Hill, gave a detailed description of what he saw:

"It went higher and higher, then exploded like a great white light. Something dropped out, like a parachute. Then a smaller red light appeared for a second. Then it was dark again."

Mrs. Leo Trainor's description was similar . . . "something like fire came out, then a flicker of red. Then it disappeared."

Townsmen of Bel Air, Md., the latter part of August were similarly baffled by a lighted object that appeared in the northwest quadrant of the sky each evening for five evenings. It was red and green and had no apparent pattern to its movements.

Observers said that it remained in the heavens, eventually winding up in the northeast quadrant, until about 1:00 A.M., when it dropped below the horizon.

Air Force and Army radar stations were not able to pick it up.

Early in the morning of September 25, Assistant Police Chief Bill

Janousek of Grafton, N. D., followed a large round object with a reddish glow through the city. It was only about 500 feet high, Janousek believes, and was traveling east.

He noticed it about 3:40 A.M. and followed it for four or five miles, past the Grafton airport. It seemed to get lower and lower.

Finally Janousek felt he could not follow it any longer because he was leaving his beat unprotected.

The Air Base at Grand Forks was notified by police radio but stated it knew of no weather balloons in the area during the night. If it was a weather balloon, moreover, it would be difficult to explain its illumination.

THE PROBLEMS of observation are highlighted in a very detailed newspaper account from the Rochester, N. Y., *Democrat and Chronicle* by Patricia Costa. Three staff members of the newspaper, including Miss Costa, were invited to a farm owned by John Dingfelder, 805 DeWitt Road, Webster, after a series of early morning sightings by Dingfelder and members of his family.

While Dingfelder owns the farm, it is most often occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Priestly. Mrs. Priestly is a daughter of the Dingfelders who spends weekends there in a trailer home near the farmhouse.

One morning early in June, Mr. Dingfelder woke about 4:00 A.M. to find his room flooded with light, which he first believed to be moonlight. He had been sleeping lightly and he rose and checked the moon which he found in its accustomed position in the west. But there was an unnaturally bright object in the east. Dingfelder looked at it through his glasses. It was a bright ball.

Early on the morning of June 5, Mrs. Priestly, after a half hour wait, saw the same bright object. After a while it shot eastward, trailing a blue flame.

Each morning that week, except Thursday when there was an overcast, father or daughter or both watched the object and concluded that it was some kind of craft. Their descriptions tallied well.

When it was nearest to the farm, it seemed to be hovering over a slight incline of wooded land and to be more oval than round and silver-colored rather than yellow-orange. Three porthole-like apertures seemed to divide the upper and lower halves. There were also blinking or flashing red lights.

On Sunday morning, June 11, the three representatives of the *Democrat and Chronicle* were on hand, admittedly skeptical.

At 3:55 A.M., Mrs. Hawley cried out, "There it is."

"Due east, just to the right of

where the sun's round bulge was to make its climb some 90 minutes later, was the bright, orange-yellow unsymmetrical ball of light," wrote Miss Costa in the *Democrat and Chronicle*.

"The only other objects visible were stars high overhead, white and minute in contrast to the yellow ball."

It appeared to remain stationary for perhaps five minutes. It seemed to be about a quarter the size of the sun, though not as orange nor casting as much light. Somehow it appeared more luminous.

Miss Costa looked at the object through binoculars and it seemed to have a yellowish center in a red background. Green or blushing green fingers of light surrounded the ball shape.

Then the object began to move—traveling straight back and due east. In less than half a minute it appeared to be only half the size it had been a few minutes before. It remained in this new position for another 30 minutes.

At the end of this period there was another sudden movement and the ball appeared to come closer. One of the observers could see flashing red lights. The others saw none.

But as the ball appeared to approach the farm and then to go away, the flashing red lights became visible to all, blinking on and off.

The ball moved southeasterly. At 5:15, an hour and 20 minutes after it was first sighted, the object had lost its yellowish cast and was still traveling southeast.

"In shape and size, it was similar to the stars that had faded a half hour before, but more luminous.

"At 5:40 it was a white speck, disappearing completely between 5:45 and 5:50."

Dingfelder and Mrs. Priestly expressed regrets that it hadn't approached as closely this time as it had previously when they had been watching it.

The newspaper reporters admitted their confusion.



MYSTERY OF THE SWAYING CROSS

IN THE early morning hours of February 19, 1961, a cruising squad of sheriff's police saw a 55-foot steel tower and cross at the Richmond, Calif., Barrett Ave. Christian Church whipping as if hit by a hurricane—but there was no wind. According to the designer of the shaft, it would take a 350-mile-an-hour wind to sway the shaft 3½ feet off center.



Called Away in a Dream

Bill knew Chuck's dire need of his flying skill and he kept his old promise the only way he could.

By Constance Foster

MY UNCLE BILL flew an old crate in World War I, and loved every moment in the air over France. In his pocket he carried pictures of his wife and the baby son he had never seen; at night he dreamed about going home to them.

He had other dreams, too, about making this world safe for democracy. He remembered how Jane had said of him on their honeymoon, "Always a dreamer . . ." and smiled.

Anyway, they were fine dreams

he had of freeing people and making the world a better place to live in. The trouble was, when he'd been back home for awhile, Jane protested that he was not making a better place for his own little fellow, Chuck, to live in.

"Just look at that back yard," she groaned, "a regular pigsty; Chuck doesn't have a decent place to play."

But my uncle Bill and my cousin Chuck thought that the yard was a wonderful place. It was full of

old wooden packing boxes they could use for make-believe airplanes to fly around the world together. Bill had placed a small one for a cockpit on top of a large one and rigged up two boards for wings.

Sometimes Bill let Chuck take the stick alone. At four, Chuck was a rather timid little boy, clamoring earnestly, "You won't let me crack up, will you, Daddy?"

"Of course I won't let you crack up, Son," his father assured him gravely. "You can always count on me no matter when or where."

Chuck believed it with all his heart, but nobody else figured that Bill was a man to be counted on. He held half a dozen jobs briefly and dreamed his way right out of them. Jane had to go back to teaching school in order to support the family.

"Chuck thinks you're a hero now," she said to Bill one day. "But what will he think of you later when he finds that you can't hold even a mediocre job without fluffing it?"

That bothered Bill, for he knew it was true. So one day Bill put his toothbrush in his pocket and left town.

Now and then, a postcard would come from South America or the Orient. Chuck saved every one of them; he loved the strange foreign stamps, and the adventure his father represented.

It wasn't until Chuck enlisted in the Air Force after Pearl Harbor that Bill came home to stay. The boy wanted it that way. Jane was older now, so was Bill. The old complaints no longer mattered so much. Her teacher's pension would take care of their simple needs.

She and Bill lived for the boy's letters after he left to fly a bomber in the South Pacific. They enjoyed a new closeness that next year.

Chuck told me later about the thing that happened out there on a blazing hot day. He said he was thinking about the folks at home when he took off from the carrier on a routine bombing mission.

"It's yesterday — May 5th — back there in Centerville," he figured as he glanced at his wrist watch. "It must be about 8:00 P.M. They've finished supper and probably Dad's watering the lawn while Mom cleans up in the kitchen."

It was on the return trip that he ran into trouble. Three enemy planes jumped him. Their bullets killed his gunner and crippled his plane. Chuck felt his right arm go dead, and blood poured from a wound in his shoulder. Suddenly he began to black out.

The last thing he remembered was that his father suddenly seemed to be sitting right there beside him in the cockpit, telling him just what to do.

"I won't let you crack up, Son, I promised, remember? You're going to make it back to the carrier, just hold on. Ease back on your stick—a little more altitude. I have my hand on that artery. And God is here with us, too, Chuck. He's always with us wherever we are."

Chuck heard it all through a black haze. But he was doing what Bill said, holding the plane on course.

Somehow Chuck set the plane down on the carrier. He was unconscious from loss of blood. It was several weeks before mail from the States reached him in his hospital bed. His mother had written the letter. Chuck still has it.

"Dad had seemed so much better lately," she told him. "He's had a

heart attack, but the doctor said he was going to get over it. I went upstairs to give him his medicine at 8 P.M., but he was asleep.

"I wasn't going to rouse him, but just as I was tip-toeing out of the bedroom he sat bolt upright in bed and said, 'Chuck needs me. I've got to go to him, Jane, I promised.'"

"I gave him his pill and told him he'd been dreaming. 'Always a dreamer, eh?' he smiled as I tucked him in. When I came back an hour later he was lying there still smiling. But he was dead."

Bill had slipped away between 8:00 and 9:00 P.M., on the evening of May 5th when it was already tomorrow out on the South Pacific, out where Chuck was in such dire need of a good flyer like his Dad.

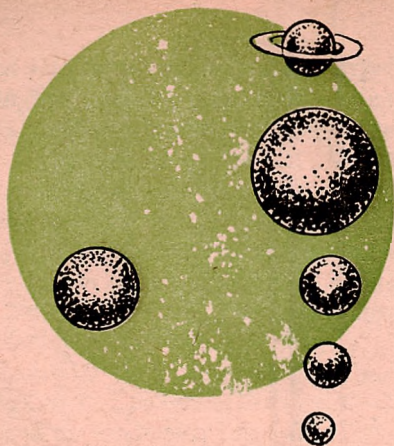


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of our readers a very . . .*

Merry Christmas!



The DREAD ASTROLOGICAL CONJUNCTION of FEBRUARY 4th 1962

A rare grouping of planets heralds world-shaking events for earth, according to astrologers.

By George Cardinal LeGros

FIVE PLANETS will crowd together as the sun is eclipsed by the moon on February 4. The result will be a concentration of celestial forces not seen for 25,000 years—a concentration world-famed astrologers fear may mark the beginning of the end for our world.

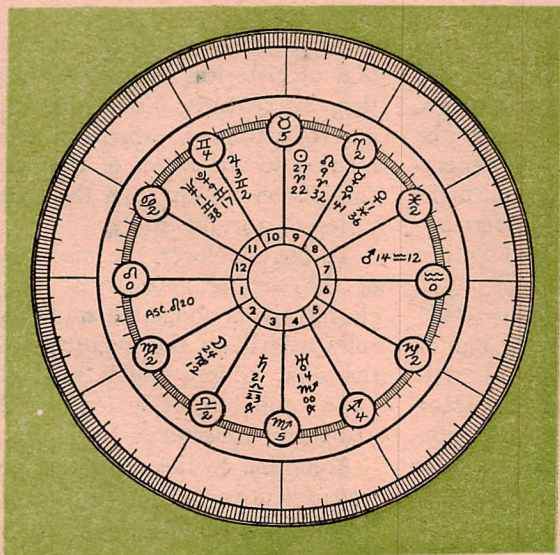
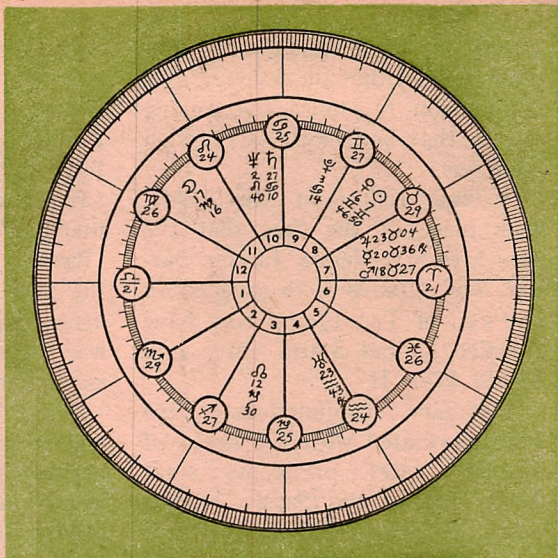
Scientifically, the concentration will be called an eclipse-stellium—a stellium is a grouping of five or more planets in the same 20-degree arc of the zodiac on a day when a solar eclipse also takes place in that sector of the heavens.

Historical events are cited by astrologers to establish the significance of both eclipses and plane-

tary concentrations. History, of course, offers no specific clues to the significance of an eclipse-stellium since the date of the latest of these was 20,000 years before the start of recorded history. A review of historical events associated with eclipses and stelliums may suggest why many authorities fear the influence of the double-header eclipse-stellium.

American history shows that four times planetary conjunctions have been associated with war. In 1861 six planets were together within four degrees of each other in the sign Virgo. In 1899, the date of the Spanish American war, two planets conjoined. January 1914

Birth chart of President John F. Kennedy shows favorable aspects, although he will not escape influence of eclipse-stellium. Here position of Neptune is in line with an opposition from Mars and Saturn, indicating he may be a victim of treachery.



