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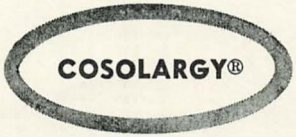
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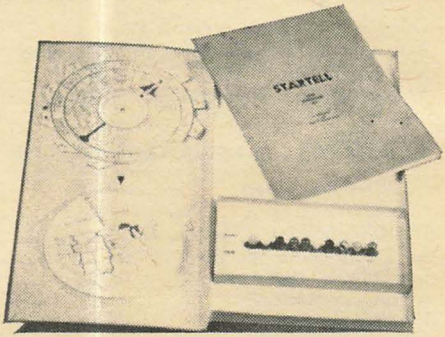
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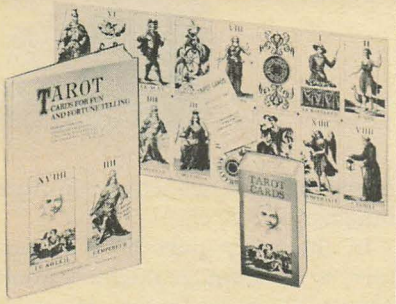
— John G. Fuller in
Incident at Exeter

"GLOBAL-PLATE Tectonics" is a magical phrase. To many people, especially earth scientists, it explains what they couldn't accept a few years ago — that continents drift about on the face of our globe.

We are interested especially in the scientific reception of this theory because it represents a classic example of public and scientific attitudes toward nearly every subject we cover in this magazine.

In the early part of this century a German geologist named Alfred Wegener looked at maps of the globe and was struck by many odd things. He observed that the bulge of Brazil would nestle quite nicely into the dent formed by the Gulf of Guinea in Africa. He knew that the rock formations in each area appear to be continuations of each other, that similar fossil plants and freshwater animals exist in places as distant as South America, Africa, Australia and India. And Wegener could conceive of no way in which these fauna and flora could have traveled these great distances across salt water. Therefore he logically concluded that all the continents once had been joined and then had drifted apart.

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Wegener was hooted down. Everyone knew in those days the earth was a solid stable mass! No one believed in forces powerful enough to move our gigantic landmasses, nor in mechanisms by which this could happen even if the forces existed.

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JUST ANOTHER NUT

THIS WAS roughly where things stood in 1948 when we began to publish FATE. At that time the editors studied the Wegener theory and it made sense to them. Since Wegener had officially propounded his theories in 1912 there now was new evidence bearing on the problem, such as residual magnetism in the earth's rocks, further geological matching of rocks in Africa and Brazil, increasing questions about the stability of the ocean floor, and so on.

Nonetheless, Wegener's ideas were pretty generally rejected because there was no theory to explain them. This rejection was by ignorant men, ignorant because they didn't possess the facts on which to build a theory to support Wegener's evidence. Of course they didn't admit they were ignorant; they didn't even admit they were prejudiced.

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gener's revolutionary ideas and said, "Well, you may have something here, Alfred. Let's look at every possibility and see what might have caused the continents to move around. Then let's conduct special investigations to test these causes. You've really got us shook up Alfred, and we want to find the answers as much as you do. Because, Alfred, while we don't know whether you are right or not, you have raised challenging questions for which we don't have answers."

Needless to say, this did not happen. Alfred Wegener was just another nut, along with the editors of FATE Magazine!

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TODAY'S THEORY

TODAY, OF COURSE, Alfred Wegener is no longer considered a nut, although the editors of FATE Magazine still may be. The reason, of course, is that magic theory "global-plate tectonics" which now explains Wegener's ideas about continental drift.

Before we leave the subject, we want to tell you just a little bit about the theory and how it seems to work at this moment in time.

The theory is based on the idea that the continents seem mainly to be made of light rocks, such as the sedimentary rocks and

especially granite, which float on the denser materials underneath. Essentially the earth's crust consists of a number of separate plates of rocks 40 to 60 miles thick. Of these plates, the thin one of the continents is the lightest.

All the continents were joined together into a single supercontinent until about 200 million years ago. For reasons still unexplained this supercontinent split up and the pieces began to move away from each other in different directions and at different rates of speed.

As the continents moved they scraped up all kinds of things in their paths. The plates collided with each other. One might slip under the other, be forced down and remelted in the molten interior of the earth. Jumbled, piled debris might accumulate at the leading edge of the moving continent. When India moved northward against Asia, for example, the Himalayas were formed.

The theory of global-plate tectonics explains a lot of other things, in addition to the little matter of continental drift, which geologists had not fully understood. When the plates shear and slide across each other earthquakes occur. When one plate is forced beneath and melts, the lava forces its way out of weak spots in the earth's crust and

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thus volcanoes are formed.

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One of these mysteries, of course, is what sets the continents in motion in the first place.

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OUR LESSON FOR TODAY

THE POINT of this little sermon is that despite all the *evidence* Wegener had to support his argument — and it was plenty — science would not accept his ideas until the mechanics could be explained.

The parallel with ESP is exact. Science generally will not accept the claims of parapsychology, despite all the *evidence* that psychic events do occur, until the *mechanisms* are understood. We expect this will be true even in the case of repeatable phenomena.

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BEFORE LEAVING this discussion of scientific attitudes we want to mention the curious affair of Dr. Wesley W. Hall and his claims regarding marijuana smoking. Hall is the 1971-72 president of the American Medical Association.

Early in March Dr. Hall was quoted as saying that reports of an AMA study committee soon would show a high level of impotence among males who smoke marijuana and that expectant mothers who smoke marijuana would have an unusually high number of babies with mental and physical birth defects.

About three weeks later Dr. Hall admitted that there was no medical evidence to support his claims. His lame excuse was that he had hoped his stories would discourage marijuana smoking which he is strongly against.

God knows, FATE Magazine is not advocating the smoking of marijuana but we are strongly advocating the application of *truth*. Too much emotion-charged, wishful thinking and phony research is going on in medical circles.

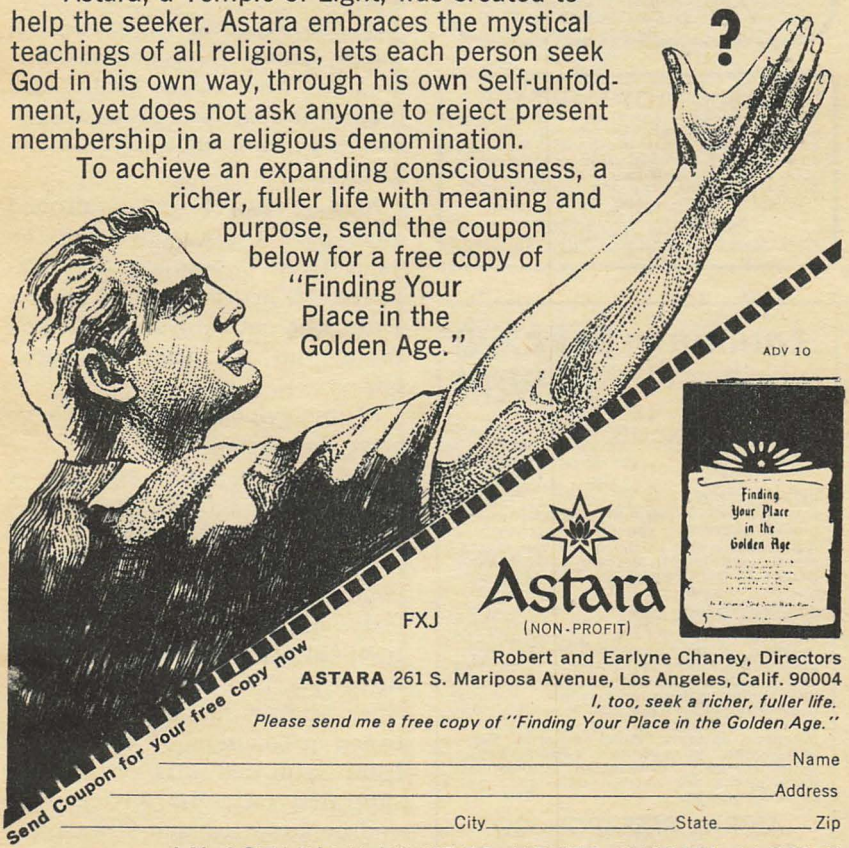
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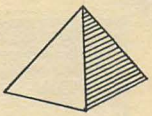
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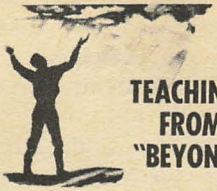
strong criticism of the American Heart Association's research program on the grounds that spokesmen of that organization deliberately had misled him and others concerning the theory that consumption of saturated fats leads to increased cholesterol in human beings, thus adding to the incidence of heart and artery disease.

It was expected that research would prove that polyunsaturated fats were better for humans than saturated fats because they resulted in less cholesterol in the arteries.

Now research has proved otherwise. There appears to be no difference between the incidence of heart disease among those who eat saturated fats and those who eat polyunsaturated fats.

All the evidence suggests we've been cheated again.

Incidentally, the editors of FATE did not fall for this one. A friend of ours is a foremost researcher in the field and some years ago he advised us that the body apparently needs cholesterol to survive and manufactures its own cholesterol. His work showed no difference between production of cholesterol from saturated fats or polyunsaturated fats. His advice was, and he admitted that it was preliminary, "cholesterol is a prod-



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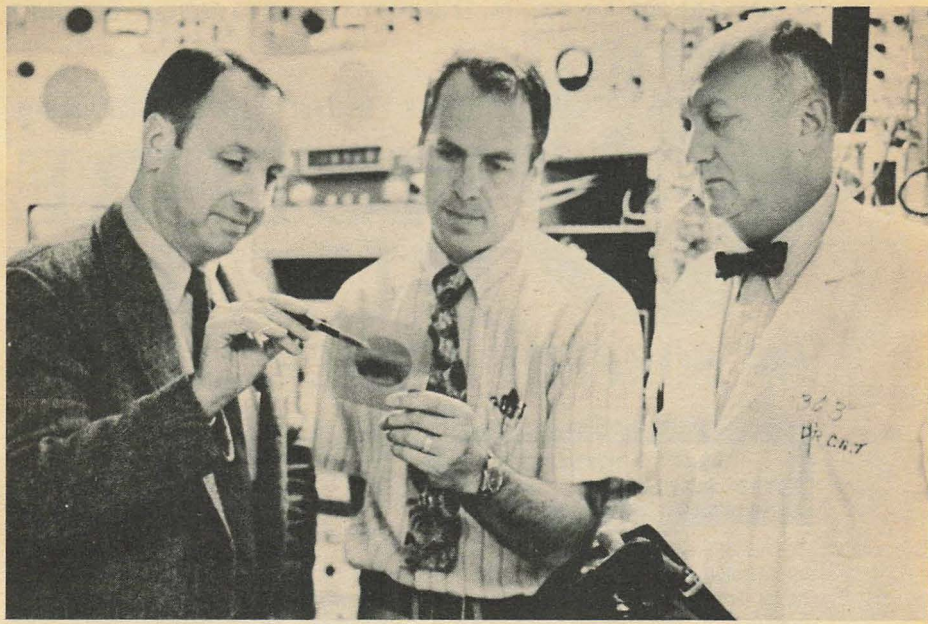
ANOTHER SCIENTIST friend, who has been carrying on a voluminous correspondence with a number of UFOlogists but who for the present insists on anonymity, has proposed a startling theory of UFO propulsion.

He suggests that UFOs may be powered by a kind of mercury engine which is within the grasp of our own technology.

One suggestion is for a kind of mercury-oxygen-ozone structure in which liquid mercury would combine and release oxygen with an efficiency of more than 50 percent.

Similarly, mercury arc devices can rapidly convert oxygen to ozone which decomposes spontaneously to oxygen — again with a high release of energy.

He believes the changing colors of the UFO flashing lights may mean they originate from oxides of mercury which turn from butter-yellow to deep red at low temperatures or under ra-

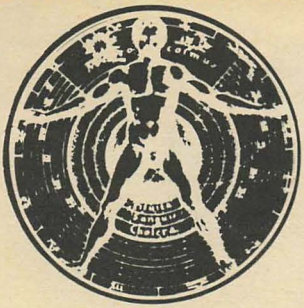


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diation. Mercury arcing produces violet-green coloration. Ultraviolet radiation also can be produced by mercury arc lamps and might explain the radiation burns reported by some UFO witnesses.

It seems theoretically possible, he says, to create a plasma above and below pools of mercury on which a magnetic flux acts. "Plasmas above and below a theoretical disc craft which is highly ionized and magnetic would tend to place the craft in a near vacuum (since it is surrounded by a plasma shield) and could thus offer special advantages in negating drag effects in the environmental atmosphere

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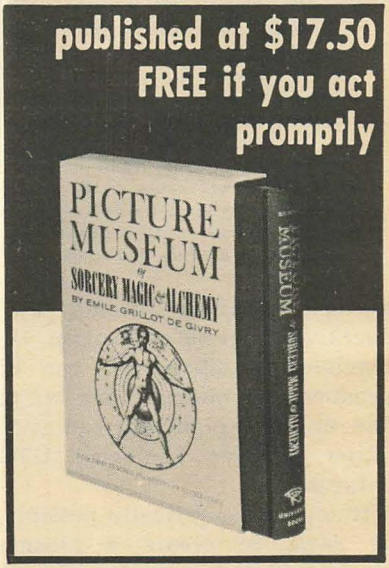
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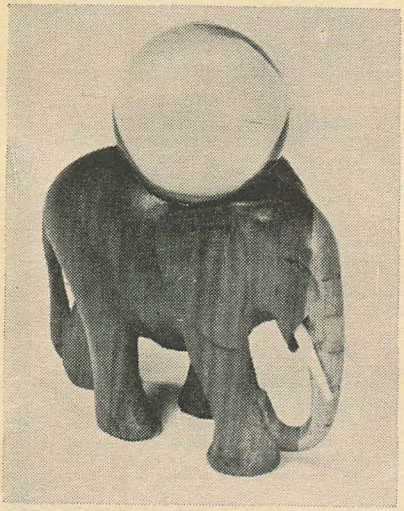
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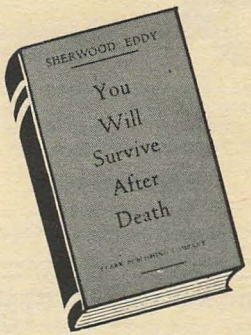
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That evening, reported *The State*, the Baileys were still picking up fish. "The boys were taking them to a little clay-pond near the house. We didn't know what else to do with them," Mrs. Bailey said.

The State theorized that the baby catfish might have come from nearby Lake Murray. A tornado was seen over Lake Murray that afternoon and "could explain the presence of the fish in Mrs. Bailey's yard."

We might add that this is a very common kind of story and it always gets the same common kind of explanation. But to think of a tornado lifting and transporting to the vicinity of Mrs. Bailey's house the amount of water necessary to contain the number of catfish deposited there boggles the mind. That amount of water surely would wash the house and outbuildings away!

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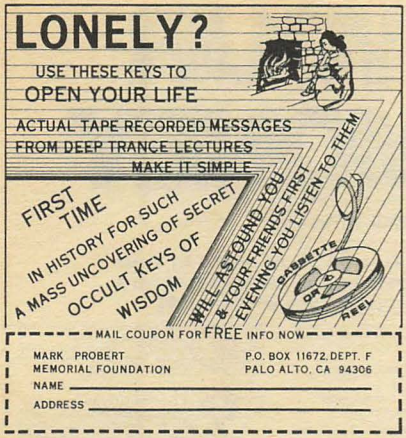
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So far as we know no strictly scientific study by impartial researchers ever has confirmed the claims of dowsers — although as in psychical research there are plenty of apparently confirmed cases of individual dowsers achieving outstanding success in particular instances.

Now the British magazine *Nature* has published results of a series of dowsing experiments by the British Army and Ministry of Defense which were wholly negative and resulted in the following conclusion: "The results obtained by dowsing are no more reliable than a series of guesses."

The tests were reported by R. A. Foulkes of the Institute for Industrial Research and Standards in Dublin, and included the following:

- Forked rods, parts of L-shaped sticks, plumb lines and magnetic

or electronic equipment were used to detect various kinds of metallic and plastic mines, concrete and wooden block and water. The results were almost exactly chance.

• An exception was an experiment to divine buried objects by trying to dowse them on maps. Fifty members of the British Military Engineering Experimental Laboratory were shown maps where mines had been buried and did better in guessing their location than eight experienced dowsers did.

• Twenty-two dowsers, acknowledged by their fellows to be expert, dowsed an area of heath and heather 400 feet square. Half of this approximately one-third acre was cleared and half was raked. It was divided into 400 segments. Some of the segments were untouched and inert plastic and metallic mines and wooden and concrete dummies were buried at random in known segments. When plotted on a graph, the attempts to locate the mines by divining rods and plumb lines fell exactly on chance.

• Army officer students, trained by a skilled dowser and picked as "sensitive," attempted to locate six-inch water pipes, with flowing water, buried at a depth of four feet. Again the results were chance except for one student with a five percent difference.

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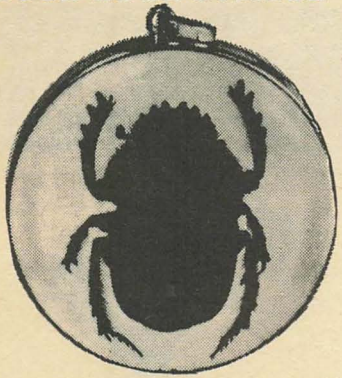
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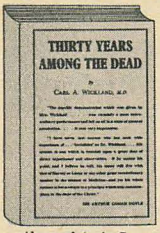
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Whiton was stripped and redressed only in a loin cloth. A wide white cloth was tied around his forehead. Special consecrated clay was rubbed on his body. He was led barefoot to a "magic circle" and sat on a low stool within this circle, before a lighted candle.

"Directly outside the circle," writes June Smith, "was a white chicken, legs tied together. On two sides of the circle were red flags representing ancient American Indian gods.

"There followed chanting, singing and a prolonged ritualistic ceremony that involved the chicken, the altar, the fire and the participants."

In the finale, Whiton's body was smeared with leaves from herbs, his leg was carefully struck with a machete in sym-

bolic fashion so as not to physically injure him.

Rene's fee was $100. And Whiton was cured. Pretty good for a man who didn't believe in any part of the ceremony.

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THE MUTANTS

ONE OF THE unexpected problems of our modern society — and one about which anti-pollutionists have not yet raised a battle cry — concerns the vast number of new chemicals introduced into our foods, drugs, air and water. For they may be causing human mutations.

Dr. James F. Crow of the University of Wisconsin recently warned that today mutations probably are accumulating faster than they are eliminated.

There are a number of reasons for this. In the past mutations appear to have occurred only naturally and to have been eliminated by natural means. Most mutations are harmful and the natural struggle for survival has eliminated the harmful ones. This was truer in the past because today more persons live to be adults and so pass their mutations on.

Dr. Crow insists all new chemicals must be tested to determine whether they cause mutations. If they do they should be banned.

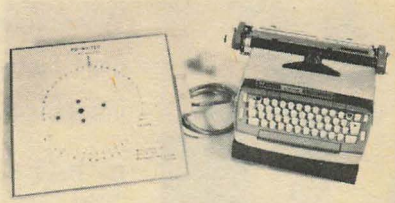
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IRENE HUGHES and the Canadian Kidnapings

When enterprising radio-journalist gave his audience live broadcast of psychic's impressions, was anybody listening?

By Brad Steiger
Photos courtesy United Press International

Pierre LaPorte was kidnaped only minutes after Canadian government broadcast conciliatory appeal for release of Cross.

KIDNAP — a "made" word — describes one of the world's most despicable criminal actions. Yet of late political activists have been testing its strength as a weapon — with sometimes horrifying results.

On October 5, 1970, British trade commissioner James Jasper Cross was snatched from his Montreal residence by abductors who pretended to be delivering a birthday gift for him.

Shortly after the kidnaping, representatives of the *Front de Liberation du Quebec* (FLQ) contacted government authorities through a local radio station and admitted that members of their organization had carried out the abduction. For the safe return of the diplomat the FLQ demanded the release of 23 persons being held in Canadian jails as "political prisoners."

On October 10, a mere five days after Cross's abduction, an FLQ group calling itself the Chenier Cell kidnaped Quebec Labor Minister Pierre LaPorte. They demanded the same ransom as for Cross but now added a threat to the life of their victim. The kidnaping of LaPorte created more of a stir among French-speaking Canadians because the Labor Minister was the senior Cabinet Minister in the Quebec government, second only to Premier Robert Bourassa.

Cross, on the other hand, was a ranking member among what the separatists call *"Les Anglais"* (the English).

The week after the second kidnaping dominion officials in Ottawa publicly engaged in negotiations with the FLQ, at the same time encouraging the Quebec government's decision to take a hard line against the ransom demands of the terrorist group.

Over the past few years Canada has had to witness the activities of an organization whose avowed objective is the separation of Quebec from the Dominion of Canada and the formation of a new sovereign French-speaking state. FLQ members have placed bombs in mailboxes, government buildings, the stock exchange and radio stations, causing several deaths. Some arrests have been made and a few FLQ terrorists have been convicted. These are the "political prisoners" demanded as ransom for the diplomats.

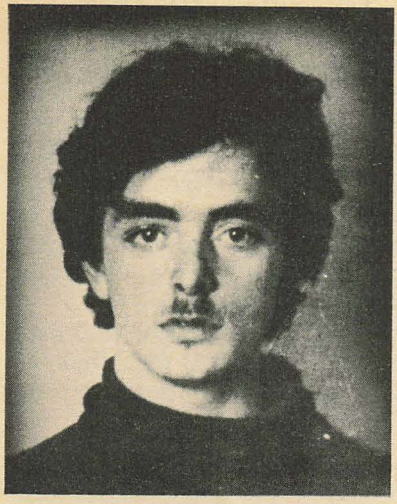
On Wednesday afternoon, October 14, hoping to obtain some kind of lead in the kidnapings, Canadian broadcast-journalist Robert Cummings telephoned Chicago psychic Irene Hughes. The conversation that followed was tape-recorded at the same time it was aired live on Cummings' "Afterthought" show over CJCI, Prince George, B.C.

Cummings spent less than two minutes explaining to Mrs. Hughes why he was calling; then after pointing out to his listeners that he had not allowed the psychic adequate time for meditation he asked Mrs. Hughes to give her psychic impressions of the Cross and LaPorte kidnapings. An abbreviated transcript of that broadcast follows:

Irene Hughes: With the first gentleman (Cross) I feel that no physical harm will come to him.

After holding him captive for almost 60 days, FLQ released Britain's James J. Cross — weary but unharmed.





Bernard Lortie, aged 19, admitted part in kidnaping but not murder of LaPorte.

However, I feel there will be physical harm to the second.

Robert Cummings: Now the newspapers in Chicago are keeping you informed, eh? As much as we're being informed up here?

Mrs. H.: I've not read the papers today so I don't know what has happened up to this point.

R. C.: So you feel the British diplomat, Cross, will not be harmed but you fear for LaPorte, the Cabinet Minister from Quebec?

Mrs. H.: Yes, this is true.

R. C.: Can you get a psychic impression as to the arrest of the FLQ responsible for the kidnaping of these two?

Mrs. H: Well, it's my impression that it may be two to three months, Bob. But I feel that within that time an arrest will come. Actually, I would pinpoint the sixth of November of this year. I said two or three months, but I feel some very striking and unusual news may come on the sixth of November.

R. C.: What do you see for LaPorte? Do you see his death?

Mrs. H.: Bob, I hesitate very much to make such a prediction as this.

R. C.: But you feel his life is in more serious jeopardy than Cross's?

Mrs. H.: Yes, I do.

R. C.: In other words, Cross has a chance for release, as far as you are concerned?

Mrs. H.: I feel so, yes.

R. C.: Where do you feel these people (FLQ) are hiding out with their victims?

Mrs. H.: Bob, I feel they're not far from the original scene.

R. C.: That being Montreal. You feel they're still in the country, still in the province? You already mentioned capture is some weeks away. You don't feel it may be imminent?

Mrs. H.: Well, the news coming out around November 6 may indicate that one of them has been caught or that they have a tremendous lead. . . .

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ON OCTOBER 16 the federal government, invoking the War Measures Act, placed the entire Dominion of Canada under martial law. This emergency measure provided the police and other authorities with complete powers of arrest and the right to invade privacy. In the first 48 hours more than 300 persons were arrested.

While most Canadians seemed to support Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's action, civil libertarians protested that he had gone too far. Thomas C. Douglas, Saskatchewan socialist who heads the New Democratic Party, argued that Canada already has a criminal code with sections on treason, conspiracy and weapons to handle such emergencies. Former Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker stated there had been no need to include other Canadian provinces in measures designed to cope with the crisis in Quebec.

Then — on Saturday, October 17 — the FLQ kidnapers of Pierre LaPorte used a Montreal radio station to tell police that Quebec's Labor Minister had been assassinated. Authorities would find LaPorte's body in the trunk of a green Chevrolet at the military base in a section of Montreal known as St. Hubert. The discovery of LaPorte's strangled and stabbed corpse silenced Prime Minister Trudeau's critics and set off an angry backlash among conservative Canadians.

Real Cauette, head of the *Ralliement Creditiste* party, told the House of Commons: "I am convinced that the FLQ leaders know everything, including the place where the bandits are hiding and I submit that those leaders should immediately be brought before a firing squad and compelled to divulge everything . . . on the threat of having 10 of their members executed for each person they kill."

Robert Cummings again telephoned Irene Hughes on the morning of October 18. As it happened she had been trying to reach him at the same time to discuss the tragic accuracy of her psychic impression about Pierre LaPorte's death. Here are portions of the second conference between Cummings in Prince George and Mrs. Hughes in Chicago:

Irene Hughes: I had the very strangest feeling that I should say to you that a green car was involved, and I didn't, and I notice that it said in the news that LaPorte's body was found in a green car. I was shocked.

Robert Cummings: What about Mr. Cross? You indicated to me that he would be released. How do you feel about this now in the

light of LaPorte's death and the mystery surrounding Cross and the fact that he hasn't turned up?

Mrs. H.: I feel that he is still alive and I get the impression now that if the authorities offered more money, above and beyond that which has been requested by the FLQ, this man's life might be spared. I feel that he is alive but that he may be ill and very weak.

R. C.: Where is he?

Mrs. H.: I will say five miles northwest of Montreal. It seems that the place he is in is about three stories high. I feel that it is red brick, a kind of old place, and it actually could be an apartment building.

R. C.: Is he being held under guns?

Mrs. H.: I feel that he is being held under guard and it is very strange but I see two women involved in that same group. It may be that one of them is taking care of him as far as nursing care is concerned. . .

. . . It is my impression that some major changes are coming about in your police force . . . to create a different type of protection, but I don't know what this is.

R. C.: Do you feel that Cross is still alive and that he will be released alive?

Mrs. H.: They will not hurt Cross because they will defeat their own purposes if they do.

R. C.: What was the purpose with LaPorte? Do you see LaPorte meaning something more to the FLQ in their cause than Cross does?

Mrs. H.: I feel that LaPorte was more important to them in their activities than Mr. Cross. The feeling came to me that he (LaPorte) had more power involving their personal lives than (Cross).

R. C.: Anything concerning Cross, like what he might be wearing or doing now?

Mrs. H.: I have the feeling that he is in a bed and therefore that he is of course in bedclothes or not wearing very much . . . I feel that he has lost weight and he looks to me rather thin and I do not remember pictures of this man or what he looks like. . . I had the feeling of intravenous feeding but I am wondering if something has not been given to him to keep him in an unconscious state or to be unaware of where he is.

R. C.: What do you see particularly next?

Mrs. H.: It could be because of explosions but I see a huge fire* and this may divert attention so (the FLQ) can create other problems.

*On November 5, 1970, in Montreal 17 persons died in a major fire in a geriatric hospital.

R. C.: Do you see these fires in government buildings?

Mrs. H.: Yes and in one hospital.

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IN VIEW OF the accuracy of Mrs. Hughes' predictions of October 14 and the potential usefulness of the new information Cummings decided to contact the authorities. When he did he was urged to continue probing for more clues from the Chicago seeress but the authorities also advised him to discontinue broadcasting his conversations with Mrs. Hughes and to halt the distribution of the special radio programs he had been developing from these interviews.

Cummings made four additional tapes in October, on the 18th (during which Mrs. Hughes provided police references from the Cook County Sheriff's Office), the 19th, the 20th and the 21st. Cummings recorded these conversations with the psychic and filed them for future release, then saw to it that transcripts and duplicate tapes were delivered to the authorities as soon as they were completed. None of the information contained on these tapes was made public until the authorities granted clearance on October 28. Then Cummings prepared a two-part radio program and aired it first over CJCI on November 6.

On that same date Irene Hughes' predictions that one of the kidnapers would be arrested on November 6 and that a "tremendous lead" would develop both were realized when police apprehended Bernard Lortie in West Montreal. Brought before an inquest on November 7 Lortie confessed to his participation with three others in the abduction of Pierre LaPorte. Lortie named his associates as Paul and Jacques Rose and Francis Simard and these men were arrested early in January 1971 in a St. Luc farmhouse near Montreal.

Also on November 6 the authorities revealed they had authenticated a recent photo of James Cross along with his signature which had been received from the FLQ. The photo showed the British trade commissioner seated on a box of explosives playing cards.

Cummings and his associates at CJCI noticed too that Mrs. Hughes' prediction of "major changes coming about in your police force . . . to create a different type of protection" had been fulfilled on November 2 when the federal government introduced a bill in the legislature to replace the War Measures Act with a new law authorizing stepped-up police action during times of local crises.

The tapes made on October 19 and 20 reiterated many of the same points Mrs. Hughes had covered in the conversations on the 14th and 18th. These transcripts are too long to be reproduced completely but here are some interesting exchanges from Cummings' discussion with Mrs. Hughes on October 21 at 9:30 P.M.:

Robert Cummings: Have you read the latest developments in the paper?

Irene Hughes: I heard only about the way Mr. LaPorte died, by strangling.

R. C.: Yes and I recall that you indicated stabbing. He was also stabbed. I argued with you earlier and said that he had been shot because the early reports out of Montreal had said so. However, the reports were wrong and your impressions were apparently right. Irene, what about Cross? Do you feel at this moment that he is still alive?

Mrs. H.: I still feel that he is. . .

R. C.: It seems your indication of Cuban involvement was right. A newspaper story was published tonight about the authorities' suspicions that many of (the FLQ) are actually trained in Cuba.

Mrs. H.: Well, I had to say just exactly what I felt.

R. C.: As a psychic can you exert any influence on these people?

Mrs. H.: I doubt it because I do not believe in black magic and the only thing I am doing is tuning in to them in certain psychic ways.

Three days after Bernard Lortie's arrest and the subsequent occurrences on November 6 — the date Mrs. Hughes had foreseen as a day of "striking and unusual" developments in the case — Cummings telephoned her again.

Irene Hughes: I've deliberately not read the newspapers here. This can be (attested) only by my family but I didn't want anything to interfere with my own psychic impressions. I feel that Mr. Cross is still alive and it is my impression that he will not be assassinated.

R. C.: You feel very positive about this?

Mrs. H.: Very positive. (I see) some major action concerning him or some major news concerning him and it may be that there will be other demands for his release before he will be released. Now this does not mean that the FLQ is going to suffer a setback because I feel that action taken by — well, I'll say coming from France is going to stir up greater problems in Canada in 1971 in the early months, particularly February, then again between May and July.