Birth chart of Premier Krushchev indicates he may be a focal point of explosive events on February 4. Positions of Mars and Uranus suggest he may face rivalry, opposition and strife at home, as well as violence, war and even the threat of death.

found the sun, moon and four planets all within six degrees. This conjunction resembles the coming one in that both were in the sign Aquarius.

A lunar eclipse in May, 1941, took place at the time that the sun, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and Uranus were grouped in the sign of Taurus and may have signaled United States entry into World War II.

Planetary conjunctions have been associated with the death of United States presidents since 1840. Jupiter and Saturn conjoin every 20 years, and every president to take office during the year of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction has died in office.

Great leaders, both for evil and for good, seem to be born at the time of planetary conjunctions. One frightening example is the birth of Genghis Khan on September 16, 1186 A.D., on a night when the Moon, Sun, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn (*the same bodies that will cojoin on this coming February 4th!*) were grouped in Libra—the sign of War. Many astrologers of that era predicted that a world-shaking calamity would occur on the fateful night. This prediction was fully substantiated by the birth of a man who slaughtered millions.

In contrast, the birth of Jesus, savior of untold millions also may

have been foretold by a planetary conjunction. *The New Schaff-Herzog Encyclopaedia of Religious Knowledge* alludes to the birth of Jesus: "The Star of the Magi (Matthew ii) was probably a conjunction, in the sign of the Fish (Pisces) of Jupiter and Saturn in the year of Rome 747, a coincidence which Abar Danel states was recorded by Jewish historians as an indication of the Messiah."

Many outstanding philosophical and religious leaders have been born when Jupiter and Saturn were in conjunction, among them Mary Baker Eddy and Manly Palmer Hall.

These historical facts are cited because astrology is a science that owes its existence to the observation of historical events over more than 30 centuries. The rules that govern astrology, which is man's relation to the effect of the heavenly bodies, result from these centuries of careful study.

To the astrologer, the importance of the coming February 4 planet cluster pivots about the traditional rules describing the importance of the solar eclipse which will take place simultaneously with the planetary concentration.

According to these rules eclipses may operate very unfortunately in a horoscope when they fall in conjunction with, or in opposition to, any important points—the radical

moon, sun, unfavorable planets such as Mars and Saturn, meridian, ascendant, or the nodes. However, should they conjunct or favorably aspect the favorable planets Venus or Jupiter, or any safe horoscopic point, the contact may prove quite fortunate.

Astrologers attach additional importance to the February 4 event because it will occur in the 20-degree arc of the sky which is assigned to the sign Aquarius. Aquarius rules the New Age which is now upon us, and is prominent in the horoscopes of the United States and the U.S.S.R. Both charts will receive direct hits on February 4, as will also the birth-maps of President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev.

Venus and Jupiter will be co-joined at 18 degrees Aquarius—exactly conjuncting the natal moon in the U.S. horoscope, with the remaining five bodies falling in the 9th house (long journeys or foreign lands.) According to the traditional rules mentioned earlier, this activation of our moon by the two favorable planets promises ultimate good fortune in terms of 10th house issues (prestige and public life). But Mars and Saturn falling at three degrees Aquarius in the 9th definitely warn of trouble in foreign affairs.

In the Russian chart the eclipse-stellium occupies the 3rd and 4th

houses, the former ruling objective thinking, relatives, and communication; and the latter, home and base of operations. Mars and Saturn fall close to the 4th house cusp to aggravate internal economic and political conditions, while the eclipse itself at 16 degrees Aquarius opposes Saturn in the 10th house to threaten, if not seriously undermine, Russia's position as a rising world power.

In Premier Khrushchev's birth-chart natal Mars stands at 14 degrees Aquarius in the 7th house of rivalry, opposition, and war, in exact square aspect (struggle, strife, violence) to his Uranus at 14 degrees Scorpio, the sign of death, in the 4th house which rules, as stated, home, base of operations, and also the end of life. The eclipse at 16 degrees Aquarius falls within orb of a conjunction with his Mars and squares Uranus to touch off the dynamic power of this explosive birth-aspect. We would not care to be in Khrushchev's shoes on February 4th.

President Kennedy should fare much better, although he will not entirely escape the impact of the eclipse-stellium. He has Neptune (illusion, treachery, deception) in the 10th house of prestige and public life at 2.40 degrees Leo—exactly in line with an opposition from Mars and Saturn which co-join at three degrees of Aquarius

on the day of the eclipse. He will have to watch out for some slick double-cross engineered by Castro or the Kremlin because the opposition aspect invariably involves one with others.

The astrological facts are, in my opinion, sufficient to indicate that the overall effects of February 4 can result in developments that may shake the entire world. This opinion is shared by many of the world's leading students of astrology.

Manley P. Hall believes that the effects of the planetary conjunction will produce economic chaos. He states that our financial system is now like a house of cards that can be blown down by the slightest wind, and he believes that the most probable results of the February 4 conjunction will be a financial and economic collapse.

Victor Endersby, prominent civil engineer and student of astrology, has made observations and studies that indicate that the planetary cluster will produce enormous earthquakes. He believes the worst quakes will take place in China, Japan and California.

Reports are already widespread in the Orient that the astrologers of India and other Eastern countries are unanimous in their belief that February, 1962, will bring earthquakes, fires, floods, storms, and outbreaks of war in many

parts of the world. This is disquieting news because for many centuries the Oriental astrologers have been remarkably accurate in their prognostications.

In 1899 a Hindu mystic, Pravo Jagadbandhu, predicted that between 1960 and 1962 a terrible and final war would almost destroy the world, leaving the earth, sea, and air poisoned. However—so the prophecy goes—mankind would not be wholly obliterated, but rise from the ashes to rebuild a new and better civilization.

Aldo Lavagnini, a Brazilian scientist who has been working toward a scientific correlation between the effect of planetary conformations and world conditions, offers dire predictions for February 4. He predicts world-shaking events, including widespread devastation with great loss of human life, and in the United States a financial collapse.

These predictions of the astrologers are essentially based on history, and their position in predicting the effect of the February 4 phenomena is weakened since the event is unique in the memory of man.

The problem would be easier to resolve if science knew precisely what power is produced by the conjunction of the planets, and how much power is translated into forces that can alter human history.

Some light has been shed on the problem by the widely-reported researches into the effect of geophysical cycles on the biological rhythms of living organisms. The researches have indicated that all living things receive timing signals from the primary movements of the sun, moon and stars, signals that are probably transmitted as cosmic radiation.

Advanced studies by a group of Brazilian scientists working with a discipline called cosmobiology have attempted to establish a direct cause and effect relationship between cosmic and planetary configurations and world conditions.

The work of Professor George Lakhousky, a Brazilian physicist, and that of his colleague, Mr. Aldo Lavagnini, has been commented upon at length by Dr. Raymond Bernard, Ph.D., in the official *Bulletin* of The New California Subtropical Settlement at Joinville, Santa Catarina. Mr. Lavagnini has recently published a scientific paper entitled *World Shaking Impacts of 1960-1970*.

These papers both report the long researches of Professor Lakhousky on the influence of cosmic rays on living cell tissues. Lakhousky

maintains that humans are organisms activated by cosmic rays which control the electrical currents in the brain. He believes that certain wave lengths so affect the minds of national leaders, as well as the minds of the masses of humanity, as to bring on wars and intervening periods of peace. By studying correlations between various cosmic and planetary configurations and world conditions, future events, according to cosmobiology, may be predicted. The development of this new science, however, is still in its infancy.

The astrologer does see dark omens in the immediate future of the world, but astrology does not see that all is lost. True astrology supports no belief in hopeless fatalism. To quote Sir Francis Bacon, "There is no fatal necessity in the stars, and this, the more prudent astrologers have constantly allowed."

Even Claudius Ptolemy, the founder of modern Astrology, insisted that, "A skillful person, acquainted with the nature of the stars, is enabled to avert many of their effects and to prepare himself for those effects before they arrive."



MODERN BLACK MAGIC



**The dancer injured her foot — after the
hostile demonologist had her slipper.**

THIS WAS THE lesson learned by a strange woman I knew in London. Because of her odd crusades, she was often mentioned in the newspapers, but not in complimentary fashion. Her business talent had made her a millionaire, a fact about which she boasted whenever she had a chance. In many ways, she was a totally incredible person: of Cockney birth and speech, entirely uncultured, she had an excellent brain, tremendous will power, and a hypnotic personality. A thin cloak of generosity and goodwill failed to hide her extreme possessiveness and utter egotism. She could hate with a passion that flared like a fierce flame. Fundamentally, she was cruel and exceedingly narcissistic. I met and spoke to her for the first time during a drawing room discussion of "black magic." As I protested against considera-

By Nandor Fodor

tion of such nonsense, I was met with a steady gaze from a pair of eyes that glowed like coals of fire.

"You speak unwisely," she said, a warning note in her voice. "Demonology is not to be laughed at."

I found that she had a passionate interest in demonology and had collected an extensive library on the subject. She admitted that she had always been fascinated by the devil. As a child, she said, she had prayed to the devil and not to God. Her parents had grown frightened and cast her out, she added, but her interest in demonology had increased. She feared nothing. Observing the look of ruthlessness in her eyes as she spoke, I could well believe her. Her vibrant voice suggested tremendous strength and a character that shirked nothing to achieve her ends. Nevertheless, I

was unprepared for the story she told.

"Some years ago," she began, "I had a young boy staying with me who was a good hypnotic subject. I drew a magic circle, put him inside and sent him into hypnotic sleep. Then I commanded him to go to hell and bring up the Devil!

"The boy writhed and cried. He was afraid.

"I ordered him to obey, saying I would give him power.

"Nothing happened in the first five hypnotic sessions. But the sixth time something did, and it frightened me out of my senses.

"In the magic circle a light appeared. Out of a luminous haze, two eyes—as big as eggs—looked at me with an awful, penetrating look, a horrible expression. I asked hoarsely what it was. The boy answered—in a totally different voice—"The Evil that you conjured up speaks to you."

"There was an earthy smell in the room, an icy cold, and a dreadful breathing sound, as if the whole room were taking a choking breath as a living thing. I was so scared that I shrieked, 'Go back, never come again! I will not permit you, I don't want you!'

"The light disappeared with a rushing sound, and things returned to normal. But I was white as chalk and for days afterward I felt that

all the strength had gone out of me. The boy felt the same. Four or five times he felt that a power had tried to gain control of him.

"I never tried the experiment again. I was too frightened. But let me tell you: there is black magic."

Later, I paid many visits to the home of this woman. In her desire for power, she overrode any opposition. She was vindictive to the point of evil and I came to the conclusion that she was definitely dangerous.

I did not doubt that she had tried to evoke the devil, but I did not believe that he had appeared to her. She had pushed the boy too far and had been caught in a net of her own weaving. In an act of self-defense, the tortured boy's unconscious may have risen to the occasion, producing a set of visual and auditory hallucinations that fully confirmed what she had read about demonology. Perhaps by some manner of mental acrobatics, the hypnotized boy had succeeded in turning the tables on the hypnotizer.

Scared as she had been, the experience did not deter her from trying to impress people with her knowledge of the black arts. Some time before, some silver spoons had been stolen from her home. She suspected a discharged cook, and in her anger she uttered a curse. "I wish that whoever stole the spoons

would drop dead—then I would know!" There was a church clock in front of her window, and as she looked out she saw it was 11:00 A.M.

The following day, as she was being driven in her car through a quiet street, her chauffeur turned to her: "Did you know, Madame, that your old cook dropped dead at this spot yesterday?" She made inquiries and found out that the time of the death had been 11:00 A.M.

I am not inclined to take much notice of such stories. There is too much emotion connected with them, too little evidence, too much possibility of coincidence. But it was not the first time that I had heard of the demonic power of the death wish. A fierce outburst of passion appears to be its chief component.

Another woman, interested in psychic matters, told me of occurrences of this type in her life and said they had seriously frightened her. Once, as she entered the home of some friends, their Great Dane leaped upon her. The dog was friendly, but this manifestation of its affection was so sudden that she was terrified, and cried: "God damn this dog!" As if it had succumbed to her curse, the dog was found dead the next morning. Her friends told her never to visit them again.