R. C.: Why do you get France? Is it because of obvious association between French Quebec separatists and —

Mrs. H.: No, no, Bob. I don't understand everything about ESP. No one does. Sometimes I cannot understand a certain name or vibration; I only tell just what I feel. So I cannot tell you why I keep repeating France but that's what I feel. This will be in addition to the Cuban activities. So as far as problems, bombings and violence are concerned, Canada will have another year of difficulties.

R. C.: You indicated just a few moments ago that the FLQ ranks or problems are going to expand. This is contrary to what the press is reporting.

Mrs. H.: I do not mean to imply that the press is deliberately withholding information but I do feel that conferences have been held in connection with the crisis to indicate to the press that they should not publish anything of a nature that would cause hysteria or lack of confidence in the leaders of Canada.

R. C.: You feel that contrary to the statements in the press the FLQ situation is much bigger, more dramatic, expanding?

Mrs. H.: I feel that it is and I have no facts to go on other than my psychic impressions. And I feel that this has been building up over the past five years. . .

The November 9 telephone conference was the last in the series of conversations between Cummings and Irene Hughes in connection with the Canadian FLQ crisis.

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WHEN I ASKED Cummings' associate Dave Macmaster on November 14, 1970, how extensively the authorities had utilized the tapes the broadcasters had provided the Canadian gave me a frank answer:

"Mrs. Hughes has asked for a paper or other small object that had been handled by Mr. Cross. She has not received it. The police references supplied by Mrs. Hughes have not been contacted. There is no way of knowing whether any credence has been given to the information supplied by Cummings.

"Despite Mrs. Hughes' assistance in the solution of five murders in the United States and the knowledge that she has accurately pinpointed the location of a body in another, Canadian authorities apparently have decided that ESP can play no useful part in their investigations.

"The indisputable facts remain," Macmaster concluded. "On October 14 on live radio Irene Hughes forecast the harm that came to Quebec Labor Minister Pierre LaPorte; the arrest

of one of the kidnapers in a major development on November 6; the new police legislation currently before the Canadian Parliament; a major fire; and the apparent survival of James Cross."

Then, on December 3, 1970, the international press published the news of Cross's release.

For 60 days the British diplomat had seen no sun from his three-story brick prison on Des Recollets Street in a northern suburb of Montreal. A week before his release the police had become certain that Cross was inside the house and had begun to set up a "semivisible" ring of police officers around the area so the FLQ might know they had no exit and must negotiate. At last someone tossed a message out of the dwelling and government representatives parleyed with the terrorists. After an agreement had been reached the kidnapers handed Cross over to Cuban diplomats, then boarded a Canadian military plane headed for Cuba. Only when the plane had landed was Cross finally freed. Prime Minister Trudeau described the incident as a nightmare that had passed into history but his Justice Minister John Turner unknowingly echoed the words of Irene Hughes when he warned, "This FLQ conspiracy isn't broken yet."

"From the first interview," Robert Cummings told me, "Irene Hughes was firm about her psychic impression of the eventual release of James Cross. Television and radio news reports throughout the day of December 3 referred to the developments of that day as the 'final chapter in a most incredible drama.' It was however an incredible drama that had had its closing chapter 'written' on the air coast-to-coast by Irene Hughes three weeks prior to the actual events.

"My mind almost boggles when I consider the remarkable accuracy and detail of Irene's many psychic evaluations concerning this case," Cummings went on. "There were predictions of major consequence, such as the events of November 6 and Cross's release, her accurate description of the LaPorte kidnapers' automobile and the three-story brick duplex northwest of Montreal where Cross was held. Irene Hughes had told me and the authorities and the Canadian public all that and much more since October 14. Undoubtedly, this endeavor represents an impressive documentation of ESP at work in a 'now' manner in modern history."

Important
RUSSIAN TELEPATHY
Findings

Soviet scientists seek to discover whether bodily movements can be influenced by telepathic—nonverbalized—commands.

By Anita Gregory

IN THE UNITED States the parapsychologists who wish to be as scientifically respectable as possible tend to emphasize extrasensory perception in psychical research. The experimental question asked usually runs something like this: Did the subject obtain information that he could not have received through the ordinary channels of communication?

In Russia, on the other hand, following the 19th-Century French tradition, parapsychological questions usually have assumed influence by a sender rather than perception by a sensitive receiver. These two approaches, of course, are not mutually exclusive. Indeed, they might be thought to be complementary but they lead to an interesting difference in emphasis and in experimental procedure.

Most of the 20th-Century Russian work arises out of 19th-Century hypnotic experiments in which these questions are posed: Can a hypnotist influence his subjects by other than verbal or standard physical signals? If so, is it possible to discover how this influence is conveyed from hyp-

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They founded a private nonprofit Institution for the Study of Mental Images in Hampshire, England, and published the magazine "Cosmos." The discontinuance of these following the tragic accidental death of Mr. Gregory in 1964 was an immeasurable loss to parapsychology. Since then Mrs. Gregory has pursued her work on the complex problems of psychical research.

notist to subject? Is it some sort of electromagnetic radiation or the disturbance of an electrical field that conveys the instruction? Or is the compelling message (if any) carried in some manner as yet wholly inexplicable in terms of current physical concepts?

It is desirable to investigate effects that are as simple as possible and can be easily isolated, classified and recorded. Therefore, when Prof. L. L. Vasiliev of the Institute of Brain Physiology at the University of Leningrad was put in charge of a project for investigating the claims for telepathy and similar psychical phenomena in the early 1920's it was natural that he began with experiments involving the possible influence of mental suggestion on ordinary bodily movements: Can a hypnotist get a subject to move an arm or leg or specific muscle without resorting to verbal instructions? Is it possible to produce, by mental influence, reflexes normally elicited by touch?

Drs. Vasiliev, Podierny and Finne selected as their first subject a chronic patient from one of Leningrad's mental hospitals. The patient, referred to as Kouzmina, suffered from a long-standing hysterical paralysis of her left side. The experimenters, most of whom were medically qualified, found that under hypnosis Kouzmina could be persuaded to move her left side in response to verbal commands. But they also found that after continued and repeated hypnotic instructions the patient tended to become negativistic — she refused to do as she was told.

All this was to be expected according to what had been discovered as long ago as the middle of the 19th Century, in the days of the great French hypnotist Charcot. However, Vasiliev's and his collaborators' aim was to discover whether the patient would respond to mental suggestions on the part of the doctors — after the experiments of another French hypnotist, Dr. Joire.

The Russian researchers found, rather to their surprise, that whereas Kouzmina did display the characteristic negativism in response to prolonged hypnotic *verbal* instructions, she continued to obey merely *mental* commands.

These preliminary experiments were carried out in a small hospital ward bare of all furniture except for a stool and the patient's bed. Dr. Finne would hypnotize Kouzmina by means of verbal suggestion. One of the experimenters sat behind the subject's head at a distance of about six and a half feet and wrote down the movements he

would *will* the subject to perform, after which (in an effort to influence the subject to comply) he would imagine, as vividly as possible, the subject making the series of muscular contractions necessary to execute the movement. Special care was taken by all those present to avoid unconscious whispering which would have spoilt the experiment.

It was found that once the subject was in a state of deep hypnosis, her eyes tightly closed or bandaged, she usually would make the movement thus mentally suggested to her and no others. When asked by the hypnotist why she had made this particular movement she would reply "I was told by Dr. Finne" — or by whoever was acting as experimenter. Virtually always she correctly identified the sender.

Many different movements were suggested to this subject: raise your hand or leg, put out your tongue, cross your arms, sit up, put your hands under your head, scratch your nose, etc. She responded not only to her hypnotist's instructions and to those of experimenters whom she knew but also to instructions from outside scientists who occasionally attended. When one of these visitors, a Professor Kouliabko, mentally suggested that she scratch her left cheek, she scratched her right cheek complaining that "Professor Koulbashov" had made the right side of her face itch horribly.

An analysis of the records show the subject carried out 10 out of 19 tasks perfectly; six were partially correct and three were wrong or not obeyed at all.

Further experiments were carried out in subsequent years with slight variations in procedure and with different subjects. It was found that only certain people are responsive to such "mental suggestion." Some of these were patients in mental hospitals but others were ordinary people. The technique has one major drawback: Prolonged repetition of the experiments with any given subject renders such demonstrations ever less convincing.

During the initial hypnotic sessions the subjects were passive, almost to the point of immobility, but as the experiments proceeded the subjects became increasingly restless. They made spontaneous movements with increasing frequency which made it more and more doubtful that they had carried out particular movements in response to mental (or any other) suggestions. It was, according to Vasiliev, as if the experimenters had trained their subjects to perform certain movements, not necessarily in response to instructions.

The experimenters then wondered whether mental influence could be effective in inducing not only voluntary movements, as in the previously described experiments, but also involuntary and unconscious movements, such as the unconscious swaying of the body when standing still. Every person has a characteristic swaying pattern of which he is unaware.

For this experiment Dr. A. I. Bronstein designed a platform by means of which automatic recordings could be taken of a subject's swaying movements without his knowing it was this aspect of his unconscious behavior that was being measured.

The setup then was tested on three subjects, students and laboratory assistants aged 18 to 20. First the subject's characteristic swaying pattern was recorded. Then the experimenter attempted, by means of mental suggestion, to compel the subject to sway back and forth. Nothing whatsoever happened! The recording was the same before, during and after mental suggestion. However, when subjects were told verbally that they would not be able to stand still, that they would feel as though pulled forward and backward, they responded in a visible, measurable and recordable manner. As experiments continued with a wider selection of subjects it was found that characteristic response (or nonresponse) patterns to verbal suggestion could be obtained for all of them but few of them responded to merely mental suggestions.

The investigators now tried their new apparatus and technique on I.M., one of their earlier subjects, a mental patient with whom they had obtained reasonable results in response to mentally suggesting voluntary acts. On the platform I. M. displayed marked swaying movements in response to wordless willing on the part of experimenters. During one experiment her swings became so pronounced she lost her balance. When questioned she said she had felt nothing during the experiments. No spontaneous forward and backward swings ever were recorded in the absence of mental suggestion.

The conclusion drawn by Vasiliev and his colleagues at this stage was threefold: The data suggested the possibility that conscious voluntary movements can be affected by mental suggestion; the data supported the possibility that unconscious involuntary movement can be affected by mental suggestion; and apparently involuntary and unconscious movements can be induced only in subjects who are susceptible to mental sugges-

tions for voluntary, conscious movements.

A number of other Russian scientists attempted to discover whether the mental suggestions leading to movement on the part of experimental subjects could be inhibited by screening which would stop electromagnetic radiation. Several groups of investigators were involved, under the respective leadership of B. B. Kajinski, T. V. Gourstein and S. I. Tourligin. It would seem, however, that the experiments carried out by these teams were too sporadic, too few and not sufficiently controlled to yield even tentative conclusions.

Russian investigators also have attempted to discover whether the movements of animals, both voluntary and involuntary, can be affected by mental suggestion. The best known of these experiments probably are those conducted under the direction of V. M. Bechterev, a contemporary of I. P. Pavlov and a man of considerable scientific standing both in Russia and elsewhere.

Bechterev had become interested in the claims of Vladimir Dourov, a circus performer who entertained a huge public with a celebrated telepathy act in which he "mentally" influenced his dogs to carry out numerous maneuvers. Dourov was immensely successful. Before the revolution he was a star performer and old Russian émigrés of my acquaintance still recall the grand style in which he lived. After the revolution he became something of a recognized Soviet authority on animal behavior.

Dourov trained his dogs to respond to a Galton whistle, the sound of which is too high for an (adult) human ear to hear but which is perfectly audible to dogs. However, Dourov became convinced that his dogs occasionally responded to merely mental commands on his part. He said he used this in circus turns, mentally compelling dogs to bark a particular number of times or to fetch some object by thought alone.

Bechterev attempted to subject Dourov's claims to rigorous scientific examination. He set up experiments under the following conditions: (1) The dog's owner, Dourov, was to be absent. (2) There was to be no audience. (3) The dog was brought into the room only immediately before the experiment. (4) After making the mental suggestion the experimenter was to hide from the dog. (5) The assistant who alone supervised the dog whilst it was supposed to carry out the mentally suggested task was to have no idea what this task would be.

Bechterev concluded that dogs easily can be induced to perform specific feats by means of so-called mental suggestion, especially if the dogs are trained to obedience. He considered that this effect could be produced without direct contact between sender and dog, that it was not impaired by bandaging the sender's eyes nor by interposing wooden or metal screens between sender and dog.

However, it seems doubtful that Bechterev's experiments can be accepted without reservation. Even as described by Bechterev, the animals frequently did not carry out the task required at all precisely and control experiments seem conspicuous by their absence. For example, in a case where a dog was mentally instructed to pick up one of three paper balls we are not told whether the dog tended to pick up new objects of perhaps greater canine interest in an otherwise bare experiment room, nor are the relative positions of the three paper balls described — surely highly pertinent information!

Vasiliev seems not to have considered it worthwhile to follow up this attempt to produce motor reactions in dogs by means of mental suggestion. However, he pursued another interesting avenue of investigation which apparently was abandoned when Steblin-Kamensky, the young researcher in charge of the project, was killed in the siege of Leningrad during the last war.

This work arose out of some observations made by R. Reutler, director of the Malaria Institute at Rosh Pina in Israel. Reutler noticed that when the temperature was sufficiently high the exposed inner organs of grasshoppers apparently were affected by the mere bodily presence of the experimenter, contracting violently whilst the experimenter quietly sat by and reverting to slow rhythmic movement in his absence. Attempts were made to ensure that these contractions were not the result of a change in temperature or humidity. It was noted that the effect on the intestinal muscles varied with the breathing movements of the experimenter who was quietly looking through a microscope. A more marked effect was produced when the observer sharply contracted a group of voluntary muscles, as for example by suddenly bending his leg or executing rapid finger movements.

In 1940 Vasiliev asked Steblin-Kamensky to repeat these experiments at the Institute of Brain Physiology in Leningrad. A number of experiments were carried out using locusts and

cockroaches. Steblin-Kamensky prepared the insects by the same method used by Reutler but he was unable to reproduce the heat conditions existing at Rosh Pina. Also the number of insects available was limited. However, Steblin-Kamensky was able to reproduce Reutler's effects — more systematically in summer than in winter. A deep sigh on his part or a sudden contraction of his leg muscles seemed to cause strong contractions in the intestines of the laboratory insects.

To us, accustomed as we are to thinking of psychic phenomena as acts of nonsensory perception, these experiments may seem to have little to do with parapsychology. But we could be wrong! If it could be established (as it certainly has not been so far) that one organism somehow directly produces muscular changes in another, a whole new avenue of research is opened up. If it could be shown that your muscular contraction can directly affect the involuntary muscular contractions of another organism, an "influencing" would have been established which might have a bearing on more clearly "psychic" claims.

If such experiments were pursued in a rigorous, systematic manner in physiological and psychological laboratories and their results proved positive, they could be found to have a bearing on some of the least reputable psychic claims: those of influencing at a distance, of healing and of harming.



"MY CAT"

By Lois Selvidge

JUST BEFORE Labor Day, 1964, we were living in the small town of Killen, Tex. About three o'clock one afternoon my four-year-old son Jack came running into the kitchen where I was busy baking.

"Can it sleep with me, Mommy?" he asked.

"Can what sleep with you?"

"My cat," he replied.

"But you don't have a cat."

"Daddy is bringing me one. I saw him buy it."

I laughed and sent him out to play. At 5:00 P.M. when my husband Jack came home he brought with him a purebred kitten he had picked up in a pet shop in Temple, Tex., 20 miles away, at about the same time my son "saw" him buy it.

Our Lovers' Lane is a GHOST WALK

Is wraith who appears most often to spooning couples seeking romance she never found in life?

By Don Worley

ON A COLD moonlit night in February 1965 Dale Vaughn and Joan Groce — seniors in high school at that time and now married to each other — were parked on a secluded road in wooded Tom's Creek valley southwest of Richmond, Ind. A few minutes after they had stopped they heard a sound like car doors slamming in the distance.

Taking out a flashlight Dale walked down to the creek behind the car and looked around. When he found nothing he started back to the car. It was then he saw the figure of a girl some distance down the road east of him. Puzzled, he wondered what girl would be out walking alone on that lonely road at night. There were no houses nearby. As he watched the girl vanished from sight. Once in the car again he told his fiancée what he thought he had seen and they laughingly concluded that since he had hit his head at work that day he must be seeing things.

But their laughter ceased abruptly when a strange form appeared behind the left rear fender of their car — a glowing white blouse and knee-length skirt of dark and light squares and a head of long dark hair. As the figure passed alongside them the couple gaped in astonishment. The form had neither face, arms nor legs.

Moving at normal walking speed in an even floating motion the apparition glided a short distance in front of the headlights. Within the mild white glow the clothing showed sharp and clear, then became transparent when the form reached the other side of the road where it slowly faded away. In a moment Dale and Joan revived

from stunned immobility and took terrified flight.

Several months later another couple — Leroy Forrest and Mary McKay — encountered another manifestation in the same valley. Because they are reluctant to talk about it some of the details are unclear but their description of a moving form in a glowing blouse, checkered skirt and long dark hair fits the thing Dale and Joan had reported seeing.

The next young persons to meet the ghost were Howard Vaughn and Jaynie Groce, brother and sister of the first couple. One night in the fall of 1965, parked near a bridge over Crooked Creek, a half mile south of Tom's Creek, they were aware of a sound behind their car as if someone were disturbing dry weeds or leaves. When Jaynie looked out the rear window she was horrified to see a vague shape wearing a white blouse and checkered skirt but she could discern no face, arms or legs.

"This girl," Jaynie said later, "was floating toward the back of our car and seemed about 10 feet away. I screamed at Howard to get us out of there. He never did get to look back to see what had frightened me. He just started the car and we raced away. I told him what I had seen after we were safely down the road."

Another strange thing happened in broad daylight on a pleasant day in May 1966. Midge Selby and his friend Gary Adkins, both 18, just had climbed down the bank at the southeast corner of the bridge to search under rocks in the creek for fish bait. At about the same time they both spotted an unusual object some 30 feet down the creek.

"You couldn't tell what it was," Midge said. "It was foggy white with hazy edges and some vertical streaks of grey in it. It was rounded at the top and bottom and the sides were irregular and wavy. It looked about six feet tall and seemed to hover about two feet above the left bank of the creek."

As the boys stood staring the

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mysterious shape traveled slowly down the creek and then disappeared. Giving up all thought of fishing that afternoon the boys fled to Gary's house a half mile away.

It seems pertinent that in recent years various unexplainable events have occurred in the home of the Frank Grant family which is situated in the heart of the area where the strange apparition so often has been seen.

Several years ago, 12-year-old Nancy Grant awoke just after midnight when she heard someone trying to enter the house by the front door. Peering out through the darkness she saw, on the steps, a round white form about the height of a person. She ran to waken her mother but on returning to the front door they found nothing. One evening shortly thereafter Nancy and her friend Rose Connelly were sitting in Nancy's bedroom when suddenly a dazzling light filled the room just for a few seconds. At the same time the girls heard someone or something working the old-fashioned pump in the yard.

In July 1969 Mrs. Grant, sitting in her sewing room, watched a light appear near an old tank just outside the window. The light was so bright that it illuminated both her room and the area outside. After a few moments it faded away.

Everyone in the family has heard strange roars and an inexplicable pecking sound around the house. No explanation for any of these occurrences ever has been found.

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AS THESE BITS and pieces of information came to me I became intrigued by the mystery in our valley. I wanted to see the "ghost" myself.

The night of September 25, 1969 my 18-year-old nephew Jack Dice and I parked on the road 40 feet east of the bridge over Tom's Creek. As we waited we each commented at separate times on a concussive sensation in our ears similar to that produced by the slamming of a car door. I kept my eyes on the shadows on the bridge and suddenly I saw an indistinct human form appear.

"There's someone on the bridge!" I called to Jack. Then as the form moved closer and stopped my heart began to pound. Without taking my eyes away from the figure I fumbled for my camera.

Suddenly the form changed to a clear white patch or square approximately two feet by one foot in size. Jack thought it was taller with diagonal lines in it. The form moved diagonally in front of us at the speed of a person hurrying on foot. I was so

stunned I didn't get my camera up and focused before the strange thing had disappeared.

For a minute or two Jack and I talked about what we had seen, then quickly departed from the spot with the uncomfortable feeling that whatever it was could be watching us from the roadside foliage less than six feet away.

Now convinced that the ghost was real I became an unofficial "ghost-hunter." Questioning many area residents I learned that a prime candidate for our "valley ghost" was Sylvia Scott, whose tragic life may explain why the apparition so often appears to spooning young couples.

Sylvia was born in the heart of our valley in 1912 and died 36 years later in a mental hospital from "maniacal strangulation," although it is not clear whether she was attacked in the hospital or was allowed to strangle under restraint.

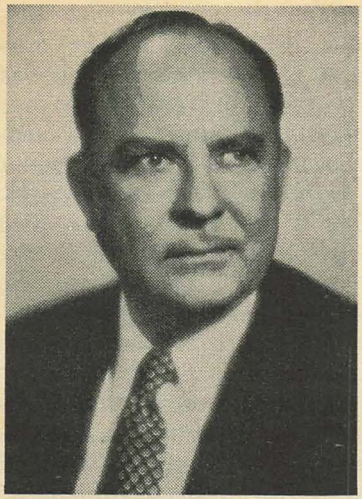
Persons still living in the valley hold strong convictions regarding her illness and its cause, the manner of her death and her cremation. Her ashes were scattered on a hillside near the bridge where I saw the apparition.

Sylvia's best friend, Mrs. Helen Benson, told me that in childhood Sylvia had been bright and talented in music but Mrs. Benson believed she was mistreated by her father. Sylvia was not out of her teens when her mother was committed to a mental hospital and she came under the care of a domineering sister, Betty. It was Betty who spoiled the two brief love interests that Sylvia had and it was Betty who prevented her father from burying Sylvia's ashes and instead scattered them on the hillside.

Until her commitment to Richmond State Hospital in 1943 she lived in her home on Crooked Creek with her unsympathetic father and sister. She never went out to work but often roamed the valley alone and unhappy.

The most significant information linking Sylvia to the valley apparition comes from her second suitor, Bill Newcomb, and a distant relative, Mary Scott. Without knowing we have a ghost in our valley they told me Sylvia often wore skirts and blouses. When asked to describe the skirts she preferred, both of them said Sylvia often chose skirts in a plaid or quilted pattern.

I think I have identified our Crooked Creek apparition. I believe the spirit of Sylvia Scott is searching the valley for the happiness she never found in life.



The late Arthur Ford possessed not only unusual mediumistic gifts. He was consultant to doctors and psychiatrists and a healer in his own right.

Arthur Ford's Little-Known Gift of HEALING

He did not wish to be typed as a "healer" but his four methods reveal his sharp insight into man's relationship to comic consciousness.

By Margueritte Harmon Bro

ARTHUR FORD* did so much work as a trance medium that his ability in the field we commonly call "spiritual healing" was rather overlooked. However, his was no small skill.

He was interested in healing on four levels: first, the healing of the psyche directly by removing a major block often caused by deep-seated anger, vindictiveness, frustration or whatever defeated the soul at the unconscious level. Second, he had some kind of electromagnetic gift which he would use on occasion in direct contact. Third, he did psychic diagnosis. And fourth, he felt that people could and should learn to seek the healing they need by means of psychic broadcasting or prayer.

In January 1940 in a hotel ballroom in Pasadena, Calif., I first saw him dramatically demonstrate direct healing of the psyche. The distinguished lecturer, Gerald Heard, former editor of the British Encyclopaedia of Science and well-known author, spoke to a large audience on the need for a supportive hypothesis to authenticate the well documented psychic phenomena already attested. After the lecture

*Arthur Ford died on January 4, 1971.

the chairman said there would be a demonstration of some of the gifts about which Mr. Heard had been speaking by a medium named Arthur Ford.

A rather dapper but modest man came to the platform — medium height, medium plump, medium brown hair. One might have passed him in a crowd. But when he began his clairvoyant demonstration a charge seemed to come from him. He was no longer ordinary.

He half shut his eyes and in a moment said, "There is a man here in complete agony of spirit, reaching out toward his wife and daughter who he says are in this audience." Then he described the man. Two women in the row ahead of me gasped, leaned forward. Ford went on to say that the man wanted to tell them he knew he had done them great wrong, that he never really understood how great a wrong until he was dead and had to see himself as he really was. He said he had tried to reach them in every way possible to beg their forgiveness because he could not go on until he had it. The older woman, seemingly oblivious to the audience, said she never would forgive him; the daughter echoed her, "Never, never."

Ford described the man's agony, his earthbound condition, explained how the souls of those who have died still are knit to those living persons with whom their lives have been inextricably bound. He urged the women to forgive. For some minutes the women continued to express their absolute refusal to forgive. Then when Ford explained that others were waiting to speak but could not until this tortured man had forgiveness, the daughter said aloud, "Oh, Mother, let's forgive him! Let's tell him to go on with a free heart." The mother, still apparently oblivious of the audience, agreed. The two sobbed. Ford described the man's weeping relief and passed on to the next unseen guest. We had seen a spiritual healing as real as any old-time conversion, as personal as our own deepest sin.

The next unseen speaker was a man who said he had died of

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IN HER TRAVELS throughout the world, Margueritte Harmon Bro always has been interested in psychically-gifted persons and often reports her findings in books and articles.

She has spent much of her life on campuses (her father, brother and husband were college presidents) and has lectured to students across the country. Mrs. Bro reports that student interest in ESP has outrun teachers' knowledge for 25 years.

She has known Arthur Ford since 1940, coauthored his autobiography, "Nothing So Strange, and currently plans to edit a collection of his letters.

blood poisoning following a factory accident which he and his family had believed was purposefully caused by a resentful foreman. The man wanted to tell his wife and son and his son's family that they were all wrong; the accident truly had been an unplanned injury. Furthermore, he said, although he would like to have lived he could now see that his son was developing into a great man which probably would not have happened if he had lived. He was very happy about them all. He said, "Nobody, not even God, caused my accident; it was part of the working out of this uncertain, still developing society." The persons to whom he spoke were directly across the aisle from us. The wife tearfully expressed her gratitude. The son stood for a moment and said he was ashamed of the resentment he had harbored; he thanked Mr. Ford from his heart.

There were many other messages. After the meeting Aldous Huxley remarked to some of us that Mr. Ford's demonstration was the best he had seen on either side of the Atlantic although he had been a longtime member of the British Society for Psychic Research.

It was 16 years later that Mr. Ford's ability to heal came to my aid. We were working on his autobiography on which Harper had asked me to collaborate — if Ford could be cornered long enough to provide material — and were staying at the estate of a mutual friend, Mrs. Louis Anspacher, whose husband wrote one of the best early books in this field. I came down with a severe case of intercostal neuralgia and was really having a painful time. One afternoon Ford ambled into the room and said if I wasn't going to throw off the pain and get back to work he had better get rid of it for me. Florence Anspacher and I laughed politely — and that hurt, too. So Arthur put his hands fore and aft on my ribs. Soon his hands seemed as hot as I could bear, like hot irons. When I touched them, though, their temperature was normal. Soon I took a deep breath. In about seven minutes the pain was gone and stayed gone for several years.

When I mentioned his gift to friends who had known him a long time they said they had seen him, in the old days, stand before an audience in the near-dark and offer healing which many received, and that when he was healing a line of bright blue light seemed to protrude from his fingers four to six inches. When I asked Arthur why he did not do more such healing he said simply that he didn't

think it was especially his gift and that it took a lot out of him. He had to be in good condition to do it.

Ford's third gift in spiritual healing was psychic diagnosis. It was sometimes casual, sometimes brilliant, and occasionally related to some recent medical insight that particularly interested *him*. Since it is the medium's own mind which the unseen "control" Fletcher has to trigger off, it is not surprising that a sitter with a problem which particularly interests Ford will get considerable attention along the lines of Ford's own most recent information. I remember that the week Ford had ultrasonic waves for some tricky dental work of his own, Fletcher advised the sitters in three different sessions to look into ultrasonic treatment for their own trouble.

On one occasion when Ford was in Chicago I arranged for my daughter-in-law June, who had just come out of a month's stay in a hospital, and my son Harmon to go with me to see if someone from the unseen medical world could make helpful suggestions for June. At the last minute we persuaded my daughter Alice and her husband, both medical physicians, to come along. They were not much interested, skeptical but polite. Ford was no sooner in trance than my father appeared and said he had arranged for an old friend, a Dr. Tucker "whom I hadn't seen for 40 years until we both got here," to look June over. Dr. Tucker had been a missionary in China, as had my husband and I.

Like so many medical missionaries who had access to the great Rockefeller Hospital in Peking, Dr. Tucker certainly had kept abreast of new developments in the medical field. He skillfully went over June's case, called attention to details which had been overlooked and made suggestions to the listening doctors. I was grateful for such thorough up-to-date consultation with my skeptical medical "children."

When Dr. Tucker finished I asked him to take a look at my daughter's baby 40 miles distant in a suburb, not mentioning that at her recent three-month checkup the pediatrician had noted that one hip was slightly rotated. In no more than a minute Dr. Tucker commented on the hip, said he thought it would right itself but if not her father could take her to Boston. (A particularly famous orthopedic man was then in Boston.) I always have wondered whether he diagnosed by actually "traveling" to the suburb to "see" the baby or picked up an impression of her

from the minds of her parents.

Ford did his best medical diagnoses when he was told beforehand that he was going to be asked to give a medical reading. For some reason he just did not wish to be typed as a medical diagnostician; perhaps he shared Edgar Cayce's early fears that wrong advice might sometime come through him. But when he knew he had a serious medical sitting coming up he fasted all day, then bathed, changed clothes, and came in a serious mood.

One time in Chicago I told him a friend of mine from Minneapolis was coming for a medical sitting for her husband. We made the appointment for a Saturday afternoon but I gave him no names or details. My friend, Mrs. Harold Roupp, came to my apartment the night before the sitting and she and I had a long quiet time together. We stated her husband's needs as clearly as we knew them, asked to have good medical help present at the sitting next day and then sat in silent trustful anticipation. Soon we felt conscious of the presence of my husband who had died two years before and then of her husband Harold who was alive in a Minneapolis hospital. I suspect Harold was asleep at that time of night but that his subconscious was aware of our intent and he had joined us. He was a wonderful, alert, sensitive man, former pastor of Hennepin Avenue Methodist church.

The session with Ford next day was extremely productive and detailed. Fletcher immediately brought a Dr. Cochrane who once had been on the staff of that same Rockefeller Hospital in Peking where the distinguished work on sprue and related protein deficiencies was done. Specialists from all over the world staffed that hospital. Dr. Cochrane said they'd had a conference about the case on his side and he would speak for the group. He discussed Harold's needs in detail and said that the first of the week a European specialist in the field of protein deficiency would arrive in Minneapolis for a period on the staff of the hospital where Mr. Roupp was a patient and would himself make suggestions in line with those just given by the unseen physicians.

The short of it is that when the Minneapolis doctors made grand rounds on Monday morning the German physician was at hand and did exactly as Dr. Cochrane had anticipated.

I have notes on several such sessions but I think most people did not know Ford had this ability. Which was exactly the way he wanted it.

Ford's fourth method of accomplishing spiritual healing was a matter of broadcasting for help and expecting it to flow in from whoever was on the right wavelength to offer assistance. He felt we do this sort of thing unconsciously; indeed, it is a facet of prayer for healing. But when consciously directed toward someone who has healing power the SOS sometimes gets immediate and amazing results. However, no one could accuse Ford of being consistent. Sometimes when (it seemed to me) he needed help most he was in no mood to broadcast for help and there was no use urging him; it was like urging a pianist to play for guests when no music wells up. For himself Ford was more inclined to telephone for a living doctor whose directions he might follow meticulously or might cheerfully ignore.