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I FIRST BEGAN to wonder about the effectiveness of such death

wishes when I met a man who had been tried for high treason in Canada during World War I. I will call him X. He had duped a ring of German secret agents and had got away with a packet of \$50,000—which he had not turned back to the Canadian government. Government agents suspected him and, had they located the money, he would undoubtedly have been found guilty of treason. As agents searched him and his personal belongings in a railway compartment, the money lay snugly in another suitcase in the baggage car. Then the identity of his accomplice in the theft was discovered. It was either his neck or that of his accomplice. So X concentrated on his associate in guilt, mentally willing him to commit suicide.

On the following day, X was arrested on a charge of murder. The psychic experiment had succeeded too well. The victim had walked into the house of my traitor acquaintance, took a revolver from his desk, and shot himself, making X a prime suspect in his death. X was saved, however, for he was able to show at the trial that his friend had had free entry into his house. The jury was unable to reach a unanimous verdict of guilty, and he was freed.

"But if there is such a thing as psychic murder," X told me in a burst of candor, "I was certainly

guilty of it."

This man was a weird creature. He was convinced that he had a familiar spirit always ready to do his bidding. I certainly did see some queer phenomena in his presence that I could not explain.

The "psychic murder" I have described, the fatal curse that "struck" the cook, and an "astral attack" against G.R.S. Mead would be much less mysterious if experimental evidence could be collected on the nature of the impact which a telepathic message makes on the recipient's mind. Whatever the scientific evidence, they correspond to reports of the powers of black magic in old-fashioned witchcraft and in primitive tribes today.

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ALL THIS HAS bearing on a further story concerning the woman preoccupied with demonology. I accepted a Christmas invitation to her country home and took my wife and daughter along with some misgivings. I did not like the fascination that my hostess had shown for my wife, I felt she was becoming hostile to me, and besides, there was no telling what queer experiments she might have in mind. I hesitated to expose my family to such an atmosphere. However, it was nearly impossible to say no to this lady and we found ourselves in the country as her guests.

Two things happened of a rather

disturbing nature. The first occurred in her playroom. We played darts. They were so weighted that if dropped they landed invariably with the heavy metal point downward. Apparently by accident, our hostess dropped one of these heavy darts on my daughter's instep. Miraculously there were no ill effects, but I was considerably upset. My daughter was a ballet dancer at Sadler's Wells. Her career depended on the fine condition of her feet. The heavy metal dart could have easily inflicted a serious injury.

I accepted our hostess' apologies, but my wife could not shake off the impression that the dart was dropped with evil intent. Her anxiety reached a new height the following day. As we were about to leave for home, my daughter could not find one of her shoes. It had simply disappeared. The servants could not account for it, nor could we. One does not lose a shoe in a guest room. Our hostess tried to reassure us; the shoe would turn up somewhere, she said.

It did. Several days later it was returned to us in the mail, with no explanation as to where it had been found. A few days later my daughter had an accident: she broke a cartilage in her left instep which incapacitated her for almost a year. Her foot was in a plaster cast for a month. Shortly after the accident

we were telephoned by our former hostess—by now I was calling her the Devil's Disciple—and, in the course of the conversation, she inquired after my daughter. When I told her of the accident, she remarked, "I thought so."

This was a very strange statement, and perhaps a stupid give-

away of an experiment in malignant telepathy. My wife was now convinced that she had purposely stolen the shoe and had practiced her black art on it in order to vent the hostility she felt for me. My wife assumed that my daughter had been chosen as the weakest link in the family chain.



AN EXCHANGE OF LIFE?

EARTH is mother to man in that she provides the plant and animal products necessary to sustain his life. But could it be that man can draw an elemental life force directly from the earth in certain emergencies?

The home of the famed children's poet, Eugene Field, is now a public museum situated amid beautiful lawns. But right in the middle of the magnificent back lawn is a patch of bare, dead ground.

The barren spot suggests the space that would be covered if a man lay down on the lawn—or that would be dug up if he were buried under the lawn.

Six years ago, according to columnist Jack Rice, who told the story, a man was working in the unheated basement of the Field House museum. He was assisting the resident-cu-

rator, Richard Lahmann.

Although the day was late in fall and unseasonably cool, Mr. Lahmann's assistant complained of being uncomfortably warm. He went outside to cool off. He lay down on the green lawn, where he had a heart attack. He recovered, but to this day the spot where he lay is dead and dry while green grass grows all around it.

The earth in this spot reportedly has been removed to a depth of two to three feet and new earth placed in the excavation, then seeded and fertilized. Every year the grass starts to grow, then dies. And every year the recovered man phones to learn if the spot of grass has died on schedule—perhaps haunted by the thought of what may happen if grass should grow again in "his spot."



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I SHARED A DREAM

By Ruby Mitchell

IN NORTHEAST TEXAS there is an old homestead now standing in the middle of the oil fields. In the years when my family and I lived there it still had a nice orchard, gardens, shrubs and flowers.

At the northeast corner of the house was a very deep well that was no longer in use and so had been covered over with logs, rails, and planking which lay flat, level with the ground. The well was about 125 feet deep and contained about 80 feet of water.

After living there several years I grew used to the idea of the well being there, although at first it worried me very much because my children were small toddlers and I was afraid they might, somehow, fall in. I kept a very close watch over the children for this reason.

During the last few months we lived there, however, I was ill most of the time and couldn't watch as closely as before. The little ones would give me the slip and amuse

themselves sitting on top of the well, dropping pebbles into the water below. I tried to prevent this although it did seem the covering over the well was heavy and substantial, nevertheless, I spanked them when I saw them set foot on the well.

In the spring of 1927 I had a dream about this well. I heard my youngest child, Bruce, who was just learning to walk, calling me.



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His voice seemed faint and far away and terrified. I also heard the other children screaming, "Mother! Mother! Come quick! Little brother has fallen in the well." Running to the well I saw that the covering had caved in and looking down I could see the baby's head bobbing in the water. In my dream I simply went wild with grief and fear. I ran to the front of the house, screaming for help, and a neighbor, who lived across the road, brought a long ladder and let it down into the well. Climbing down he reached the child and lifted him into his arms and carried him up to me. By this time a large crowd of people had gathered, in my dream, and my husband had arrived in time to steady the ladder and help our neighbor out of the well. The baby was unconscious but, after much effort, was revived.

This dream was so real that I awoke in terror, crying, and could not go back to sleep the rest of the night.

At breakfast I recounted my dream to my husband and begged him to check the well before going to work.

While we were discussing the matter there came a knock at the door and the neighbor I had seen in the dream came in. Apologizing for his early visit, he took a cup of coffee and began telling us he had very little sleep the night before

because of a dream which worried him. And he proceeded to tell us my dream.

He dreamed he had just come in from work and lay down on the couch to rest when he heard me screaming for help. Rushing out he found our youngest child, Bruce, had fallen into the old well in the yard. He picked up the long ladder by the fence, let it down into the well carefully so as not to hurt the child, then climbed down and rescued Bruce. He even remarked that I took the child from his arms as he reached the top, and that a large crowd of people had gathered.

His dream was the exact counter part of my own.

My husband was astonished and he and Wayne Lane, the neighbor, went out and checked the well then and there. They found the covering completely decayed and so fragile the slightest pressure pushed pieces of the wood into the well. So instead of leaving for work as usual they spent the morning recovering the well with new, heavy timbers.

Later that day, while doing the family laundry, I missed the children and, yes, you guessed it, I found them sitting on top of the well dropping pebbles through the cracks in the new covering.

I still have cold chills when I think of what would have happened that day had it not been for the astonishing dream Wayne Lane and

I had shared during the night.

But how can I explain it? — *San Antonio, Tex.*

DEATH'S MESSENGER DOVES

By Paul A. Kinzle

MY MOTHER, Julia Kinzle, was a great believer in omens and their portent. But I always scoffed at her beliefs.

My mother was also a lover of fresh air, and even in the cold winter months our house at Davenport, Iowa, had to have a good airing every morning. On this particular morning in 1917, she had opened the windows of the upstairs bedrooms for the usual airing. I went up to close the window in my room, as I had some writing to do. There was no storm sash on that window and the bitter cold wind was blowing through the room.

I shut the window and had just turned around when I saw something that amazed me — two snow white doves sat on my bed. The doves were perfectly tame and made no effort to fly when I approached them.

I immediately called Mother and asked her to come up to my room. As soon as she saw the doves she said, "This is a sure sign of an impending death in the family. You just see! We'll hear of it shortly."

A few hours later, as I was getting ready to go to work, there was a knock at the door. I opened it

and there stood a messenger boy with a telegram for my mother. When she opened the wire she read, "It is our sad duty to inform you that your father passed away this morning."

We later discovered that my grandfather, Frederick Goeser, had died at about the same time the doves flew in through my window. Coincidence, or plan, who can tell? — *Davenport, Iowa.*

SAND IN OUR BED

By Mrs. R. J.

MY PARENTS, William Hill, 95, and Mary Hill, 84, were living in a rambling old home when my daughter and I arrived from California for a visit. The home belonged to a widowed friend who often cared for elderly people.

My daughter and I were given a second-floor bedroom to use during our stay. The same room was used to store articles that had belonged to the landlady's husband and to several deceased boarders.

Our room was neat and very clean. The stored articles were all stacked along the wall out of the way. Several pieces of furniture also were stored in the room, including an old floor lamp with a beaded, fringed shade. Atop the shade rested a battered, gray felt hat. I decided that the hat must have belonged to the landlady's husband, so I did not disturb it.

The first night in the house, our bed was made up with clean, white sheets and immaculate bed covers. My daughter and I had been in bed only a moment when we both bounded out and turned on the light.

We threw back the covers and brushed handfuls of coarse sand out of that bed. I removed all the bedding, but found no sand on the mattress, so I made up the bed again and we went back to sleep.

Later that night we again were awakened. This time we found sand between our toes and in the folds of our nightgowns. Once again, we repeated the process of shaking out and replacing the sheets.

During our stay we repeated this ritual several times each night. But that was only the beginning.

Starting on the second night, we heard footsteps. We had been in bed only a short time when we heard the tramp, tramp, tramp, of heavy footfalls on the stairs.

It sounded like a man's heavy tread, but I decided that it must be the landlady since the old folks couldn't make it up the steep stairs. I opened the door. A small night-light was burning on a landing, but there was no one in sight.

We returned to bed only to be awakened by more loud footsteps. This time the sounds stopped right in front of our door. Then they re-

traced their way back down the stairs.

Several nights later the sound of footsteps again echoed down our hall. This time they did not stop at our locked door, but came right in. In the moonlight, I saw something lift the old felt hat off the floor lamp. The hat sailed away and landed in the middle of the floor. I switched on the lights, but there was no one in the room. I checked and found the door still locked, picked up the hat, and went back to bed.

Now the sound of footsteps started all over. Once more something tossed the hat to the floor. I picked up the hat again, but this time I said, "Please! Whoever you are, we are your friends. Don't come in here like this and frighten us so. We need our sleep." That seemed to do it, for the footsteps did not bother us again.

However, the sand continued to appear in our bed every night, and each morning there was a dustpan full of the stuff to be swept up! — *Norco, Calif.*

STRANGER

By Andrew C. Ballantine

WHILE SPENDING a few days on business in January, 1961, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, I saw a man who I did not know almost every time I stepped out of my hotel — or, in fact, out of any

building in the whole city.

After about a week or so we both seemed to get the idea, without any foundation, that we knew each other slightly and began to exchange a nod or a "good morning". But that was all. We were, and still are, strangers.

However, on the last night of my stay in the Royal Hotel I dreamed that I was sitting in the lobby, close by the reception desk, that this man came in and inquired if there was any mail for him. He gave his name — John MacMillan.

On the return journey to Edmonton the next day I found myself sitting beside this man — of all people! We conversed most of the journey and then he got off the train at Red Deer. On parting company we naturally introduced ourselves.

His name? You guessed it — John MacMillan! — *Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.*

HE CALLS AWAY MY FAMILY

By Francis C. Bowles

AT 5:00 A.M. I awakened with a start. I felt someone looking at me. I first saw a pair of small, narrow feet, encased in highly polished black pumps topped with gray spats.

Gazing upward I saw the thin legs of a little man. He wore striped trousers, a cutaway coat, and across his white vest and folded hands

hung a huge gold chain.

His electric blue eyes flashed into mine. His chin was firm and he had a sardonic grin on his lips.

I was curious, but not frightened. I asked "How did you get in, and what do you want?"

"I came in the front door and I want to get Gene," he answered with a queer chuckle.

"Get out or I'll call the cops," I threatened.