But in the winter of 1960 he had an illness which brought him to the point of broadcasting. He was in Philadelphia staying with Melvin Sutley, administrator of the Wills Eye Hospital and president of the American College of Hospital Administrators. Sutley was a longtime friend who saw Ford through many vicissitudes and introduced many eminent medical men to him. On a morning when Sutley was leaving for Japan, Ford developed an excruciatingly painful abdomen. He did not want to bother Sutley and managed to hold on until Sutley went out the door of his penthouse atop the hospital; then Ford phoned downstairs for immediate medical aid. When the doctor arrived at the Sutley apartment no one answered the bell and the door had to be forcibly opened. Ford was unconscious on the floor. Taken to Graduate Hospital, he was rushed into surgery and a resection of the colon with colostomy was performed.

As soon as he could write he sent an exasperated letter, "Don't come see me. I stink. I'd like to leave myself behind and go off to some sweet smelling seaside. . . . The worst of it that I have to have two more operations, some weeks apart, in order to be eventually closed up." He returned to Wills Eye Hospital where he remained in bed complaining, but plenty, in letters. Then one day he wrote he felt so stymied that he had decided to try projection which Swami Yogananda once had taught him. Formerly he was very good at it, he said, but was afraid he had lost the ability. He said he had a friend named Clifford Berthoud, a man who had been president of a prestigious company in New York and the one who had first taken Ford

to an AA meeting, now retired and living in North Carolina, who had developed a successful kind of spiritual healing. Ford wrote again to say he finally had projected himself, found Cliff asleep in his own bedroom (which he described) and called on him earnestly for help. "We'll see what comes of it."

What came was a letter from Cliff telling Ford he supposed Ford did not know it but the previous night he had wakened to see Ford standing at the foot of his bed. "You seemed in great need but I couldn't make out whether your need was physical or spiritual. Anyway, I got right up and prayed diligently for you and have tried to remain pretty much in a state of prayer. Drop an airmail and tell me you are all right."

The next thing I heard, Ford was back in the hospital for his second operation a week earlier than the anticipated date. For about three weeks I heard nothing from him but Sutley came to Chicago. He knew nothing of the episode with Cliff but he told me, in considerable astonishment, that he had talked with Ford's surgeon who told him that he had prepared for the usual second operation, made the incision, and could not believe his eyes at the healing. "It just wasn't possible but there it was. Never saw such a thing in all my practice. So I called for assistance and we went to work. We had him on the table nearly six hours but we finished him neat as anyone could ask and he is going home in record time." I told him about the projection and about Cliff. Personally I also wondered if Yogananda "over yonder" had not taken a hand in the whole process.

Here is one further illustration, which I know firsthand because I was involved in it. Now I am no psychic but I have had a fair number of haphazard psychic experiences, such as finding someone's lost money, foreseeing events and such. This one depends, I think, upon the close working relationship I had developed with Ford after writing *Nothing So Strange*. He was in Chicago spending a few days at the Palmer House following the annual meeting of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, giving a few sittings to people who stayed over. I was at my home in Park Forest about 40 miles south. He called me one night at midnight full of news and in high spirits. No, he was not worn down or even unduly tired.

The next afternoon I wakened from a nap with a start hearing the words, "Get in touch with Arthur Ford quickly. He is in much danger. This message

comes from Greece, the only place we could find a relay. Hurry." The matter of the message's having come from Greece is another story but the command was so harsh and insistent that I called Arthur's room at the Palmer House. A strange man answered and said he did not know Ford but had an appointment for a sitting and that Ford had taken sick and couldn't come to the phone. I told him to ask Ford the name of his Chicago doctor; I knew there was someone he saw occasionally while here. The strange man gave me the name and number and I called. The office nurse said the doctor was in the West Indies but she would consult his partner. He, in turn, never had heard of Ford and they could find no card file on him; he could not possibly go to the Palmer House; his waiting room was full of patients. I called back to Ford's room and the visitor said he was afraid Ford would die; he couldn't breathe. I told him to call the house doctor, a facility he never had heard of. I called my daughter, an M.D. at the University of Illinois Medical Center, and she suggested I call Ford's friend, Kenath Hartman, administrator of Wesley Memorial Hospital. Hartman's secretary was off on a coffee break and I asked to have her paged. Hartman, she said, was at a meeting in the Palmer House; she would get in touch with him immediately. I called Ford's room and the house physician said Mr. Ford was in a very serious condition; he had him under oxygen and was taking him to Passavant Hospital.

Hartman went to Passavant, found Ford in the emergency room and phoned his own hospital to reserve a room — the last private room available. Tests showed Ford had blood pressure in the upper 200's and an embolism in the lung — located with the help of a then new and tricky machine borrowed from Northwestern University Medical School. The medical report stated he probably would not have lived more than 20 minutes without that oxygen.

On this occasion any broadcast for help that Ford himself made may have been the generalized call for help we all unconsciously send forth at the time of acute danger; or he may have called out wordlessly, desperately with conscious intent. Oddly, I never asked him.

How had the message of his need come through? Was I unknowingly enough in tune with him to pick up his danger in my sleep? Or had that group in Greece, who cared about my welfare, caught his need through

me? I used to feel they watched over me when I was asleep or ill. At any rate some kind of psychic broadcasting was a great help and together with the Chicago telephone system did indeed save Ford's life.

A man as psychically gifted as Arthur Ford, both in and out of trance, places a terrific load on his nervous system. I hope that in his next incarnation he has a constitution of solid steel and a little less of the generosity which led him to do too much for too many people.

THE DISAPPEARING WEDDING DRESSES

By Tina Schlatter

IT'S A GOOD THING Mother sent my wedding dress six months in advance. After picking up the package at the Cleveland post office I stopped briefly at a drugstore and returned to my car to find the package stolen. How I dreaded calling Mother — in Kirkland, Wash., 2,000 miles away — to tell her I hadn't even seen the wedding dress she had made for me!

Two months later Mother telephoned to say she had mailed the second wedding dress. The uninsured package never arrived. A thorough check by post office authorities availed nothing.

Persistently Mother made another attempt. She finished the third dress and decided to bring it with her on the plane a week before my wedding day, August 28, 1964. By this time I was afraid the plane she'd be traveling on would explode in midair — simply because my wedding dress was in the luggage.

However, Mother arrived safely and her plane was on schedule. But the suitcase containing the dress was missing. Sadly we waited for word from the airline personnel. The day before the wedding the suitcase was located and we were notified we could pick it up at the Cleveland airport. Mother stopped her hurried sewing on the fourth dress.

On my wedding day I was proud and happy to wear one of the four beautiful dresses Mother made for me — but it wasn't until much later that she accidentally admitted she had sewn into the first dress two $100 bills — my honeymoon "mad money!"

The YOGI in the LAB

PART TWO

Bio-Feedback and its Relation to Extrasensory Perception and Creativity

By John White

TODAY WE accept the idea that the human species has psychic ability (called "psi") through which paranormal phenomena can manifest. Whether everyone has the ability is moot. J. B. Rhine in *The Reach of the Mind* hypothesizes that psi is an ancient faculty, one which man used in prehistory but which was isolated and made dormant when the cortex "exploded" into growth and overlaid the older parts of the brain about 100,000 years ago. In Rhine's view everyone possesses some degree of psi and developing it is mainly a matter of recovering it.

On the other hand, some authorities — Arthur Clarke, for example, in *Childhood's End* — think that psi is a new human faculty. He sees its emergence as due to an ongoing evolutionary process by which more and more individuals are using a latent talent.

The question of whether psi is old or new remains unresolved. What is apparent and important, however, is that psi ability is real. In the training of a yogi, for example, there comes a point in his development when he may discover enormous mental powers called *siddhis*. Not only extrasensory phenomena (telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition and retrocognition) but also psychokinetic phenomena (levitation, teleportation, astral projection and psychometry) may appear. The trainee's guru traditionally directs him away from exploration of these powers because they represent mere byways along the path toward the goal of yoga: divine union.

Now science is using biofeedback to investigate the nature of the psi ability associated with yogic training. In 1961 three Indian researchers — Anand, Chhina and Singh —

established the presence of alpha rhythms in yogis practicing meditation. Following their lead other researchers are assessing possible electroencephalograph correlates of ESP, especially alpha rhythms.

At the Dream Laboratory of Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn, research associate Charles Honorton is exploring the effects of feedback-augmented alpha activity on his subjects' ability to guess the order of symbols in a standard deck of ESP cards. The hypothesis is: "Subjects showing significant increments in EEG-alpha activity following a series of operant training sessions would also show significant gains in clairvoyant card-guessing performance."*

Results of Dr. Honorton's EEG feedback studies so far have not made it possible to assess the hypothesis. The trouble, he reports, is that only one of the 10 subjects showed a significant increase in alpha during the EEG feedback condition (as opposed to a nonfeedback run in which alpha was also measured). Therefore the study must be regarded as insufficient. Several variables could have affected the study, however, so a series of alpha-training studies are in progress to test the hypothesis further. The near-complete second study, Dr. Honorton says, has had good results in alpha training and lab personnel are in the process of analyzing the ESP results.

ESP investigation is not new in the Dream Laboratory. Since 1962 Stanley Krippner, its director, and Montague Ullman, head of the department of psychiatry at the Center, have been using sleeping subjects to show that telepathy exists and can occur in the dream state. They have interpreted their findings as "supporting the idea that extrasensory effects can be made to appear in dreams on a greater-than-chance basis."**

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ELSEWHERE AND MEANwhile things are humming along electric-well. The Bio-Feedback Research Society's first meeting in October 1969 in Santa Monica, Calif., had 142 members participating in three full days of intensive discussion and information exchange. Reports on 10 subjects included measurement of subjective space and its changes, feedback and ESP, condition and control of autonomic functions and method-

* "An Exploratory Study of Feedback-Augmented EEG-Alpha Activity and ESP Card-Guessing Performance," prepared by The William C. Menninger Dream Laboratory of Maimonides Medical Center, January 1970.

** Montague Ullman and Stanley Krippner, "An Experimental Approach to Dreams and Telepathy," *American Journal of Psychiatry*, March 1970.

ologies of feedback and their clinical applications.

By March 1970 membership was nearing 300. The Society's director, Dr. Barbara Brown of the Veterans' Hospital in Sepulveda, Calif., issued a summary listing 136 projects in progress among members. Typical descriptions ran:

- Attempt to train old and young subjects to vary the frequency of the alpha rhythm and to observe the effect on ESP scoring.
- Development of a theory of consciousness.
- Use of feedback of heart rate and electromyograph feedback with psychotherapy patients.
- A taxonomy of altered states of consciousness.
- Alpha rhythm and psi-effects.
- Investigating EEG and other variables as predictors of epileptic seizure.

By word of mouth, through conferences, personal correspondence and professional publications news of bio-feedback research is disseminated. Established periodicals such as *International Journal of Parapsychology, Psychophysiology* and Montreal's *R. M. Bucke Newsletter* have helped to spread the word. Two new journals, only a few years old, are widely read among bio-feedback researchers and others concerned with states of awareness. *The Journal for the Study of Consciousness* originates with C. A. Muses in Santa Barbara, Calif., while farther up the coast in Stanford, Anthony J. Sutich edits the *Journal of Transpersonal Psychology*. Prestigious names stud their editorial advisory boards: Alan Watts, Arthur Koestler, Gardner Murphy, Montague Ullman, Ralph Metzner (former editor of the now-defunct *Psychedelic Review)* and until his recent death, Abraham Maslow. Books such as Rasa Gustaitis' *Turning On*, a popularized survey of many non-drug methods of sensory enhancement and behavior change, and Charles T. Tart's solidly professional *Altered States of Consciousness* have had important impact. Esalen Institute sponsored a meeting in San Francisco in August 1970 at which Joe Kamiya and his colleague Robert Ornstein discussed some of their work in physiological feedback training and research.

Where is all this likely to lead?

Joe Kamiya says that his work will be aimed at making objective maps of subjective space as a means of describing experiences more accurately. Ecstasy, for example, might be described in electrical, biochemical and physiological terms as so much alpha, so much theta, etc. This is not to say that achieving a particular frequency and amplitude

on the EEG chart means one has attained *samadhi* (the readings might indicate only a superficial state of relaxation) but undoubtedly they are a part of such a state of awareness.

Kamiya notes that four primary qualities — sweet, sour, salt and bitter — account for our sense of taste. He wonders about the primary dimensions of consciousness. Is it possible to say there are x number of states or moods such as calm, agitated, sleepy, infatuated, infuriated? What are the physiological characteristics of each state and is there any correlation between them and psychiatric disorders?

Better techniques for discrimination and control must be developed, Kamiya told me in a telephone conversation early in July, 1970. "I feel that the rather simple kind of electronic analysis that has been done so far doesn't do justice to the EEG, and more complex analyses using computers will be required." Present gross measurements will be replaced by more sophisticated ones through on-line computer analysis, for there are many variables to be measured. For example, alpha can occur in greater amounts on one side of the brain than the other at the same time. What, if anything, does this indicate?

Actually the matter of brain waves is somewhat confusing because scientists have not yet decided whether there are clear divisions indicating distinct phenomena and separate brain functions or whether brain waves form a continuous spectrum. Arbitrarily, delta waves are defined as ranging from zero to four cycles per second, theta from four to eight cps, alpha from eight to 12 (some say nine to 12, others eight to 13) and beta from 12 to 26 cps.

"They're divided like that for convenience's sake," says Barbara Brown. A reading of 8.5 cps might be high theta or low alpha, depending on the interpretation of the operator, since the EEG reading is merely a statistical summary of noise activity of synapses (where nerve impulses are transmitted from one to the other) and this goes on at the top of the head, not deep within the brain. Are qualitatively different processes going on in delta, theta, alpha and beta? Is there a difference between the theta which sometimes occurs in sleep and the theta of Zen meditation? Does low amplitude alpha relate to a set of feelings and mental states different from high amplitude alpha? Answers to these and other questions are not yet agreed on.

As a further complication, there is now some question as to

whether the alpha rhythm is a brain wave at all. In *New Scientist* (March 1970) Olof Lippold of University College in London published his findings which indicate that alpha rhythms are artifacts of eye movements, not brain activity. In his opinion, the background tremor of the external eye muscles, a constant condition due to tension, is the source of alpha rhythms. Perhaps "brain waves" do not mirror brain processes at all.

Whatever the case, Elmer Green (who uses bio-feedback in the Menninger Foundation Research Building to teach subjects self-regulation of internal states) thinks it may be possible to develop a "science of consciousness." Working definitions could be derived using bio-feedback tools and techniques for investigating the physiological and psychological dimensions of states of internal awareness. In addition, Dr. Green's work points up the obvious benefits of psychosomatic self-regulation to avoid moodiness and tension, to help nature keep the body healthy and to enhance creativity.

A science of consciousness assumes a theory of consciousness — on which there are widely variant points of view. Roger Wescott, head of the anthropology department at Drew University, recently speculated (in *The Divine Animal*) that the stuff of consciousness may be bioluminescence, a form of internal radiation generated and perceived by the brain. But Gunther Stent, a molecular biologist at Berkeley, writes in *The Coming of the Golden Age* that the brain is not capable of explaining itself. That is, the relationship between brain mechanisms and mind, while accounting for the contents of consciousness, will not fully explain the *fact* of consciousness itself.

Stent's argument is a powerful one. A listing of the electrophysiological concomitants to various altered states of consciousness does not equal an explanation of those states.

The determinants of consciousness, according to ancient Oriental traditions, are far more than simple body processes. In those traditions, consciousness in men is a reflection or a localization of Universal Consciousness, of the intelligence pervading the cosmos, residing everywhere, even to a low degree in the crudest forms of matter. All creation is interconnected in a great chain of being. The deepest center of man is the deepest center of the universe and the person who is truly self-knowing is universally aware, cosmically conscious. Therefore he can say, "I am the universe; I am Universal Mind."