"Okay, but I'll be back," he answered.

How he left I don't know, but instantly he was gone.

My husband, Gene, came out of his room and we went into the kitchen for coffee. I told him about the "little man", and he said I had been dreaming. He said he knew the front door was locked, because he had locked it himself. We looked and found the front door had been somehow unlocked.

Gene had been sick for two years and that morning he took a turn for the worse. The doctor came at 8:00 A.M., and by 9:00 A.M., Gene was in the hospital.

I never saw my husband again. When the phone rang at 5:00 the next morning, I knew he was dead.

Sometime after my husband's death, I took a trip with my daughter, Jane. On the way home she told me this story:

"Mother, I slept in Pop's bed at the apartment the night he died,

remember? I must tell you about the queer thing that happened. At 5:00 in the morning I woke up with a start and felt someone looking at me. It was a little man with narrow feet. He was wearing formal clothes. He had the bluest eyes. It gave me a shock to look at him. When I asked him what he wanted, he grinned and said, 'You, Jane!'

"I said, 'Get out or I'll call the cops!'

"He just shrugged and grinned and said, 'You people and your cops! I'll be back though.'"

Jane had cancer. She called to me from her room at 5:00 the morning before she died, "Mother, the little man was just here!" She died one year and one day after her father, and just one day after she saw the "little man" for the second time. — *Castro Valley, Calif.*

FROM THE REALMS OF HEAVEN

By Blanche E. Mercer

MANY YEARS AGO my husband was pastor of the Church of God in Huntington, Ind. During one winter season we had to move. During this move, with all the cleaning to be done and with the going in and out doors, I took a very bad cold on my lungs. I was very ill, began spitting blood and became weaker and weaker until it didn't look as

though I could live very long.

We had four small children and I felt that I couldn't die and leave them. Still I got no better. One Sunday my husband got the little ones ready as usual, and took them with him to the church. I was wiping away the tears because I wanted to go with them so bad.

After they were gone and I was left alone I began to pray. I called upon my Heavenly Father to heal me, to let me live to raise my children and to help my husband in the great work God had given us to do. I was weeping and praying when suddenly the heavens opened and a beautiful angel appeared above me in the sky.

This beautiful angel, whiter than the snow, spoke to me saying, "I will make you well."

I became exceedingly happy. My body was healed instantly.

However, I was very, very weak when I first got out of bed and I had to rest after walking only one block. But in two weeks I walked two miles. "I am serving a wonderful God, who can heal and strengthen one's body," I kept repeating to myself.

I was X-rayed later and there were scars on my lungs. The doctors who X-rayed me showed my husband the film and said I had had tuberculosis. — *Portland, Ore.*

LEGEND OF THE GOLEM



THE FIRST FRANKENSTEIN

The giant clay figure was mystically endowed with life. It was an obedient servant — and then it went mad.

By Tex Lowell

OUT OF THE TORTURED ghetto of medieval Prague comes a combination of history and legend that has fired the imaginations of men for over three centuries. It is the story of a clay statue brought to life by the rites of the Kabbala. This creature was called *Golem*, a Hebrew word meaning "strong".

That the *Golem* should have its origin in Prague is not surprising. The city was founded about 722 A. D. and houses one of the oldest

Jewish communities in the world. While the Bohemian capitol was originally a German Catholic settlement, it soon became the home of many migrant Jews who banded together in a large ghetto. This district was once destroyed by fire, then rebuilt in 1338. Thereafter Jewish life revolved about the Altneu Synagogue, a great, twisted building which still stands as a colorful monument to ancient times.

In the late 1500's Altneu was presided over by Rabbi Loew, the

most brilliant of a long line of sages whose knowledge of the mystic Kabbala rituals was known throughout Europe. It is he who created the *Golem*, a giant in human form built of clay (not stone as is often supposed). He called upon his god to endow it with life and, by divine order, carved the letters *aleph mem soph*, the Hebrew characters for "truth", upon the forehead of the statue. At a certain command the being came to life, thereafter obeying its master's commands, shuffling mutely about its errands but keeping mostly to the place of its creation, the attic of the synagogue.

At this time Bohemia was in its golden age of science and culture. The Emperor Rudolph II, suffering from a hereditary disease that had brought him to the brink of madness, brought to his court all the magicians, astrologers and alchemists of Europe. Among them were many charlatans, parasitically feeding upon the emperor's fears, but there were also many great scientists such as Kepler and Tycho de Brahe.

Rabbi Loew was a favorite at the court and became a close friend of the emperor. This aroused the ire of Lang, the ruthless and tyrannical chancellor whose influence upon Rudolph boded ill for the people of Bohemia. Rudolph was intrigued by the tales of the silent

giant of colossal strength who silently and blindly served the Rabbi and was revered by the people of the ghetto as their protector.

Sometime in the early 1600's the *Golem* seems to have gone mad, running amok and spreading terror through the ghetto streets. Rabbi Loew, regaining control of the creature, altered the "truth" symbol by scraping the first letter from the giant's forehead, leaving only *mem soph* — the word "death". Thereupon the monster became once more lifeless clay. It was removed to the attic of the synagogue, where it lay abandoned. The Jews who had revered the *Golem* now feared it, claiming that an aura of dread still emanated from the crumbling body. The Rabbi assured them that if the *Golem* were to again be motivated it would once more be a force for good.

In 1610 Rabbi Loew died and the care of the lifeless *Golem* fell to his former assistant, Rabbi Jacob.

Lang, meantime, saw his opportunity to turn Rudolph against the Jews now that Loew could no longer influence the court. Lang's weapon was the *Golem*, which he insisted might be revived to lead a revolt against the emperor. Fear of the creature preyed upon Rudolph's diseased mind and his obsession that it must be destroyed led to violence against the people of the ghetto. It is said that Rabbi Jacob

awakened the *Golem* to fight against Lang's marauding soldiers.

Eventually the people of Prague revolted against Rudolph, who abdicated in favor of his more stable brother, Archduke Mathias. Lang supposedly was killed. History recalls Mathias as a just ruler.

The story of the *Golem* seems to be a mixture of fact and fantasy, and no one seems to know where one leaves off and the other begins. In the preface to his book, *Der Golem* (1916), Gustav Meyrick wrote:

"I really do not know what the origin of the *Golem* legend is, but that somewhere, something which cannot die haunts this quarter of the city (Prague) and is somehow connected with the legend, of that I am sure."

Chayim Bloch explored both aspects in *The Golem: Legends Of The Ghetto Of Prague*, stating that "men who live amidst mysticism are at pains to prove that the exalted Rabbi Loew and all those saints and sages, before and after him, to whom is attributed the creation of a *Golem*, understood, thanks to their profound knowledge of the Kabbala, how to employ the *Shem, hamme, forasch*—the pre-eminent name of God, so as to endow with life a shape formed by them. Those, however, who do not believe in and deny any justification for the mystical and the occult, aver that we

have here to deal with a symbol, the allegorical meaning of which was eventually forgotten, because of the clearness and vividness of the symbol itself, which has consequently come down through the centuries with a sort of independent life of its own in a legend."

In the early 1930's Egon Erwin Kisch, a writer for *Der Rasende Reporter*, went to the long abandoned attic at Altneu where he searched vainly for the body of the *Golem*. There he found another clue which convinced him that the clay statue was buried in the ancient Galgenberg Cemetery on the outskirts of Prague. He found that the writings of Rabbi Loew and others agree as to times and places on what little is actually known of the history of the era.

Despite the period of madness, the *Golem* was considered by believers to be a symbol of strength and deliverance from evil, a gift from God, not from the dark powers. This belief undoubtedly gave courage to a people much in need of it during dark times. Whether truth or legend, or a subtle blending of both, the *Golem* was a reality to millions of persons. And some persons point to the recorded words of Rabbi Loew himself:

"The Golem partakes of the everlasting belief; and will rise again at the end of all human existence, but in quite a different form."

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WE BUILT A HAUNTED HOUSE

Strange noises filled our new house even before it was finished — and the worst was yet to come.

By Traver Bornholz

WE BUILT a haunted house.

It is a fine, modern ranch home on a beautiful site just seven miles from a bustling city. But a ghost moved in even before the carpenters had finished their work.

After travelling all over the country looking for the ideal place to live, my husband and I bought an old run-down prune orchard near Eugene, Ore., in 1940. We lived there in our trailer while we built a garage with temporary living quarters above it, which we occupied while our house was being built.

We had been living in the garage just 10 days when we began hearing loud noises in the partly finished house. As the doors and windows were not in yet, we feared trespassers were stealing materials and tools, although nothing ever seemed to be missing. Because our acreage was completely isolated from any

neighbors, and we had no telephone, my husband bought a revolver, thinking to frighten the unseen marauders.

Several quiet nights passed with no further disturbances, and we forgot about the noises. But one evening our reading was interrupted by the sound of heavy footsteps and a loud banging in the house.

"I'll bet they're making off with the carpenter's power tools," my husband exclaimed as he headed down the stairs. I followed with the flash light and climbing up the temporary ramp into the house, we chased the heavy, booted footsteps.

"Who's there?" called my husband.

There was no response as we pursued the footfalls to the end of the house and into what was to be the furnace room. A ladder led up through a hole in the ceiling to the attic, and we plainly heard the

heavily booted feet climb up it.

"Stay here, I'm going back for the gun." With this my husband headed back to the garage with the flash light leaving me alone in the darkness.

Scarcely breathing, I strained my ears but all was still. Knowing my husband's impulsive temper, I was more afraid he would shoot someone, than I was of the culprit.

Calling up I beseeched whoever it was to come down, "Come down. Please come down and get out of here before my husband comes back and shoots you."

No response. Not a sound, not even the uneasy squeak of a board. No response even when my husband came back and plunged up the ladder shouting, "Come down out of there or I'll shoot."

My husband disappeared through the hole and tramped around above my head, the light from the flash light making yellow streaks through the cracks. At last he descended shaking his head, completely baffled. "Nothing there. No one . . . nothing."

For several nights there was no further trouble, and we had just decided that we must be crazy, when it started again. We followed noisy footsteps time and again but never saw a thing. We spent hours trying to arrive at some plausible explanation . . . green lumber, skunks that left no odor, dogs that

wore heavy boots and never barked. Never once did we credit the supernatural . . . not until we had evidence that forced us to do so.

One night we were having coffee with a couple who had come to buy our trailer, when the noises started. Mr. C. asked if someone was working in the house. My husband and I exchanged embarrassed glances and tried to deny that we had heard the commotion.

Being a practical Norwegian, Mr. C. would not be put off, and insisted upon investigating. The men finally headed for the end of the house, toward the noise, flashing their light before them. Mrs. C. and I went out the other door and stood listening as the men came toward us through the house.

"They're coming this way," gasped Mrs. C. as we heard the heavy footsteps scrunching through the loose gravel of the new driveway. I would have ducked back into the garage if I'd been alone, but she stood her ground, flashing her torch up the drive.

Unimpeded by the bright beam of light those pounding feet passed us. My scalp prickled and my stomach did a flop before our husbands rounded the corner of the house.

"Didja see who it was?" panted Mr. C.

I didn't answer. I couldn't, my tongue was stuck to the roof of my mouth.

"Who ever it was ran right past us," answered Mrs. C. in a high unnatural voice. "But . . . we didn't see a thing!"

"You're either blind or crazy," Mr. C. retorted. "We nearly had him."

So, we were blind or crazy, but we were seldom alone during the many years, from 1941 to 1956, we lived in that house. We had built a gleamingly modern house in which lights snapped on and off by themselves, doors opened and closed, chairs squeaked and rocked without visible motivation.

One hot afternoon during our first summer I was standing at the sink with the bright sunlight flooding the kitchen, when I felt someone watching me.

Turning, expecting to see a member of the family or a neighbor in the doorway, I was startled to see a weird looking stranger, a tall angular figure in a long loose black robe. His unshorn dark locks straggled down to his hunched shoulders from beneath his huge shapeless old black hat, and his dark sunken eyes sneered at me from a sullen sallow face, the lines of which all drooped dejectedly, as did his unkempt black moustache.

I stared, bug-eyed with astonishment; blinked and stared again at nothing. He had vanished without a single movement. I had seen him, yet I doubted my eyes; I feared

for my sanity and could not bring myself to tell my husband.

About a week later my husband came into the house looking completely shaken. Sinking down upon a stool in the kitchen he asked for a drink. As I was baking, I was about to ask him to get it for himself when something in his eyes made me wash the flour off my hands and get it for him. I asked if he was ill.

"I don't know," he said wiping the perspiration from his forehead with the back of his hand. "Perhaps I am."

Then he told me what had happened. He said he had been shoveling dirt up by the barn, when he had felt someone looking at him. Turning he'd seen a man standing behind him. He described the same strange figure I had seen the week before.

"What did you do?" I asked.

"I cursed him. I never could stand anyone sneaking up on me. It made me so mad, that I just let loose on him and, well, believe it or not, he vanished. He was there right in the bright sunlight as big as life, and the next instant he was gone. It may sound nuts, but I know I didn't imagine it."

Naturally I told him that I too had seen this specter. From then on we credited all the disturbances to our unnatural visitor whom we called "Blackie".

We never saw "Blackie" again, but the commotion kept on in one form or another.

One night we went to town to the movies leaving our four children with our resident baby sitter, a practical, trustworthy girl of 18. When we returned around 11:00 she met us at the door, red-eyed and shaken, and informed us that she was leaving in the morning.

She said that she had put all of the children to bed and had gone into the living room to sit on the davenport, when she was horrified to hear a man's heavy footsteps in the next room. The next room was the unfinished living room, the room where she had been sitting being the dining room, serving temporarily as a living room.

"It was a man. I could tell . . . but," and she started to sob, "he went up the wall. I heard him go right up the other side of the wall behind the davenport where I was sitting."

She went on to tell us how she had sent our nine-year-old daughter across the field in her nightie for help, and how our neighbor had come over with a flashlight and a shot gun, and searched the premises inside and out without finding anyone.

"He tried to tell me it must have been a cat," she said. "But we don't have a cat, and anyhow cats don't wear boots."

Knowing that our explanation would only contribute to her hysteria, we gave her a week's wages and took her to the bus the next morning.

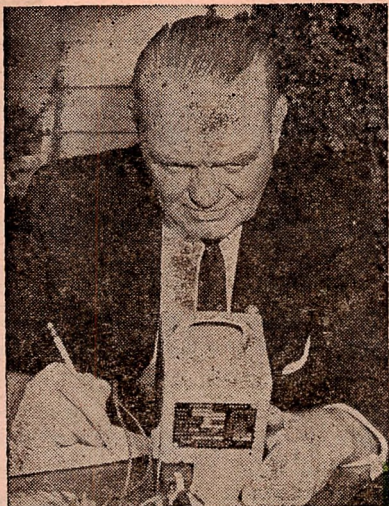
Through the years from 1941 to 1956 our children and most of our close friends accepted "Blackie" as practically a member of the family. More than once the children were awakened by the sound of footsteps running through the hall.

There were intermittent disturbances and manifestations throughout the time we lived in the house, up until August of 1956, when everything seemed to quiet down.

During these years that followed we delved into many things seeking an explanation. Finally we concluded that there actually are disembodied spirits, "ghosts".

We hoped that our "Blackie" would become articulate and reveal his attachment to our premises. Whether he had lost his ill gotten gold or his life there we'll never know, but we're hoping he has found peace, and will not disturb the new owners, now that we have left.





studied by parapsychologists for some years but Crain has gone far beyond previous claims to formulate equations and develop physical laws. He says these laws always work if the persons working them maintain the *proper psychological attitudes*.

If Mr. Crain's claims can be verified by others, and if his methods

Roy A. Crain, discoverer of "subjective physics," uses a recording milliammeter to test his PK ability. The electronic device prints dots at random along a center line.

By Max B. Miller

MIND OVER MATTER

... a new breakthrough?

ROY A. CRAIN, a Los Angeles development engineer, claims he has discovered a principle by which the human mind can learn to do any or all of the following — and more:

- Influence the behavior of electrical instruments.
- Control favorable throws of dice or the turn of roulette wheels.
- Influence objects in motion.

These physical effects created by the mind have been called psychokinesis, or "PK". They have been

come into wide use and reach their development potential, he predicts a time when the human mind can move ships through space, or think an electric typewriter into action.

This discovery Roy Crain calls Subjective Physics: *That area where the observed results show, mathematically, the influence of a purposefully created psychological climate.* (An abbreviated definition: Psychological activation of an unknown dynamic.).

For many years Mr. Crain did

empirical research as a freelance development engineer in industry. From 1946 to 1956 he owned Crain Process Molds in Los Angeles. During 1956 and 1957 he set up a research and development program for Frolic Footwear of Jonesburg, Ark.

"The high standard of intellectual honesty required for such work made me realize that a high percentage of our advancements were made through what I call 'happy accidents' — statistically improbable but ultimately favorable events," Crain relates. "Clearly these *accidents* came along to benefit some person who was wholly oriented — temporarily — toward one definite objective. Some dynamic seemed to be generated by such a person that resulted in favorable events happening to him to aid his progress.

"Often these 'favorable events' pointed in a direction at variance with that indicated by reason and logic. Hence they superficially appeared as annoying accidents to hamper progress. This is exactly what these happenings are — hindrances to advance along the apparently smooth road indicated by conscious reason, but also showing *the only possible way of reaching the immediate objective.*"

Crain became so fascinated by these enigmatic events that he finally decided — about the first of

January, 1958, to "try to synthesize these natural occurrences. If this thing works, I thought, I can shoot craps and make money."

And so the development engineer set up a throw rug as a back stop in his patio and began shooting craps.

He threw the dice 2,000 or 3,000 times without appreciable results. As he became weary, he lost interest in his conscious objective and became distracted by a square design on the rug. After several hundred additional throws — just casually throwing the dice while concentrating on the pattern on the rug — Crain made a startling discovery.

His scores were zooming up.

Why?

Roy Crain didn't know, but he quickly attempted to find out. This has led to his discovery of the use of *imagery* — a new concept in psychokinesis (PK), and his consistently produced favorable results certainly point to a possible breakthrough.

Writing in the July, 1959, issue of *Harper's*, Dr. Ian Stevenson, Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, University of Virginia, relates what Doctors Rhine and Pratt of Duke University and other qualified psychical researchers have long known: "The novelty of tests of extrasensory perception stimulates many beginning subjects to

performances which are well above chance but which they do not sustain after the initial enthusiasm wears off."

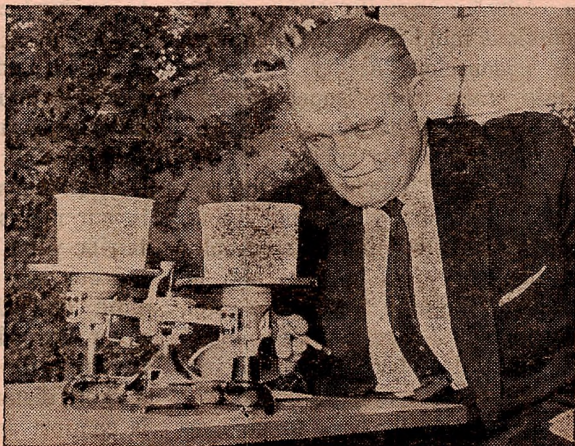
In *ESP and Personality Patterns*, G. R. Schmeidler and R. A. McConnell report that persons who believe in ESP (termed "sheep") scored noticeably higher than statistical probabilities, while non-believers ("goats") scored significantly below "chance." According to Roy Crain's new concept, these persons were unconsciously employ-

**Los Angeles psi researcher
claims development of laws
and equations by which the
mind can influence objects.**



Dice cup and score paper were used by Roy A. Crain for his first series of experiments in PK. To date, Crain has recorded more than 1,500,000 dice throws in tests of his theories. The dice tests led to his discovery of use of *imagery*, a new concept in PK.

Here Crain uses an Ohaus gram balance to "weigh" the deviation (2.7%) of his efficiency at PK, or psychokinesis, in tests using pellets dropped into cups. Tests reportedly indicate a constant deviating force at work.



ing a psycho-dynamic affecting the very significant results.

So the next step was to *purposefully* direct a wholly unconscious phenomena.

"But if PK is a subconscious function," Crain observed, "we're trying to violate the axiom that says it is impossible to consciously direct a true subconscious function. My first indication of PK manifestation occurred when I found I must consciously direct my attention *away* from the test mechanism. Mastery of this psychological trick is necessary for substantial PK manifestations."

Crain relates his experience with shooting craps to the axiom "unlucky in love, lucky in cards." The reason, he says, is simple. The individual who has just experienced a disastrous emotional experience has no interest in playing cards — or really in anything else — so his conscious mind is inert. Thereupon his unconscious ability (or what Crain calls the "super-reason") takes over and he wins.

Another analogy might be "beginner's luck." The beginner doesn't really care about winning or losing, he's too involved in the mechanics of the game. So he wins and he thinks to himself: "I'm pretty good, why can't I continue winning?" His goal then becomes completely self-conscious — and he loses.

Roy's next step was to give up

craps for a more workable test mechanism. He selected a cup about four inches wide and three inches deep, which he "sound-proofed" (to avoid unnecessary distraction) with a foam plastic material, and into which he placed three dice. Any number between three and 10 could be counted as "low dice," while numbers totalling 11 to 18 would be considered "high dice."

"My first impulse was to try to 'will' the dice to show high dice," Roy explains. "This didn't give any very definite indication of being the thing to do, so I tried another means. Eventually it was noticed that very favorable results were obtained when the action of the dice was ignored. But this 'ignoring' must be done in a certain way. Simply to think of something else while the dice are in action accomplishes nothing. The best way to do this ignoring is to concentrate on a mental picture in our minds of some ordinary activity where physical effort is being made in moving toward a definite and desirable goal.

"For instance, we may picture in our minds a rainy night with a terrific wind blowing. We are forcing our way against this rain and wind, one laborious step after another, headed toward the light shining from the windows of our home a short distance away, where there is comfort and rest.

"If we can form a vivid mental image of such a struggle while the dice are in motion, we will find, surprisingly enough, that we have hit the target (*i.e.*, a high number) with our dice. The same image can be used many times over and will be very effective. Eventually, we will find the dice failing to hit the target as often as before. This is the signal that the particular mental image being used has become boring and hard to hold with sharp clarity. Now we must get a new picture — perhaps visualize ourselves struggling up a steep incline to our home on top of the hill.

"After a thousand experiments, and using many different mental images, we should find the total number of hits on the target to have been substantially greater than the number of misses. Mathematically, the number of hits and misses should have been very close to equal."

When Roy Crain began his experiments early in 1958 he averaged 4% to 5% favorable events with a target of high dice. By September of that year he was hitting about 12% to 14%, and today he is achieving 15% to 20% in favorable targets. Over 1,500,000 dice throws have been made in this series of experiments alone. (Approximately 3200 per eight hour day.)

On May 13, 1958, Dr. J. G. Pratt of the Parapsychology Lab-

oratory of Duke University wrote Roy Crain:

"We have, of course, had subjects in PK tests who have succeeded so consistently that we have been relatively sure they were using some favorable method. None of them have described their methods in sufficiently precise objective terms that we could be sure that anyone else could adopt them successfully. In your case, it looks like you might have developed a method as your primary objective and that therefore you may be able to pass it along to someone else. If so, this would be an achievement of the greatest order of importance, and we would like to do everything that we can do to encourage you to continue along these lines until full success has been achieved."

Four months later, on September 11, 1958, Dr. Pratt wrote: "... It is remarkable indeed to see you holding up after such a long period of time and this in itself encourages us to believe that you may have a better grip upon your PK abilities than has been true of most subjects."

After 18 months of tedious dice experiments, Crain decided to change his test mechanism. He selected an inexpensive dime store roulette wheel, and changed the steel ball to a polyethylene pellet.

High numbers were chosen as the first target. But then a phenomenal

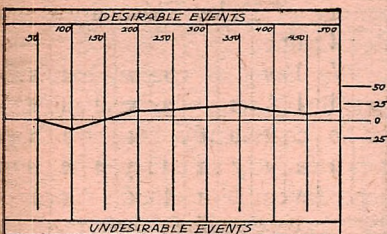


Chart shows scoring of volunteer with no knowledge of Subjective Physics principle.

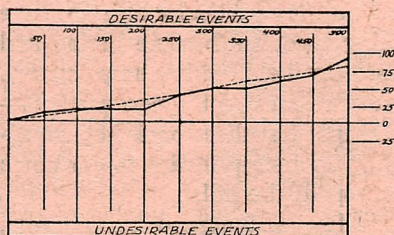
happened. "Instead of the pellet hitting the target, it missed the high numbers with almost mechanical regularity," Roy noted. It was not unusual for him to have 80 misses in 100 tries and 48 misses out of 50 attempts occurred several times.