Scientists in the West, except for a few mavericks, have long disregarded the problem of consciousness, having no operational definition of it. The late Sir Russell Brain considered the problem and insisted that "consciousness is a primary element in experience and cannot be defined in terms of anything else."* However, through scientific study of creativity in recent years, the way is opening for a recognition, a re-knowing, of high truths in Eastern religions and myths about the nature of consciousness.

In the act of creation men come closest to realizing their divine nature. Saints and seers who have achieved enlightened states frequently resort to images and metaphors based on sexual union to describe their experiences. The mystical meaning of sex is one path to understanding the mystery of divine creation.

Then there is the intriguing connection between dreams and creativity — the revelation, Ira Progoff says in *Myths, Dreams and Religion*, that dreams "are a primary medium for intuitive insights into the ultimate nature of human existence."

Art gives us another key to unlocking the riddle of the universe. In the artist's act of creation he comes closest to self-transcendence. James Joyce recognized this and used it in *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*. Toward the end, when Stephen Dedalus is expounding his theory of art, Joyce has him say, "The mystery of esthetic like that of material creation is accomplished. The artist, like the God of the creation, remains within or behind or beyond or above his handiwork, invisible."

If we take at face value the description of creative acts given by artists and scientists alike, our conclusion must be that the true creator is an outside force or principle acting through the medium of a human being. "A thought occurred to me. . ." "An idea came into my mind. . ." "I was struck by the notion that . . ." Conscious individual action becomes important only when the conception is complete. In the meantime, creativity involves a passive waiting until, in those deep collective layers of the psyche, something has happened to the individual which then rises to awareness.

John Dewey, less recognized in psychology than in education but highly respected in both, noted that the concept of mind as a private psychic consciousness identifiable with the self is fairly modern. "In both the Greek and medieval periods," he wrote in

* Russell Brain, *Diseases of the Nervous System*, Oxford University Press, London, 1955.

Democracy and Education, "the rule was to regard the individual as a channel through which a universal and divine intelligence operated. The individual was in no true sense the knower; the knower was the 'Reason' which operated through him."

Aldous Huxley wrote in "The Education of an Amphibian" (*Tomorrow and Tomorrow and Tomorrow*, 1964) "My existence does not depend on the fact that I am thinking (*Cogito ergo sum.* — Descartes);* it depends on the fact that, whether I know it or not, I am being thought — being thought by a mind much greater than the consciousness which I ordinarily identify with myself."

In the act of creation men can recover — with new awareness — the primal unity with the Creator called God, Buddha, Allah, Brahma, Tao, etc., from which they came. Science seems to be approaching this most fundamental insight through the study of states of consciousness — especially the higher creative states — and the nature of the brain-mind relationship.

Arthur Koestler suggests in *The Ghost in the Machine* (1968) that man's predicament is the result of an incomplete or aberrant evolutionary experiment. Man, Koestler says, really has three brains, not one. He has a reptilian brain (the medulla oblongata, evolutionarily the oldest part), a lower mammalian brain and the neocortex. The neocortex performs logical thinking while emotions and human irrationality are the province of the other parts which have not been properly integrated and brought under control. The result: a schizoid brain, a schizoid society.

Bio-feedback apparently offers an approach to integration of our schizoid brains — the same integration achieved in the past by mystics, meditators and yogis who spent years in disciplined preparation for the enlightenment. It appears possible that science now has the opportunity to turn feedback into feedforward and thereby to help achieve what Jose Delgado calls a "psychocivilized society." Such a prospect seems remote but the need for achieving it never has been greater. It is abundantly clear that unless there is a general expansion of consciousness the evolutionary experiment called man will cancel itself.

This change of consciousness can come through a new appreciation of ancient wisdom. In the process of relearning this wisdom modern science may attain omniscience. But this will not elevate science above religion.

* "I think; therefore I am."

Rather, it presages a synthesis on a higher level, a fusion of insight and instinct, a development of informed intuition and emotional understanding.

We started with Plato and the mind-body dualism characteristic of Western thought since his time. It is fitting that we end with him. In the utopian state which now seems possible through technology, information will become transformation and with it will come general agreement with Plato's definition of science: "the clear intellectual perception of fundamental moral truth."



AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULE

By William H. Gysan

UNITARIANS in general are skeptical about personal survival after death and seldom report deathbed experiences pointing to survival. However, one of the outstanding Unitarian laymen of the past century, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, is reported to have had a vision of his departed parents on his deathbed. Dr. Eliot was one of Harvard's greatest presidents and editor of the famous *Harvard Classics*. Perhaps foreshadowing his deathbed experience he wrote in 1909 in *Religion of the Future*, "It will have its communions with the Great Spirit, with the spirits of the departed and with living fellowmen of like minds."

In August 1926 at the age of 92, President Eliot was confined to his bed in his summer residence in Northeast Harbor, Me. On Monday, the 16th, he announced to his son Samuel that he would die the following Saturday. He spoke without emotion, explaining that day would be most convenient for his family, as travel back to Boston on Sunday would be less tedious for them than on a weekday.

Saturday passed and he did not die. But on Sunday morning Dr. Eliot called to his nurse.

"I see Father," he told her, then fell into semiconsciousness. A little later that morning he revived and declared, "I see Mother."

Then the great Harvard educator died peacefully.



INCREDIBLE ESCAPES: No. 2

THREE-YEAR-OLD Jane Lloyd strayed from her home in Longtown, England, and sat down on a railroad track to rest. The engineer of an oncoming train, Gordon Wynne, saw her and used the deadman's handle to apply the brakes.

"I was convinced she would be killed," he said, "for the train was skidding straight at her — when suddenly she hopped off the tracks. It was uncanny."

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MOTHER KNOWS

By Frank Marks

AS A YOUNGSTER I never was able to keep an escapade from my mother — she invariably saw it in her dreams the night after it happened.

Like the time I was on a vacation trip as a 12-year-old boy! The phone rang early one morning. The words were as familiar as the voice:

"Son, are you all right? I dreamed you were in a dark cave and unable to get out."

The fact was, the day before a friend and I had discovered and explored an old overgrown Civil War magazine in a wooded area near Anacostia outside Washington, D.C. We had stumbled onto it and crawled into a huge, dark cavern. Soon scared witless, we stumbled out fast and swore to keep our escapade secret.

Mother had seen the whole experience in her dream.

Or the time a year or so later, on another vacation trip, when I went swimming with some friends in the Juniata River near Harrisburg, Pa. — but I couldn't swim. So when I stepped into a pothole I surely would have drowned had not one of the kids, John Free, seen me disappear and come to my rescue.

Once again I received a phone call the next mornng:

"Son, are you all right? I saw you desperate, drowning."

I nearly had forgotten these experiences — which were common enough in my youth — when as an army officer in World War



Frank Marks

II, I led a battalion of troops out of Camp Sibert in central Alabama on a week-long field maneuver.

My mother then was living in Washington, a good 1000 miles away. We corresponded intermittently but I never discussed my day-to-day army activities — I filed my military plans in the lining of my hat.

Not long after we had set up our headquarters tent I was walking across what once had been a plowed field covered with dead leaves when suddenly I tripped and fell. Picking myself up I was startled to see that I had stumbled over a length of barbed wire hidden under the leaves. The palm of one hand was dripping red where the jagged prongs of rusty metal had pierced it.

The wound was not deep and I immediately shook some "wound powder" (a sulfa drug) from my first-aid kit onto it, applied a bandage and went about my business.

The incident would have been utterly trivial — except for one thing. Like every other soldier I had been indoctrinated with a deep fear of tetanus — "lockjaw." I realized that I had come in contact with everything necessary for tetanus exposure — rusty metal, fallow soil, possibly animal manure.

I knew the tetanus incubation period to be at least a week and as we went about our activities I worried constantly about the possibility of infection. I sought no medical aid.

We finished our maneuvers after nearly seven days of isolation from the world. Back at camp as I riffled through my mail an envelope with my mother's familiar school-girl penmanship caught my eye and I ripped it open. The opening words were so familiar:

"Son," she began, "are you quite all right? I had a horrible dream. You were prostrate with a horrible disease."

Nor was that all. She went on:

"I also saw you surrounded with luggage and things for a long trip. Are you going somewhere far away?"

Next to her letter was an official envelope from Washington. In it were my orders for overseas duty. — *Chicago, Ill.*

DEAD HEAT FOR INDIAN GIN

By Charlene R. Brody

THE VIVID DREAM was so eerie I knew it had to have special significance. It was disjointed — yet the certainty of some meaning was overwhelming, if only I could put the pieces together. I reviewed every detail again and again. The one that remained foremost was a name,

"Indian Gin," a *house* named "Indian Gin."

I dressed and went to work that morning in September 1963 still under the spell of the dream. When two of my co-workers in the bank in Beverly Hills, Calif., Ruth Hampton and Mary Lou White, strolled in we soon learned they had spent most of their vacation at the Del Mar race track near Oceanside. I had a sudden thought. In a dream's contrariness could *"house"* stand for *horse*?

"Ruth," I asked, "is there a horse named 'Indian Gin'?"

She nodded. "Sure is. Second race today at Del Mar. Interested?" The races were Ruth's hobby, so to speak, and she had many influential friends among horse owners, trainers and even bookies. It was no problem for her to place bets on the spur of the moment and collect almost immediately if she won.

I lunged for my purse and handed her some bills, saying "On the nose, O.K.?"

She slid the bills into her pocket, nodded and strolled away. And at exactly 3:48 P.M. she came over to my desk and slipped a fat envelope into my handbag. Taking a surreptitious peek I found the envelope was fat with greenbacks and on it she had printed, "First by six lengths in a dead heat." I never did learn the name of the horse that tied Indian Gin in the dead heat, a situation in which both pay first money.

That morning, when I had excitedly told my dream to my husband Stanley, who believes in nothing except his own statistics, he had continued to study past performance records in his *Daily Racing Form,* ignoring me completely. But driving home that night Stanley asked, "Now, what was all that jazz about a dream?"

"Oh nothing much," I said, smiling smugly. I casually dropped the fat envelope into his lap, saying, "Just about $250 worth."

He nearly ran a red light.

"Where in hell did this come from?"

I laughed. "Oh, just a hunch I had on Indian Gin." — *Sun Valley, Calif.*

STUDY IN BLACK VELVET

By Marilyn E. Durgin

ON A FROSTY February night in 1964 my husband Al and I huddled near the fireplace of our home in Framingham, Mass. The dreary winter night deepened our depression over my grandfather's illness. Suddenly the silence was pierced by a quaking voice from the stairs. It was my mother Florence Thomas.

"I've just seen the strangest

sight!" she said when we reached her room. "When I glanced in here there was a black velvet cloth on the bed. It was moving — rippling, as if it were alive. It slithered to the edge of the bed and disappeared!"

We searched the room thoroughly but found nothing.

"Perhaps you saw a shadow, Mom," I consoled her. "You're upset over Grandpa and your imagination is playing tricks on you."

"No," she sobbed, "this was an omen of death."

At the end of the week, my grandfather James Banks died — but I didn't hold with Mother's notion that the black velvet was an "omen of death." After all she had been in a highly emotional state and we all knew Grandfather was very old and seriously ill.

Her experience was all but forgotten when four months later, on a sunny midday in June, I ambled to the backyard to cut some roses. Something drew my attention to the back steps. I stared in disbelief at a black velvet cloth rippling across the stairs. It slid to the far edge and vanished. I ran to the spot but found only the bare steps flooded with sunlight.

I tried to dismiss the nagging thought that this was an omen of death but I told my husband what I had seen. And two nights later, my father-in-law, Arthur Durgin, died. — *Framingham, Mass.*

A FOUR-YEAR-OLD'S FRIGHT

By Wilma V. Hayes

AT 7:30 ON Monday morning, October 16, 1967, I was hanging clothes in the basement because it was raining outside. Suddenly I heard our four-year-old daughter Audrey, who lay in bed upstairs, cry out piercingly, "Daddy! Daddy!"

My husband had left for work some time before but to quiet her I called, "Daddy'll be there in a minute. Go back to sleep."

She settled down so I took the opportunity to slip outdoors where I wiped the windows with the sprinkles of rain that had fallen. A few minutes later, when I got back inside, Audrey was screaming and crying so loudly that I had to stop everything and comfort her. I sat down and held her for quite a while.

Finally Audrey came to the kitchen with me as I had to fix breakfast. The radio was droning in the background and I wasn't paying any attention to it until the newscaster interrupted his sign-off to say, "This just came in. A cement truck has overturned on a car at the intersection of Alexis and Jackman."

I gasped. That was the corner

my husband Michael always turned on his way through Toledo to work. My son Mike said, "That couldn't be Dad. He's been at work a long time now."

But I still was concerned, especially because of Audrey's strange behavior. She and her dad had been inseparable for months.

At 9:00 A.M. the hospital called to tell me simply, "Come." I was mystified. "Do you mean no one's called you yet?" the nurse asked.

My husband was dead. He had been trapped in his car and I believe he called to Audrey, who in some strange way had answered him with tears of fear and love. — *Toledo, Ohio.*

ESP IN THE FAMILY

By Nova Trimble Ashley

FOR YEARS I have experienced weird half-dreams which come to me when I am drowsy. I do not know how to explain them but the dreams have told me of events in the family I could not have known in any other way.

When we first moved to Wichita, Kans., after World War II, we were unable to get a telephone — a distressing situation because I knew my sister in Kansas City, Mo., was expecting a baby. I was concerned particularly for her because Lela had lost a baby at birth a few years



Nova Trimble Ashley

before. All I knew for sure was that the baby was due in December or January 1949.

One night I heard the telephone ring and jumped out of bed to answer. It was my sister's voice. She said, "Oh, honey, I've just had a beautiful baby boy! He was born early on New Year's Day." I congratulated her and we chatted awhile — until suddenly I realized this could not be happening.

"Oh Sis!" I cried. "I don't have a telephone!"

Her voice trailed off with "I know. . . ."

I awakened with a start. The next day my brother-in-law reached us to tell us of the birth of a son.

Eventually I decided this dream had to be coincidence since I had Sis on my mind. But a few years later, in 1955, when our only daughter, Joyce Olson, was in Germany with her husband

who was in the armed forces I was anxious to know how they were getting along. Finally we heard that they were expecting a baby and we started mailing baby gifts and writing letters of congratulation.

One evening four or five months later, however, as I lay in bed half-awake I saw my daughter floating above the bed and I reached up to touch her stomach. It was flat.

I said, "Oh, Joyce! You don't have a baby! You were never pregnant!"

"Oh, Mother," she wept, "don't say that!

The next day word came that my daughter, about to miscarry, had been taken to a hospital in Heidelberg. But her next letter announced it had been a mistake — she had not been pregnant in the first place. This was the very first inkling she had of her condition.

While most of the family thought I had some kind of extrasensory powers my son Kenneth, who was getting his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh, remained staunchly skeptical.

But then I saw a vision of Kenneth lying in a pool of blood with his skull split open. I screamed and woke my husband, who succeeded in convincing me it was just a crazy nightmare.

The next day, unable to get the horrible picture out of my mind, I called. He and his family were not at home but a friend who answered the telephone told me my son and his wife were at a hospital with their three-year-old girl, Patricia, who had fallen the night before and split her head open.

Later, when Kenneth called back, he explained they had rushed her to a plastic surgeon and she would be fine. When I asked the time it happened and he named the very hour I had had my nightmare, I think I made a believer out of him too. — *Wichita, Kans.*



AFRICAN SUPERLATIVES

AFRICA, HAVING an area of 11,695,000 square miles, is earth's second largest continent. Its Sahara Desert is the largest and its Nile River the longest in the world. Of the 700 different kinds of animals that inhabit its wilds, the giraffe, hippopotamus and the gorilla are found in no other land.

Dwarfing our Niagara Falls, the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River are a mile wide and drop 350 feet. — *Earl W. Hammond.*



While recalling events of his early youth Oliver Weller of East Grinstead, England, stepped into another life.

MY *Other* SHORT SPELL ON EARTH

"I believe we're given several chances—the personality stays the same and only circumstances change."

By Straun Coupar

A SIMPLE fireside memory game gave Oliver Weller a few surprises — surprises which, he says, have changed his whole outlook on life.

Mr. Weller, who runs a window-cleaning business in East Grinstead, a town about 50 miles from Chichester, Sussex, England, says it all began one evening when he was visiting in a friend's home. The conversation turned to childhood days, tales of schoolboy pranks and almost-forgotten summer holidays.

At one point Oliver's friend asked, "How far back does your memory go? What's the earliest incident in life you can remember?"

Oliver concentrated for a few minutes. He says, "I started digging up things I hadn't thought of for years. I got back to about the age of two. Then it happened."

He suddenly had a mental picture of a village street. Walking along this street was a stout elderly man wearing a blue suit.

"I could see it all just like a television picture," says Mr. Weller, "except that I was in the picture. And although I could see

the man I also knew that I was him. I knew I was on my way to the tobacconist's to pick up my snuff.

"I could feel the coarse flannel of his shirt against my skin. But more than that, I knew my name was Charles Edwards and the year was 1891. Somehow I knew the village was Midhurst,* I was a laborer on the railways and I was 70 years old."

Mr. Weller's friend recalls, "It was eerie. One minute we were just chatting, then Ollie started describing this scene to me."

The scene now changed. Inside a house Charles Edwards was sitting in a chair. Oliver Weller described the room. To check the date he "made" Charles Edwards get out of the chair, pick up a newspaper and read the front page.

"The top corner was torn off but a disaster story appeared on the left-hand side and one about the local football team in the middle," Weller says.

"It was all so vivid I knew it had to be true. Nobody could have dreamed that detail. I even knew things which had not been in the picture. My wife, for example, was named Jane and she died of paralysis in that year.

"I died soon afterward of what I assume must have been heart trouble. I say that because I had a picture of myself collapsing and knocking over a chair."

Oliver Weller had experienced similar "memories" in the past but this time he had some facts.

Somewhat apprehensively he agreed to travel with his friend to Midhurst. They parked the car on the outskirts of the village and walked in. On the way they passed a stone bridge which Ollie had described, then the house in which he said he had lived.

Farther up the street he pointed out a shop which he said once had been the tobacconist's where he bought his snuff. Now it was a music shop.

One final test was needed to convince them. They found the register office and asked for permission to look through the old files. In one book they found details of the death of Jane Edwards, aged 84. She died from paralysis on April 7, 1891. Another volume held the record of the death of Charles Edwards, aged 73, general laborer. Cause of death: cardiac disease.

They learned that the "tobacconist's shop" has sold music for 60 years and next door to it today is a dress shop. But one elderly inhabitant told them, "Years ago it was a baker's but in those days the two shops were owned by the same person and I believe the other half sold sweets and tobacco."

*Midhurst is a city in Sussex about 50 miles southwest of London.

The bridge still stands and so does the house. Did Mr. Weller really live there before? Or was it just a dream? Or did he only remember these details from a previous visit he perhaps made to Midhurst?

"Never been near the place in my life before," he maintains.

"But I'll tell you this: I've been a happier man since it happened. I know time would not matter after death, but does it seem likely that we would be judged for eternity on what we make of one short spell on earth?

"I believe now that we get several chances. Each time the same personality is there but we are given different sets of circumstances to see, as it were, what we make of them."



NATURAL SELECTION?

DENIS DE YOUNG of Jandakot, Western Australia, is a truck driver by trade and the captain of the Jandakot Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade. Usually a practical man not given to flights of fancy, Denis still reckons he saw a miracle on March 17, 1971.

At 2:30 A.M. he was called out to help extinguish a bush fire near a big property where there were large dog kennels.

"There was a strong southeasterly wind blowing and it looked like we had no show of controlling the blaze," he said. "It was heading straight for the kennels and would probably demolish a couple of hundred acres. We could hear the dogs yelping and whining and we could do nothing . . .

"Then suddenly, out of nowhere, came a thunderstorm directly over the fire and put it straight out. But the funny thing was, it wasn't raining anywhere else — just over the 200 acres where the fire was."



THE GOLDEN EGG

AN ANONYMOUS buyer paid $2,400 at an auction March 4, 1971, at London's famous Sotheby's for an egg.

Of course it is no ordinary egg. It is a semifossilized egg of the extinct bird aepyornis believed to have been laid at least a million years ago in Madagascar.

German lawyer's "noisy ghost" set authors who called him "spoof" back on their heels by proving he wasn't.

Rosenheim POLTERGEIST *Has Day in Court*

By Jerome Clark

IT ISN'T often that a poltergeist ends up in the courtroom but that's exactly what happened in the German state of Bavaria early in 1970. What's more, the poltergeist won the case.

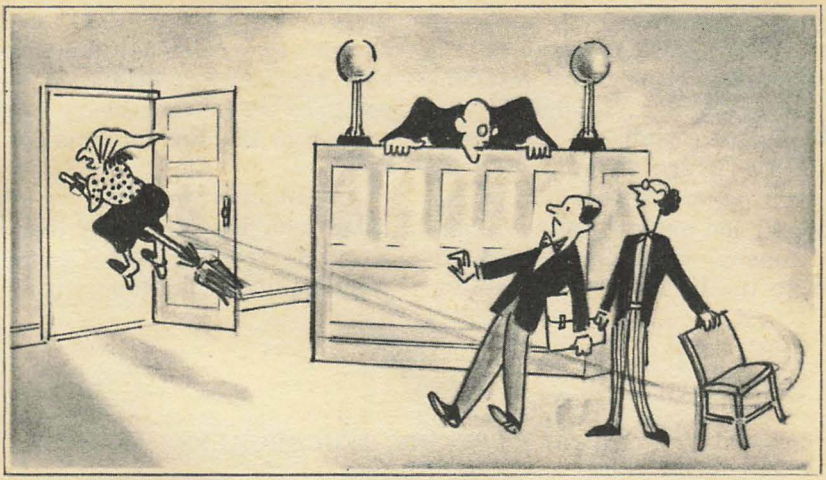
It all began in the office of Sigmund Adam, a lawyer in Rosenheim, when one day in November 1967 without warning the electrical system went wild. Fuses suddenly burned out, light bulbs exploded and fluorescent lighting strips fell from their holders. As if pushed by an invisible hand chandeliers started swaying.

Equally puzzling was the way the telephone acted. It rang madly. In a single one-hour period the post office (which supervises Germany's telephone system) recorded 60 calls to the time service. Even when the post office installed a lock on the dial the calls continued although no one was using the phone. Suspecting that electromagnetic phenomena were responsible for the weird series of events, lawyer Adam called in Rosenheim municipal authorities.

"We brought in an electricity expert who checked to see if all the fuses were in order and even rewired the whole office," acting telephone company manager Paul Brunner testified later. "But the fluctuations in current which sometimes sent the power up from 10 amps to 50 amps, the ghostly electrical explosions and swinging lamps continued.

"That was not all. Pictures on the wall began to move of their own accord. The fluid from a disused copying machine began to squirt all over the place."

The phenomena ceased after December but public interest in the case did not abate. In 1969 the Zsolnay Verlag, a publishing house, released a book, *Falsche Geister, echte Schwindler* (Fake Spooks and Genuine Swindlers), whose first chapter, written by



"Are you going to let this woman's testimony influence your verdict?"

Viennese magician Alwin Neumann, was entitled "The Rosenheim Spook Spoof." When Adam saw it he exploded and immediately filed suit to halt distribution.

In Traunstein county court Adam recounted his interview with Neumann and two Viennese journalists who had visited him early in 1968. He said, "The men gave out that I was dealing with another Neumann, a lecturer at Vienna University, who was doing scientific research into occult phenomena along with a team of colleagues."

In his defense Adam produced eyewitnesses to the poltergeist disturbances. One of them was Paul Brunner. Another was Dr. Friedberg Karger of the Munich Institute for Plasmaphysics, who had been brought in to test the work done by municipal authorities when they studied the incident.

"All causes known to physics, even those involving deception, were ruled out by investigations," the scientist concluded.

The court also heard the views of Dr. Hans Bender of the Freiburg Department of Parapsychology, who argued that this was the first scientifically-authenticated case of psychokinesis.

At the end of the two-day hearing the court ruled that it was not qualified to explain the phenomena, sidestepping the question of whether or not

Adam's trainee lawyer Annemarie Schaberl had been the medium through whom the manifestation operated, as some had alleged. Nonetheless the Traunstein pillars of justice agreed that Adam had been wronged and granted a partial injunction against the publishing company, allowing it to distribute the book only on condition that parts of the first chapter — those which implied Adam was a hoaxer — be deleted. Otherwise, said the court, officials of the company would face heavy fines and up to six months' imprisonment.

(Information for this article came from The German Tribune, *a weekly review of the German press published in Hamburg.)*



TAIPEI'S PSYCHIC RESEARCHERS

By Cy Ince

IN TAIPEI, capital of Taiwan, Buddhists have their own way of investigating paranormal phenomena and of conducting survival research — a way which they believe is not only verifiable but repeatable.

Every February they hold a gigantic Lantern Festival in their massive Lungshan Temple. At this festival enormous lanterns of many colors are lighted and suspended from the ceiling high overhead.

The Buddhists believe that their lantern lights join with the waning light of the first moon and that in this combination of lights they may see the venerable spirits of ancestors.



FATE ON MICROFILM?

ARE ANY OF our readers interested in microfilm editions of FATE?

For some time we have been in correspondence with University Microfilms, a Xerox Company, Ann Arbor, Mich., which company theoretically has microfilmed FATE — but then again maybe it hasn't. We suspect the latter since we can't get them to quote a price.

We think it's sort of like the chicken and the egg. We would advertise that microfilms are available if we could get a price from them and they can't give us a price unless they are satisfied they can get orders and they aren't going to get orders unless we advertise.

In all seriousness, those of you who would be interested in complete microfilm editions, please write University Microfilms and tell them so — and send us carbon copies of your letters. — *The Editors.*

YOUR PATH around the ZODIAC

By WINIFRED TENNES



A NATIVE of Illinois, Winifred Tennes studied astrology for some years with Katherine de Jersey, assisting her in preparing personalized horoscopes. In recent years Mrs. Tennes has been teaching, writing, lecturing and giving personal consultations. Since 1969, at the invitation of Maine Township High School which maintains an extensive adult education program, she has been teaching astrology in its East and South branches in Park Ridge, Ill.

Recognized as a foremost authority in the field today Mrs. Tennes is a member of Friends of Astrology in Chicago and the American Federation of Astrologers.

ARIES

Or Aries Ascendant | March 21-April 19 | Cardinal Fire Sign | Ruler: MARS

CONDITIONS IN OR around your home, real estate or other property holdings get major emphasis this month. Circumstances arising between July 1 and 5 may necessitate changes which can be advantageous providing you do not act impulsively. You should be able to make the right decisions on problems relating to your home, insurance, other persons' money, publishing or legal matters. But in the first few days of July be cautious if you are traveling.

The solar eclipse in 29° Cancer occurring July 22 will influence Ariens born April 18, 19, or 20. This may change your domestic or professional life immediately or at any time during the next three years. Your health and private life require careful attention.

Ariens who must shoulder the responsibilities of blood relatives may face confusing problems. If fraud is involved, the truth will out. Through correspondence or conversations with the persons involved you can learn to cope with the problems.

July 5 to 14 is an opportune time to reach better understanding with a loved one, a child or a friend. Your better frame of mind at this time makes it easier for you to communicate. However, between July 15 and 25 try to be patient with your friends.

1st week



2nd week





3rd week



4th week





TAURUS

Or Taurus Ascendant April 20-May 20 Fixed Earth Sign Ruler: VENUS





1st week

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS may demand your attention this month. The first week should see gains and communication with an older wiser person can benefit you. Such an adviser may help you with a financial matter which has been bugging you. Also, if you suspect the merits of some business venture, investigate it carefully.



2nd week

Sudden unexpected actions of a partner or co-worker may help you understand and solve a touchy problem between July 7 and 20. What you write or say to brothers, sisters or other relatives may carry a great deal of weight — even change their lives. Be sure you have their best interests at heart, for such changes may bring *you* added financial responsibilities.



3rd week

A difference of opinion over money, possessions or a legal matter July 20 to 26 with your mate or business partner may disturb you. Hold off on commitments and decisions until the last four days of the month.



4th week

Domestic and professional problems conflict between July 15 and 20. Hold tight, avoid arguments and you'll ride this one out. A lucky aspect is working for you and you'll find your partner understanding and charitable.

GEMINI

Or Gemini Ascendant May 21-June 21 Mutable Air Sign Ruler: MERCURY





1st week

FINANIAL GAINS can come your way July 1 to 7 as a result of increased business volume. If a special opportunity is offered, you should take advantage of it. This month is especially benign for engineers, chemists and investigators or researchers.





2nd week

But curb your impulsiveness and the whim to make unorthodox investments. Some changes are all right but if your moves are too unconventional you could sustain a loss.





3rd week

Added responsibilities now may restrict your personal life and your relationship with your marriage or business partner is becoming both complicated and perplexing. For the first time you are apt to be indecisive about your feelings. If you desire change, go ahead. Be aggressive.



4th week

From July 12 to 20 be careful while traveling and use caution in corresponding with friends, loved ones or children. During this period you might enjoy an unconventional relationship with a new acquaintance. It would be exciting but probably of short duration.

July 20 to 27 is an unfavorable period for signing documents or dealing with legal matters. It's a time that fogs the mind and fosters mistakes and extravagance. Be warned and take care.

CANCER

Or Cancer Ascendant June 22-July 22 Cardinal Water Sign Ruler: MOON

YOU MAY DERIVE personal benefit from changes you make in your domestic life in the first week of this month and such changes of course will affect persons in your home. Encouragement from a loved one or a child bolsters your ego and gives you the impetus to make the necessary moves.

1st week





Consideration must be given to financial matters from July 6 to 26. In some cases your concern may be personal income or the disposition of possessions. Other problems may concern taxes, insurance or partnership funds. Whatever the specific issue it would not be wise to make decisions July 16 to 20, for you are apt to be impulsive at this time.

2nd week



3rd week



Persons born late in Cancer will be influenced by a solar eclipse on July 22 in 29° of Cancer. This should bring an important event into your life and for some persons it may be the culmination of an existing problem. In either case, the event will have far-reaching influence and long-term effect.

4th week





The end of July especially favors Cancers in the creative field — artists, designers, musicians and actors. Keep your outlook optimistic and don't allow yourself the dubious luxuries of depression or self-pity. These make you your own worst enemy.

LEO

Or Leo Ascendant July 23-August 22 Fixed Fire Sign Ruler: SUN

IN JULY'S FIRST six days you may have to change some secret decision you have made — such as a plan to visit a brother, sister or other relative. The ensuing situation is touchy calling for tact and diplomacy.

1st week



At this time too you should have an opportunity to meet someone who will become a staunch and reliable friend. However, before such a friendship develops into a romance, be certain the person is your ideal, one who has spiritual qualities, not one who eventually will disillusion you.

2nd week



Leo persons in creative fields such as writing or music

KEYS TO THE SYMBOLS:

SUN: personal affairs. DOLLAR SIGN: finances. LETTERS: communications of all kinds, documents. HOUSE: domestic affairs. HEARTS: love affairs. CHILDREN (self-explanatory). CADUCEUS (medical insignia): health. DOUBLE RINGS: marriage and business partnerships. SKULL AND CROSSBONES: death. SUITCASE: travel. SUNDIAL: age and responsibilities. HORSESHOE: general good luck. HANDCLASP: friends. DAGGER: arguments.




3rd week



4th week

composition are in favorable cycles between the 1st and 10th and 28th and 31st of July. For other Leos this may be an exciting period in the romance department.