So he changed his target to low numbers, hopefully expecting the low-number pattern to be repetitive. But "the pellet then acted as though high numbers were irresistible. After nearly 25,000 tries, the mechanism — or my mind — was brought under control so that the consciously chosen target could be hit with the same degree of success as was produced by the use of the dice."

Crain says this was one of the most frustrating experiences of his life. "However, it was extremely valuable proof that the unconscious mind must be in agreement with the conscious desire if anything worthwhile is to be accomplished. Some form of fear seems to exist that directs the unconscious to act con-

trary to what we consciously desire. In the case of the roulette wheel there was anxiety about being able to control a mechanism other than dice. No amount of intellectual reasoning could remove this fear."

Curiously, Roy never has had favorable results so singularly spectacular as the percentages of misses



Score of Subjective Physics student shows consistency indicating an acquired skill.

on the first 25,000 experiments with the roulette wheel. Through anxiety, he believes, he unconsciously and uncontrollably "willed" the astonishing negative results.

And this is why he believes it will be impossible to use subjective physics for successful gambling. A gambler is so emotionally involved with his goal that any unconscious imagery he evokes will immediately be short-circuited, in effect, by his overwhelming conscious involvement.

Once Roy removed the anxiety over his new target, the roulette wheel, "the scoring settled into the pattern already established with the

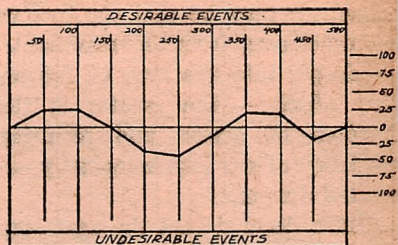
dice work. Events involving the roulette wheel followed an already familiar course and showed the same psychologically activated dynamic to be in action."

At this time his results were approximately the same as he had been having with dice: about 12% to 14% favorable events. Then he changed his target to red numbers. And again he was effecting the same percentage of wins. The same scores were maintained as Roy Crain subsequently went to odd numbers, and then to the physical division of the roulette wheel marked *O* and *OO*.

The next step was to use multiple pellets. "A random number of pellets—10 to 18—were used and one target selected. The ratio of favorable to unfavorable events showed no significant change from that obtained with a single pellet. This condition was the same as though the multiple pellets were acting as a single homogenous mass. Such a fascinating discovery led to a desire to explore the effects that might result from the use of multiple pellets and *multiple targets*."

High numbers and the color red were selected, which meant that each spin of the wheel had to be counted twice. The difference in the number of pellets "on" or "off" of each of the two targets was recorded separately.

"At this point," observed Roy Crain, "occurred the astonishing



Amplitude of swings about line of probability is typical of uncontrolled events.

evidence of the 'super-ability' of the 'super-reason' being studied. The scoring for *each target* was almost double the scoring where only a single target was used. Three targets were next set up and again the scoring for *individual targets* increased. Approximately the same proportion of increase held true when four targets—the maximum number of targets on the mechanism—were used.

"The occurrence of favorable events seems to increase with the complexity of the problem to be

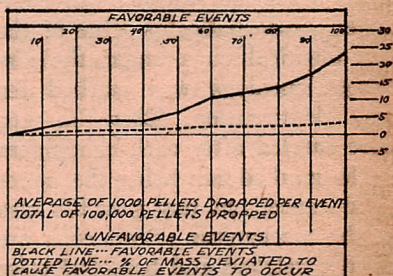


Chart shows measurement of force causing objects in free fall to deviate favorably.

solved. It may be that the further we travel away from the 'reasonable' — deeper into the area of *subjective physics* — the greater is the freedom of action and resulting efficiency of our psychologically activated dynamic."

Crain decided that the next step was to devise a mechanism by which the exact efficacy of his ability could be measured. He soon hit upon the idea of *dropping* pellets into containers. To do this he obtained a metal tube six inches in diameter and eight inches long. The bottom of the tube was closed with a disk having two $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch holes, 180° apart. A motor-driven impeller — to insure even distribution of the pellets — was mounted part way down the tube. A pouring intake was affixed to the top of the container and two paper cups were placed under each orifice.

Bias, the inherent tendency of one orifice to discharge more pellets than its opposite (due to misalignment of the mechanism) was eliminated mathematically. One of the two identical cups under the discharge openings was marked for easy identification. Then the cups were *rotated* after each experiment — the marked cup being the target — to cancel out any possible bias in the mechanism. Both cups are always weighed and balanced prior to experimentation.

An Ohaus gram balance, accurate

to 1/10 gram, was used to measure the deviation of the mass in free fall (by weighing the target cup against the second cup). "The first 100 events recorded showed a gain of 23 favorable events over the unfavorable number. But the actual deviation of mass from the straight line of free fall was slight. Of 122,112 pellets dropped, 3,312 more pellets fell into the marked (target) cup than fell into the other. This was a deviation of 2.7% of the entire mass. This percentage was so evenly distributed over the entire mass as to indicate a constant deviating force at work.

From this Roy Crain has formulated an equation for *subjective physics*: "If we're allowed to assume that we were applying a deviating force of 3% to the entire mass, the following equation becomes evident. *D equals .03m*

When D equals the Dynamic.

m equals the mass being acted on.

"The force being applied to the mass is equal to 3% of the mass *regardless of the size of the mass*," Crain continues. "Whether 10 grams or 10 tons of pellets are used, our equation holds true. By switching the marked cup to the opposite outlet at the halfway point, our dynamic was called on to reverse its direction of action. From this observation, and previously established facts, comes the law:

A psychologically-activated dynamic may be applied to mass in motion to change the state of that motion in any desired direction.

"Acceptance of this law means acceptance of a startling concept. *Any desired direction* means that the chosen direction may be identical with the line of flight of the mass. We should be able to slow or accelerate the free fall of pellets. Free fall is the same whether it is the gravity impelled fall of pellets or the free fall of a spacecraft propelled beyond the earth's gravity. Theoretically, we've shown the possibility of a constant accelerating force of .03m being applied to a spacecraft in free fall. Our present limitations concerning the limitations of velocity are therefore placed in question. Future exploratory work in this area should show interesting possibilities."

Roy Crain's 3% is a conservative figure — one that he thinks he can duplicate any time "at will." But he says he has achieved up to a 14% deviation of mass, with favorable events totaling up to 35% and 40%.

Roy's first serious student of *subjective physics* is Paul Simpson, part owner of a Los Angeles TV repair shop. Paul showed this writer the exhaustive records of his varied experiments.

With high/low dice Paul Simpson scored 4.3% favorable events

for his first 10,000 experiments, and 7.1% during the next 2,000. He then went to roulette (red numbers) and, like Roy Crain, showed nothing significant at first. His scores were well within statistical probabilities for his first 4,000 tries but he netted a favorable 1.78% on the next 5,000.

Paul then tried odd numbers on the roulette wheel but hit only 1% favorable events during 2,000 experiments. Going to three pellets (red, odd and high numbers), he scored 2.8% in 1,000 tries. Finally going to 16 pellets (high numbers) Paul had 166 favorable events in 600 tries, for an impressive 28% favorable score.

Roy Crain was happy to demonstrate his PK experiments for this writer. On August 1, 1961, he rolled 900 throws for high numbers on high/low dice. Roy was rather self-conscious during this intrusion of a skeptical observer and he scored a minus-6 for the first hundred. The next hundred netted a plus-10 and the third hundred a plus-18.

But then his telephone rang and the imagery was broken. When Roy returned to the game he netted a minus-12, then a plus-10, and, in sequence, plus-18, plus-36, plus-24, and finally a plus-4. It was significant to note the scores beginning to drop as the fatigue factor set in. His total was slightly above 11% for the 900 throws.

On August 17, I returned, this time with my own 5/8-inch dice (slightly larger than the dice Crain generally uses) which I had just purchased at a drugstore. Roy used my dice and during 600 throws he netted an average of 12% above statistical probability.

Unfortunately, there wasn't time for but 40 tries with dropped pellets (which involves a rather complex operation). Roy deviated the mass (as I scored all experiments) by an average of 2% for the 40 attempts. He averaged 20% in favorable wins above "chance."

It was about this time that I decided to try the dice experiments myself, to determine what results I might effect. On August 4th I made 600 throws with the dice cup, consciously trying to be as natural as possible. I averaged 1.3% above statistical probability.

On August 18th I again tried 600 attempts but this time using the type of "imagery" advocated by Roy Crain. (Because of its rather personal nature, I shall not herein describe the nature of the imagery.) This time I netted 34 favorable events, or 5.7% above chance.

(It must, of course, be emphatically noted that even 600 experiments for each occasion was insufficient to come to anything but the most superficial conclusions.)

Roy says that it is only during our present technology that PK can

be applied to practical industrial objectives, due to recent developments in electronic and automated fields.

It was for this reason that Roy obtained a recording milliammeter for his latest experiment, one which was not even set up until several weeks after I met him. The recorder, in series with a rectifier and suitable resistance, is connected in parallel with a flashing bulb.

The milliammeter operates on conventional house current transformed down to approximately six volts. A flasher bulb with an internal bi-metal thermostat flashes at irregular intervals and furnishes a simple means of obtaining a random change in electric current values. Every two seconds the instrument samples the random fluctuations of the current. Mathematically, these samplings — printed as dots on the recording chart — should indicate an approximately equal distribution on either side of the center line.

On September 14 Roy Crain, Paul Simpson and myself met to explore Roy's ability utilizing electricity as the test medium. To familiarize myself with the instrument I ran through (and scored) the first 150 "samplings." I totaled 16 unfavorable events for about a minus-11%. This in itself surprised everyone present, for the unit usually records much more

evenly while not being influenced by PK. Roy's evaluation was that I had probably negatively influenced the results.

Crain then tried two series of experiments with the milliammeter, each time the instrument recording 200 dot patterns. The first time Roy scored 34 favorable events (17%), and the next time 24 favorable events (12%). Crain says his average has been 14%.

During the interval between Roy's two experiments, Paul Simpson rolled 100 high/low dice games. He achieved 18 favorable events, far above average, which he attributed to the stimulation of having a skeptical observer (this writer) present.

Crain attributes anything less than 5% favorable results to random chance. He believes that 100% results are possible—perhaps probable—under extreme emotional stress. For example, how many persons have been “saved by an inch” when an uncontrollable automobile has charged toward them?

“This psycho-dynamic phenomenon is employed unconsciously during moments of danger, and even unknowingly throughout the day. It accounts for our improbable rate of survival. You would be surprised how many times you use PK every day without ever knowing it.”

Roy Crain is so convinced that

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his *subjective physics* concept will work that he has offered \$5,000 to the individual or organization who can prove that he "cannot demonstrate the following effects by the use of *subjective physics* . . . "on demand" . . . : 1) Cause mechanical motion to deviate in any desired direction. 2) Cause objects in "free fall" to change their state of motion in any desired direction. 3) Cause electric current in electronic circuitry to change value as desired.

"If the investigating person or organization fails to produce proof to the contrary," adds Crain, "they are to agree to expend substantial effort and funds to develop a program to explore the science of *subjective physics*." This provision is added to keep crackpots and curiosity seekers from wasting the inventor's time.

Roy is anxious to explore the industrial applications to this new science and he hopes to receive research grants to more thoroughly investigate these possibilities. For example, he believes that a properly automated typewriter can be designed whereby a PK trained person can "think directly into the machine *from any distance*."

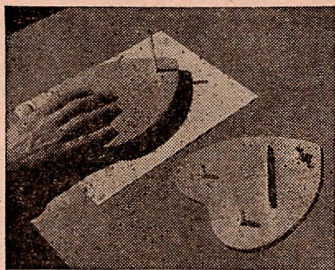
"There seems to be no limit to speed, numbers or the complexities that can be handled by *subjective physics*," Crain observes. "It appears feasible to step up the scale

of speed and numbers to a high continuous form of random action. Here an electric device could record positive and negative results by a variation of electric current. This variation of electric current is all that is needed for the control of any man-made system. This means the possibility of controlling any system by psychological means. Random action appears as the connecting link between our psychological processes and our entire physical world.

"Reason is a poor tool for exploration of 'super-reason.' Using reason in this case is like exploring astronomy with only eighth-grade arithmetic as a tool. Only empirical methods will serve. Fortunately, the early explorers of electrical phenomena were not completely stymied because electrical measurements could not be taken by use of the comfortably familiar steam pressure instruments."

Crain states that PK is similar to electronic circuitry. "*Subjective physics* seems to possess both the speed and accuracy of an electronic computer. However, it goes far beyond the mere solution of almost infinitely complex problems. After the solution is arrived at, this mental process goes ahead to put into action the physical forces that are required to make the solution a physical reality. Apparently we're much smarter than we think."

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He believes that *morale* is the word that best sums up the psychological attitude most conducive to success. This attitude again may be broken down into hope, faith and pride, all of which combine to create a self-confident eagerness to advance against obstacles. Fatigue, complacency and self-consciousness are factors detrimental to PK.

"Our psychologists and physicists appear to have reached the ultimate in objective observation in their respective fields," notes Crain. "I like to think that this is apparent and is merely the arrival at the point where the two sciences blend to form the unexplored area of *subjective physics*."

"A little reflection on the philosophy of events in relationship to ESP combined with the already proven results of PK creates a breath-taking vista. When he consider that the sole aim of our existence is to plan and execute so that events favorable to us are brought about, and discover definite proof that we have the ability to plan and execute on a plane separate from our ordinary conscious functioning, a horizon unprecedented in the history of mankind emerges."

Roy Crain says he holds the key that can unlock that horizon.

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WAS HE EARTH-BOUND?

By Eliza Clayton

I NEVER HAVE BEEN able to understand why Uncle Homer always preferred Jasper to his other children. Unless it was because Jasper was the youngest, was fair where the others were dark, and was frail where the others were robust. Some said Uncle was a little "tetched" in the head after his terrible war experiences—maybe he was.

At any rate, Jasper never left Uncle's side from the time he could toddle and "was a gift straight from God" Uncle said over and over. The others only smiled at their devotion to one another.

When Jasper fell to his death in a vat of boiling syrup one day during the sorghum making in 1943 Uncle sat in a daze for days. He was never the same again.

For weeks we spoke only in whispers and walked on tiptoe. Finally in a despairing voice Uncle Homer announced that Jasper's name was never again to be spoken in his house. Restlessly Uncle then moved his family from one state to another, unearthing Jasper's casket each time to take it for burial near the new home.

Eventually Uncle Homer died on the west coast and the family

home fell to the oldest girl.

One stormy afternoon my cousin and I sat in the cheery living room beside the open fire over cups of hot tea reminiscing about her family's life. We carefully omitted her brother Jasper's name as usual.

"You know," I said, "I always did think it foolish the way Uncle made us stop speaking of Jasper—"

My cousin paled at the name she had not heard spoken for over 30 years. At the same instant the piano keys crashed in a wild, discordant melody.

My cousin's cup shattered to the floor. "Did you see it? A hand on the piano keys!" she cried, white to the lips.

"Nonsense! A rat must have gotten into the piano," I said.

Shaking a little I set my cup down.

"You know this is Pa's house and he said never to mention that—that name in his house," my cousin remonstrated.

"Pull yourself together," I said, trying to sound matter of fact. "Three of the other children are dead too and we mention them whenever we want to. I think this hush-hush about Jasper—"

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Needless to say I never again mentioned Jasper's name in that house!—Winston, Ore.

DADDY FOUND A WAY

By Louise Savage Mapp

FOLLOWING MY mother's death I was home with Daddy through his long illness. He was in a semi-coma most of the time. I was a young widow with a first-year-high-school son to raise and I worked every hour I could spare from home and channelled my own small pay check into the family checking account without any thought of the day when our assets would be frozen pending settlement of Daddy's estate.

After Daddy's death in the small town of Onley, Va., in October, 1941, I returned to work, realizing the cash in my purse was all I

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had. Five days before pay day this cash was reduced to small change and that night I tossed uneasily until 2:00 A.M. when I became miraculously calm and slept. The following morning, Saturday, as I dusted the living room, still feeling strangely calm, the doorbell rang. When I opened the door Mr. Wilson, who Daddy had trained on the job as telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad, was standing there, pale, disheveled, shaking.

"How are you, Sally Lou?" he asked.

"Fine." I replied as I stepped aside and invited him into the living room.

"No, you are not." Breathlessly his words tumbled out, "Your father stood by my bed at 2:00 o'clock this morning and told me you needed help desperately for a few days."

Placing an envelope on the table he hurried away before I could speak. When I opened the envelope I found it contained the most beautiful 20 dollar bill I have ever seen."

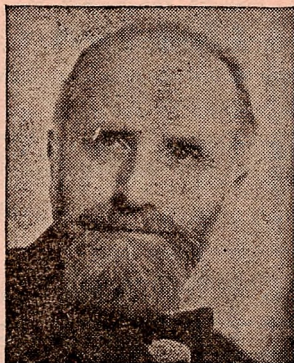
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the room, I saw my father sitting
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fair-haired baby.

I rushed to him with outstretched
arms. He smiled and spoke so softly
I had to strain to hear him say,
"Don't worry, darling." He held the
child out to me. Then he was gone.

It was over almost before it
started. In a daze I realized that
my father lived on, but in a world
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was overwhelmed with joy in know-
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By Margaret M. Woelfle

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on the way home from the hospi-
tal that he wouldn't live three
weeks.

I went to my bedroom and there
prayed that Father once more could
prove the doctor wrong; that he
could come home again; that, if he
had to die, he could die at home

as my mother, grandmother and grandfather did. Then I slept the first good sleep I had had in months.

Shortly before 6:00 the next morning I was awakened by my mother's voice calling me. Mother always had warned us that she never would call us the third time; she'd come after us instead and we knew what that meant! I remember thinking, "I'll wait until she calls the second time." When she did I threw back the covers, bounded to the door and to the head of the stairs, answering, "Yes?"

Mother stood at the bottom of the stairs, shaking her finger as she scolded me: I had no business interfering in higher plans by asking that Father should come home again; he'd die in the hospital and she'd be there to greet him.

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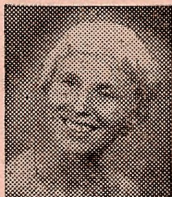
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I said, "O.K.," and returned to my room. When I had closed my door again and begun to straighten the covers on my bed I suddenly realized that something very remarkable had just happened—for my mother, Mary Woelfle, had been dead 20 years, since May 31, 1928, and it was now March 4, 1949.

Joining me at breakfast my brother asked about the commotion and my early morning conversation which he had heard. So I told him. Mother was not transparent and she was wearing a blue and gold checked housedress, not the black crepe in which she had been buried.

Knowing our parents were together once more after 20 years, we felt our loss less keenly when Father died three weeks later, on March 29, 1949, in the hospital.—*Pekin, Ill.*

ONE LAST LOOK

By Mrs. John Procop

ON THE EVENING of February 28, 1961, just after I had finished the supper dishes. I started to leave the kitchen to go into the front room of our home. I felt impelled to turn around. My young son was at the sink finishing up the dishes as it is his job to wipe them. He apparently did not see anything but as I stood looking toward the doorway of my kitchen there I saw the figure of a man. He stood looking at me for a few minutes, then disappeared. This bothered me as I am not given to visions and I discussed it with my husband. John said I would likely hear of a death. And a few days later I did.

It was the death of a fellow whom I jilted to marry my husband. After I was married I always

wanted to see the boy I once had been engaged to in order to tell him I was sorry for breaking his heart the way I did. Friends and relatives had told me how bad he felt. I believe in my heart that I saw my friend again for the last time, because it was after his death that the man appeared in my kitchen. He had died two days before my vision and the day I saw him was the day of his burial.—*Taylor, Mich.*

BRIEF RETURN

By Ruth Gregory

SOMETHING HAPPENED in this house on June 1, 1961, that I can't put out of my mind. My husband, Warren, a fifth-generation Yankee, hard-headed and unimaginative, discredits my explanation. But often

when our parakeet merrily chirps *Yankee Doodle* or kisses himself in the mirror, Warren muses, "It is strange about that night. I wonder what happened."

We are a middle-aged couple, well adjusted to our childless state. We always have had pets and our most recent are Impy, a slender black and white tomcat with yellow eyes, and Chico, our blue-gray parakeet. This unlikely combination of cat and bird worked well only because we devised a way to keep the cage elevated to the ceiling, out of reach of the cat's designing claws.

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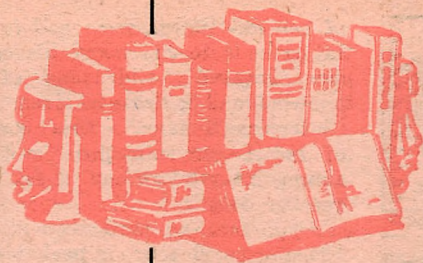
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The abundance of cosmic theology which George Adamski has bestowed upon a wayward mankind has been replenished, after a drouth of several years, via the pages of *Flying Saucers Farewell*. Lacking the spirit of Adamski's earlier best-selling ventures into the saucer book world—*Flying Saucers Have Landed* and *Inside the Space Ships* (both of which were ghost-written)—this is a rather hodge-podge compilation of facts, theories and space lore.

Book One, among a variety of other subjects, attempts to explain why "spacemen" are visiting earth. Adamski claims he was told by the space people that the radar signal sent out to the moon in October, 1946, "hit the edge of the moon and ricocheted into space, alerting watchers at their instruments on Mars and Venus." They mistakenly interpreted it as a signal of distress and sent their ships to investigate. "Naturally these went to the section of our planet whence the signals had originated."

How the Martians and Venusians

supposedly were able to pinpoint the origin of the signals (which to them would have been the moon), and how they were able to identify the specific locale on earth of the original transmission, we shall never know. (An energetic reader might wish to research the locations of Mars and Venus for that period to determine whether they were in positions that could have intercepted "ricocheted" radar signals from the moon.)

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of science-fiction, some self-justification by Adamski where his critics are concerned, and some of the knowledge Adamski received from "Interplanetarians." This consists of broad generalizations and will disappoint readers hoping for more specific details.

Book Two, which deals with Adamski's world tour, is probably the most informative and worthwhile part of the volume. Here Adamski repeatedly mentions the efforts of a mysterious "Silence Group" to hinder him during lectures he gave on his tour.

In Sydney, Australia, these efforts took the form of reluctance to assist Adamski in obtaining a work permit, which evidently was required even of visiting lecturers. This reluctance, strange as it may seem, was on the part of the very group in charge of the lecture arrangements.

During his first lecture in Zurich, Switzerland, Adamski, had his "first warning of organized resistance." This took the form of weak accusations by one man who apparently "lost his nerve in front of so many people."

During the second Zurich lecture 300 students seated strategically among 700 listeners threw fruit and made noise. They had, it developed, been informed that Adamski would try to discredit the scientist Dr. Zwicky and modern astronomy, and had arranged the demonstration as a protest.

"This," according to Adamski, "showed the power and influence of the Silence Group and the lengths to which it had gone to keep the truth from the public."

He adds, "If it had not been for

the assistance of my friends from other planets, the Silence Group would have achieved its aim." What form this assistance took is not clear. Adamski mentions several saucer sightings of a routine nature reported during the tour. And while riding a train to London Adamski was amazed to find his compartment shared by a "spaceman." He states that the "spaceman" was working as a scientist for the British government, as were many others like him. These seem to be the only signs of space people during the tour.

A highlight of Adamski's world jaunt was his private audience in the Netherlands with Queen Juliana, Prince Bernhard and several high officials. This audience, un-

like Adamski's skimmed-over meetings with "spacemen," is graphic and detailed.

Book Three, something of an oddity, presents an allegory titled "Satan, Man of the Hour," essentially an appeal for mankind, as represented by its leaders in the fields of religion, finance, war and industry, to abandon self-interest and live the Golden Rule.

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The stated object of the book is to "pierce the veil that obscures death and the immediate hereafter." The author believes that such analyses as he has undertaken "not only indicate survival; they also provide a means by which we can envisage the general conditions under which we survive and enable us to adduce reasons why certain experiences are undergone at certain stages in the process of disembodiment." (The italics are his.)

To this reviewer, and perhaps to most persons who read widely in the field of psychical research, one of the most interesting aspects of alleged spiritistic communication is the concordances which occur in the various independent accounts. It has been found that persons who have no knowledge of the literature of the field, when they undertake automatic writing acquire the same kind of information about "conditions in the hereafter" that already has been received by most other automatic writers.

"Spirits" speaking through mediums who are in the process of development and who know nothing about the subject say the same thing as those who speak through longstanding, highly developed sensitives. A woman in Boise, Idaho, who never has read a word of "psychic revelation" and a child in Sydney, Australia, who can't read will, if both are psychic and able to hold

a pencil, receive information that is relatively the same.

Unless there is a "great collective unconscious" which is tapped whenever one endeavors to communicate with spirits (and that is a rather far-fetched notion, it seems to us) then what is the explanation for this peculiar situation?

Up to now most psychical researchers, having no means of assessing the value of such evidence, have ignored it. They have based all their surveys and tests upon demonstrable phenomena. The philosophical content of messages from "the great beyond" has been made light of. Yet it continues to come in reams from all mediums and from any pen which allows itself to be directed by "spirit communicators." And it is consistently uniform,

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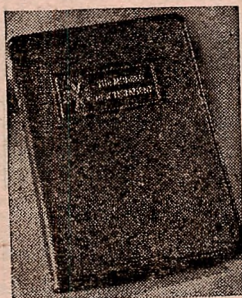
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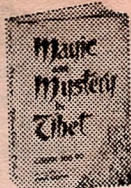
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SPECIAL NOTE

BEFORE WE FORGET, we wish to mention that California astronomers are making photographic studies of the explosion of a star, with perhaps the brightness of a billion suns, that took place 800 million years ago.



REPORT FROM THE READERS

LIFE IN FOUR DIMENSIONS

In "I See By the Papers," in your October issue, Curtis Fuller quotes from Albert Einstein's writings: "If my theories of the universe are correct, it is necessary for people to have fourth dimensional faculties to live in such a universe."

Unless I've missed some of Einstein's references to his fourth dimensional concept, I believe it is safe to say that he has left discussion of its implications for biology, physiology and psychology entirely to others. But the scientists associated with those fields have failed to respond to those implications, limiting their studies to three dimensions.

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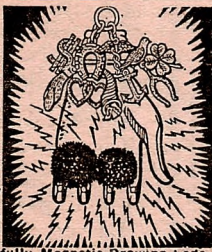
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suggest it as a possibility, not as a
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I have been a FATE reader for
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ested in the article "Military Se-
crets Through The Ouija Board"
in the October issue, as I am the
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I use my board as a medium to
pray for souls, but I also talk to
souls who give me profane and
unprintable replies. For instance,
a soul who calls himself "Tim"
tells me he is bad. He does not
say he *was* bad but emphasizes that
he *is* bad. This makes me believe
that time does stand still for the
dead.

After paying my bills a few
months ago, I found I had two more
bills to pay and was short of money.
I asked Tim how I could get some
extra money to pay those two bills.
The reply I got was unprintable
and shocked me.

I'm in my late fifties and consider
myself religious and high-minded.
After that remark of Tim's I re-
fused to speak to him any more.
This made him furious and he used
more profanity. He said he would
not leave and for several weeks I
was unable to get another soul on
my Ouija board but him. I think
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I have better luck talking to an
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PHANTOM DOG OF MAUNA LOA

In your September, 1961, issue you tell the story of the appearance of a mysterious, small, fat, shy, white dog said to have appeared in 1959 and again in May, 1961, on desolate lava flows high on the volcanic mountain, Mauna Loa. A lava flow occurred not long after each of the appearances of this alleged phantom dog whose coming is a forecast of Pele's awe-inspiring eruptions, as the story was related in a Honolulu newspaper.

I was disagreeably surprised to find FATE made its own special addition to the tale: "The goddess of Hawaiian volcanoes is Pele who lives in the crater of Ki-lau-ea. Pele's only known companion, says Kahuna tales, is a white demi-god dog named Ka-upe, who is sometimes seen with Pele and sometimes seen alone. Seeing either means that an eruption is imminent."

In the book *Ghost Dog And Other Hawaiian Legends*, by George T. Armitage and Henry P. Judd, we find Ka-upe given as ghost dog of Nu'u-anu Valley, on this island of O'ahu. Though Ka-upe visited the island of Hawaii we are not told that, while there, he was a companion of Pele or forecast impending lava flows. The island of Hawaii has sufficient supernatural dogs of its own without borrowing any from any other island. It is said that Ka-upe used to attack and kill any man he met on the

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road. Most certainly this does not indicate a small, fat, white dog!

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Neither in Westervelt's *Hawaiian Legends Of Volcanoes* nor in Dr. Nathaniel B. Emerson's translation of the beautiful myth of Pele and Kiiaka do I find any mention of Pele being accompanied by a dog, natural or supernatural. I find only that in the latter it is stated that the dog of Pele's dead lover Lohi'au, of Ha'ena, island of Kaua'i, was presented to her as a flesh and blood dog.—*Theodore Kelsey, Honolulu, Hawaii.*

PICTURES ON EYELIDS

I am greatly interested in Mr. I. M. Nelson's letter, entitled "Menacing Visions", in the September, 1961, Report From The Readers. His letters concerned pictures which seem to appear on his eyelids just before he drops off to sleep.

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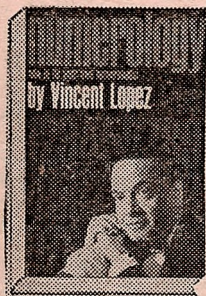
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I am accustomed to it now and find it very interesting. I no longer see the picture frame—just the movement which settles into a picture of faces. The only time I have recognized one of the faces was about two months ago when I saw the face of my mother who passed away some years ago. I have never seen anything of a menacing nature.

In the September, 1958, FATE the article "Space Travelers in 1870?" by Mitch Martin, should interest Mr. Nelson.

It states in part: "Those persons who can see objects with the eyes closed are generally persons who have a large natural endowment of this faculty (psychometry). The objects are sometimes landscapes and sometimes faces of various persons (sometimes known but generally unknown) that are most frequently observed when the seer is perfectly passive and hence most readily just before sleep."

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Referring to I. M. Nelson's contribution on Menacing Visions in the September, 1961, FATE, the faces and visions he reports are not menacing, although some seem sub-human. This correspondent believes that the explanation of "falling asleep" is that as the body surrenders to slumber its consciousness mystically traverses zones of existence which may not be exactly provable by logic, but which lend themselves to definition by analogy and symbolism.

In short, contributor Nelson's experiences are not unique. Spiritually oriented persons (this does not mean saintly, only mystical minded) are familiar with the visions which reader Nelson beholds between waking and slumber.

It is a pity that modern Protestantism leaves prayers for the dead out of most of its rituals, for it is said in *Maccabees*, "it is an olden and goodly custom to pray for the dead that they be loosed from their sins."

For they are in Purgatory, the middle state of Eternity the ancient Egyptians picture so horrifically in the *Book Of The Dead*, which the Jews always have given credence to, which Pagan mythology knows well, and which Catholic doctrine takes cognizance of, while Protestant Christian use does not.

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All this may seem presumptuous poppycock but let the doubters explain where they spent their eight or 10 hours of "slumber".—Terence O'Donnell, Sr., Chicago, Ill.

BEYOND CHANCE

Editor *Plain Dealer*—Sir:

I was joyously thrilled to read in the *Plain Dealer* of March 7 a "Lenten Guidepost" piece headed "Life Reshapes Itself With Look At Death."

Giving space to this was sincerely appreciated. May I add?

My wife was deeply grieved due to the loss of her father, mother, and other members of the family. One evening while talking she became silent for a time, then she called my attention to an experience that reshaped her attitude toward our great loss. She said:

"My father came for me and took me to a place the beauty of which is beyond all human conception. There was a beautiful illumination, a radiant glow. There were flowers and my father took me to my mother. She was young and beautiful, and my father was a young man. Both looked as they did in their wedding photograph. I saw their surroundings of indescribable

beauty. My mother was sitting in something like a canopy of flowers. My father said to me, 'Do not feel sad for us, for we are happy; we are together.' He escorted me back and here I am."

My wife then said, "This was not a dream. It was reality far beyond any human dream." She insisted on the positiveness of the personalities of her father and mother. From that hour she did not shed a tear. She thought of them as together and had the frequent satisfaction of sensing their presence.

My own father on his death bed pointed out his mother and asked if we could not see her. In a few moments he pointed to his father and asked if we could not see him. Then he indicated 20 people, one after another, as being around him. He saw these people by his bedside from nine in the evening until he breathed his last between 2:00 and 3:00 after midnight.

He conversed coherently, and vigorously. He was vexed because we could not see them, but we assured him that we knew they were there.

One might think that his mind was conjuring up an illusion, and that it was all a deception. It could not have been so, for in his conversation he reviewed how his property was to be disposed of . . . He was able to tell the exact number of his bank book, and the amount to the penny. He was positive in his remarks, in his advice, and went over many things as one would do with his family, were he going on a trip. We had planned taking an auto tour to a section with which he was familiar the following summer. He said: "You take the trip and I will be with you."

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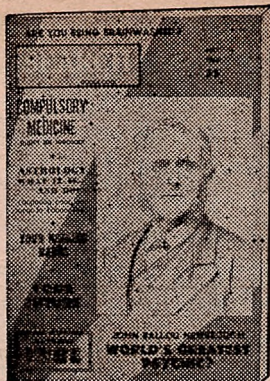
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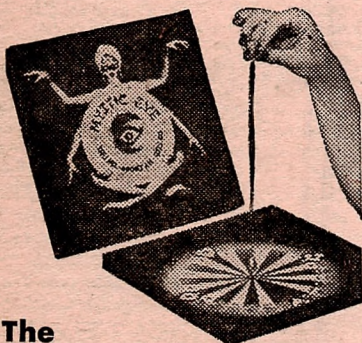
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hours and 44 minutes it is clear that, for the total distance, Old Sol came in well ahead. The more so as Prestwick, Scotland, is substantially west of Greenwich. This leaves a loose end dangling.

The only explanation that comes to mind is that, at the time of the sun shots at 58 degrees north, the plane must have been flying at a considerably higher speed than its over-all average for the trip.

I certainly would be interested in other explanations.—*George Mas-singer, Newport News, Va.*

MOTHER SHIPTON'S PROPHECY

In your August, 1961, issue you quote a prophecy by Mother Shipton, "a witch of 350 years ago," to the effect that the world will come to an end in 1991. Forty years ago I had a little book that dated her some 50 years earlier and

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quoted the conclusion of her prophecy thus:

*And this world to an end shall come
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The *World Book Encyclopedia* of 1959 confirms both these points. It also states that Charles Hindley, in 1873, confessed that he had forged this and other parts of the prophecy, but that nevertheless it caused great alarm in 1881.

It might be of interest to add that my mother, who was nine years old at the time, recalled that snow fell every month in the year 1881. Perhaps this was as close as such a prophecy could be expected to come.—*Rev. E. R. Stafford, Bradner, O.*

I am an ardent FATE reader, as I am much interested in stories of the strange and the unknown—also prophecy. I noticed in the August issue, on page 22, a postscript concerning part of a prophecy of Mother Shipton, to quote: "The world to an end shall come, in nineteen hundred and ninety-one."

I have several books containing prophecies by Mother Shipton, and concerning the prophecy of the end of the world, they all seem to favor the year 1881.

It is quite obvious that 1881 is wrong—but where did 1991 come from? Possibly some time in the year 1992 the prophecy will have to be rewritten to read: "The world then to an end shall come, in twenty one hundred and twenty one." At least it seems to rhyme as well as the other two. Ho hum. Well . . . maybe some day?—*Roy E. Ogg, Bairoil, Wyo.*

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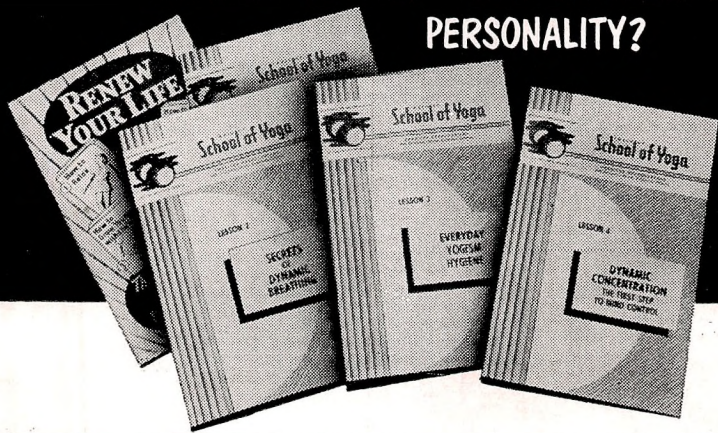
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