Friction-causing arguments continue in marriage and possibly business relationships. If your temper has a low boiling point, be careful about what you do and say between July 16 and 20. Heavy expenditures seem to be the crux of the situation. In the marriage relationship an excess of money is being spent in the home for remodeling or social activities. In a business partnership the disagreement may concern the best way to handle a financial problem.

As July ends you may find your love life and relationships with children most satisfying but your financial problems still require attention. If a friend or an older person seeks advice and financial aid, don't let him take advantage of your generosity.

VIRGO

Or Virgo Ascendant August 23-September 22 Mutable Earth Sign Ruler MERCURY




1st week



2nd week




3rd week



4th week

UNEXPECTED EXPENSES or some financial problem between July 1 and 5 may have a bearing on your plans for attaining a specific goal. By making some changes and perhaps cooperating with a friend you should be able to overcome any temporary setback — but keep your emotions under control. Those working with large masses of people (as in charity organizations, hospital volunteer work or large-scale research) will find a great personal satisfaction at this time. Some Virgos, through correspondence or travel with a friend, a relative or close neighbor, may be impelled to make changes which will prove beneficial.

Virgos born between August 23 and September 2 are likely to be disappointed this month in the slow progress they are making professionally. Perhaps an expected raise or promotion won't come through. At the same time domestic affairs may be confused. As you seek answers your own indecision stands in the way. Seek the advice and help of an older person — a boss or a friend. The period between July 20 and 28 may be one of confusion.

Friction in your place of employment may lead to arguments among co-workers July 16 to 20. Keep your own counsel and avoid such conflicts. Plans made between July 6 and 26 should reach fruition as the month ends.

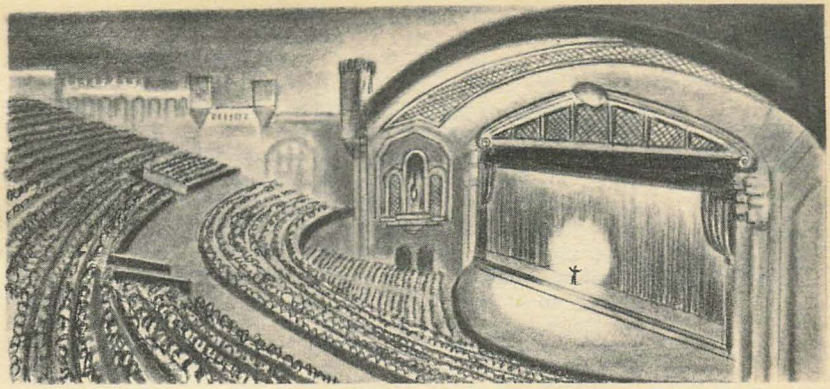
LIBRA

Or Libra Ascendant September 23-October 23 Cardinal Air Sign Ruler: VENUS



1st week

LIBRANS BORN AT the end of the sign will be influenced this month by the solar eclipse on July 22 in 29° of Cancer. A climactic event relating to your profession or reputation could cause changes of long-term influence in your life.



KNOW YOUR ASPECTS: Persons born when the sun is in favorable aspect (sextile or trine) to the planet Uranus will be strong-willed, independent, dynamic, progressive and inventive-minded. A keen sense of drama is part of their magnetic personalities and they tend to be unconventional. As with all aspects full judgment cannot be made without considering the sign and house position of other planets.

Should nothing unusual happen between October 21 and 23 you may expect some change three months later.



2nd week

From July 1 to 6 you should be highly intuitive about finances. Follow your hunches. This is a favorable time for taking short trips or communicating with friends and relatives. Writers, publishers and those working in the field of transportation should find this a propitious period for making decisions.



3rd week

July 6 to 26 marks a difficult cycle for any Libran involved in litigation. Try to avoid encounters with the law because the odds are against you. Most of the time you can depend on your friends' support but this time you may be disappointed to discover promises cannot be fulfilled.



4th week

Some Librans must be extremely cautious this month about investments. If your tendency is to go the limit and invest heavily you could lose a bundle. Others may be inclined to spend heavily on a sweetheart or a child. Try to avoid arguments with your loved one over expenditures.

SCORPIO

Or Scorpio Ascendant October 24-November 23 Fixed Water Sign Ruler: PLUTO

YOU MAY GET good news between July 1 and 6 from a friend living some distance away. It could refer to a financial matter, an inheritance or insurance. Some travel in connection with business may be necessary as a result of this news. If you are high-strung or emotionally upset over matters only you know about, keep these to yourself, for



1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week

unseen and unsuspected enemies would be only too happy to reveal your secrets and cause trouble.

A solar eclipse July 22 will influence the lives of Scorpios born at the end of the sign. It may bring you a beneficial long journey or special recognition for work in the field of education, philosophy or religion.

All of July between the 7th and 26th brings challenge—which means your profession or reputation will require attention. You should put off making any commitments or final decisions until later in the month.

As smooth as your personal life may be a source of irritation remains in your home. Your tendency is to act quickly to solve this problem but you should be patient. To force any issue could be costly. Perhaps it would be best to let the antagonism subside and the situation clear up of itself. Don't look to your friends for sympathy between July 26 and 31.

SAGITTARIUS

Or Sagittarius Ascendant November 24-December 21 Mutable Fire Sign Ruler: JUPITER





1st week



2nd week





3rd week



4th week

"TWO LOVES have I!" might well be many Sagittarians' theme song. Most of the time you are sincere and happy but early this month if you are feeling despondent or rejected by your mate you may seek solace with your "other" love. For some Sagittarians marriage problems are not uppermost but a business associate may give you reason for concern. Hear him out, however, for he may feel that *you* are confused and in need of guidance. This could be true. Use the early part of the month to discuss partnership financial matters, but for favorable solutions to problems get the legal or professional advice you need about July 28.

On July 11 the planet Mars turns retrograde in your third solar house slowing down communication and travel plans. From July 16 to 20 be cautious in your dealings with brothers, sisters, neighbors and in-laws. Misunderstandings might arise to cause arguments and separations. Advice you get from a loved one or a child will have little validity and should be quietly disregarded.

On July 24 the planet Jupiter turns direct in your 12th solar house which means increasing good luck may come from unexpected sources. This period favors Sagittarians working in hospitals or institutions and perhaps brings them new opportunities but July 23 to 28 is a poor time for decision-making. You will think more clearly on the 31st.

CAPRICORN

Or Capricorn Ascendant December 22-January 19 Cardinal Earth Sign Ruler: SATURN

CAPRICORN EXECUTIVES should do everything in their

power to maintain harmony in their organizations between July 1 and 6. This advice applies also to Capricorns working with unions, large institutions or schools. Pay more attention to detail to discover the causes for any problems or disharmony. A touchy situation could arise during this same period between you and your mate or a business associate. Changes made at the place of your employment may remedy the latter situation.

1st week 

2nd week  

A solar eclipse July 22 will have an important influence on the lives of Capricorns born at the end of this sign. Partnerships—either marriage or business—may undergo an important change. The eclipse is a climactic event with far-reaching influence. Should nothing eventful happen at this time, be ready for an important incident three months hence.

3rd week 

Most Capricorns make their own decisions but now and again a friend can give you just the right advice or moral support you need to get out of a depression. July 1 to 6 favors this kind of help — but not the period between the 7th and 26th.

4th week 

Financial matters need particular attention from July 7 to 20. Your inclination toward extravagance should be curbed. Keep everything aboveboard, too, because secret plans will prove unreliable.

AQUARIUS

Or Aquarius Ascendant January 20-February 18 Fixed Air Sign Ruler: URANUS

THINK POSITIVELY — and do not hesitate to accept any job opportunity offered you July 1 to 6. Changes you may have to make in travel plans due to your work will all come out for the best.

1st week  

July 7 to 20 marks a period when marriage or business partnership demands may conflict with professional commitments. Some decision has to be made but delay it if you can until July 24. At this time the planet Jupiter turns direct in your 10th solar house.

2nd week 

Inner conflict is making it difficult for you to progress. Perhaps the aggravation you are experiencing will ease July 11 when the planet Mars turns retrograde in your first solar house. From July 16 to 20 you can expect opposition from your mate or business associate but try to be understanding. You can't settle anything if communication bogs down.

3rd week  

A sweetheart or a child may be giving you concern and you may have to take on some unexpected responsibility in this regard. You may be puzzled by the actions of this loved one but you may not be fully aware of the problem. The whole truth may be eluding you. Also you may feel some confusion due to your friends' vagueness and failure to be frank.

4th week 

PISCES

Or Pisces Ascendant February 19-March 20 Mutable Water Sign Ruler: NEPTUNE




1st week

THE ACTIONS OF a sweetheart or child early this month may upset you very much but be assured everything will come out for the best.




2nd week

The early part of the month you should guard your property and valuables. A wise investment in a home product should prove profitable and you also could gain through the sale of real estate.




3rd week

Pisces persons born at the end of this sign may be influenced by the solar eclipse July 22. Some dramatic event may alter your love life. It may take the form of a new and lasting attachment or you may be separated forever from one you love. The birth of a child — or an idea — may occur at this climactic time.




4th week

From July 26 to 30 you ought not to "show off." You could be easily misunderstood and some friends may talk behind your back. If quarrels arise you can kiss and make up in the last few days of the month.

Between July 22 and 26 don't be overoptimistic about clearing up a difficult work situation. Co-workers may not be in a cooperative mood. Also excessive eating or drinking at this time will have detrimental effects on your well-being.

A parent or other relative may bring added responsibility to your home. He or she may want to live with you. While you feel compassionate and sympathetic you should recognize the limits of your obligation.









ANTS ARE LAZY, TOO

ANTS ARE NOT the industrious workers we've always thought them to be, says Dr. George Wheeler, an entomologist from the University of California at Berkeley. In fact, he maintains after research at the school's desert study center, "Individual ants spend a great deal of time just loafing. And worse than that, the worker ants, who are all females, spend a lot of time primping.

"Whenever we view an anthill," he concludes, "we get the impression of a tremendous amount of activity but that is merely because there are so many ants and because they all look alike."

Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

Mrs. Charles Angle, a cashier in a New Orleans furniture store, was talking to her husband on the telephone when two men walked in and announced a hold-up — loudly enough to be heard by Mr. Angle, a deputy sheriff. He went into action right away and the two bandits were caught in the act.

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Milton James, Jr., of San Antonio, Tex., was 13 years old on Friday, November, 13, 1970. He has 13 letters in his name, his locker number is 13, his homeroom number is 13 and he travels 13 miles to school every day.

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Joseph Sisco, in charge of Middle East affairs for the United States State Department, has the task of promoting a peaceful settlement between Israel and the Arab nations. Dining in a Chinese restaurant in Washington recently, he opened a fortune cookie to find this message: "Do not become involved in the quarrels of others."

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One of the strangest incidents of the Vietnam war happened to Cpl. Ralph Blumenhagen of Williamantic, Conn. He was creeping around a rock on a mountain northwest of Saigon when an enemy soldier fired at him. The American's rifle recoiled as if he'd fired it — although he hadn't. Puzzled, Corporal Blumenhagen looked into the muzzle of his weapon and discovered the enemy bullet tightly lodged within.

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Fire Chief John Knoll of Glendive, Mont., happened to be showing movies on fire prevention at the Jefferson Elementary School when a fire broke out in the school. He managed to put it out with a demonstration extinguisher he'd brought with him.

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Although only one girl had been born to the Crockett family in 91 years Mrs. Gene Crockett of Tacoma, Wash., had a strong feeling that the next child in the family would be a girl. When her daughter, Mrs. Ronald Holt, became pregnant Mrs. Crockett sewed 25 girl-baby outfits — all perfectly suitable for the new first granddaughter.



The Man Who DIDN'T Walk Through Fire

The Editors

How a man of the cloth jumped from the fire into the frying pan . . .

THE MAN WHO Walked Through Fire" — Ken Cantrell of Huntsville, Ala. — didn't. At any rate he didn't "walk through fire" protected by the "Holy Ghost Fire Clothing" at the time and place he says he did.

In the February 1971 FATE we published a story titled "The Man Who Walked Through Fire" based on the testimony of the Rev. Ken Cantrell who said he miraculously survived a holocaust August 7, 1953, aboard the *U.S.S. Lake Champlain*, then standing off the Rock of Gibraltar. The fire claimed the lives of the other 15 in the 16-man crew, he said.

The story was written by George Butler, a staff writer for *The Gadsden Times* who has had 30 years' experience as a reporter. Mr. Butler, whose integrity is not in question, had written a similar account for his newspaper under the title "Miracle of the Fiery Furnace."

His information came largely from a pamphlet (which he sent to us) describing in detail the Reverend Cantrell's experience aboard the aircraft carrier. To illustrate our story we cut from the brochure a picture of the "holocaust" in the catapult room viewed from the flight deck, a picture of a ship designated the *U.S.S. Lake Champlain* and two pictures of Ken Cantrell, one as he looked in 1953 and the other taken in 1970.

We now find that for more than two years the Department of the Navy has been using the letter reproduced on facing page to reply to inquiries as to the veracity of the Rev. Ken Cantrell's inspirational story of his "escape from the inferno."

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF INFORMATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350

IN REPLY REFER TO
OI-340/SRM:lkl
9 FEB 1971

[redacted]

Dear Mrs. [redacted]

Thank you for your recent letter requesting information concerning USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

In regard to Mr. Ken Cantrell and events alleged to have occurred on USS LAKE CHAMPLAIN on August 7, 1953, a thorough investigation of the ship's records, including the deck log, has been carried out by personnel in the Ship's Histories Section of the Division of Naval History. A number of discrepancies in Mr. Cantrell's heroic tale are evident.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN was not at Gilbraltar, nor even in the Mediterranean on August 7, 1953. She was still operating off Korea as part of Seventh Fleet. She returned to the United States in December, 1953.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN's log discloses no disastrous fire of any kind on or about August 7, 1953. The vessel did have a gasoline fire in July, 1957, while in Marseille, France, during the unloading of automobiles onto a lighter alongside. The fire started on the lighter, not the carrier, and spread to the ship's stern, not her bow. Three of LAKE CHAMPLAIN's men were killed on the lighter and five were injured. The entire event, occurring four years after Mr. Cantrell's account, with but three fatalities and at the opposite end of the ship, scarely resembles the Cantrell story.

Bureau of Naval Personnel records show that Mr. Cantrell was detached April 26, 1953, and was transferred to the Naval Receiving Station, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. No record exists to show any subsequent return to the ship.

I hope this information will help clarify the situation. Your continued interest in the U. S. Navy is invited.

Sincerely,

J. M. RUSCH
Commander, U. S. Navy
Director
Community Relations Division

Mr. Butler wrote his newspaper story after a dinner meeting of the Gadsden Chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship, when the Reverend Cantrell told the story of his experience to an audience of more than 100 persons, then handed out the pamphlet (or advertising brochure) titled "Miracle of the Century!" Mr. Butler had additional reason to compare the "miracle" to the Biblical account of the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace, for in words and pictures the brochure relates in detail Ken Cantrell's experience and closes with this paragraph:

"The reader may order the only works known today to have survived the fire tests. The Miracle book, 'Because of Your Unbelief,' the companion large textbook, 'The Fasting Prayer,' and a White Raiment Clothing of Power, Body Felt Salvation Book, together with charts, testimonies and great helps on faith and power — all to your door for only an offering of $5.00. (These gems of truth will come to you in 2 packages.) This is the only tested survival kit known! Write to . . ."

No, not to Ken Cantrell — but to another man who also is addressed as "The Reverend" and who receives his mail in Phoenix, Ariz.

Nevertheless, the Reverend Cantrell's address (P.O. Box 697, Huntsville, Ala. 35804) was published on page 45 of our February 1971 issue and we can only guess at the number of letters he received. More than 20 FATE readers wrote to author George Butler and we received numerous letters congratulating us on publishing this inspirational account.

But then some of our readers began to have second thoughts.

In the middle of the first week in February, amid the editors' bulky mail was a government postcard from California bearing a succinct message:

"I was under the impression that you published only *true* stories. This, apparently, was not the case when you published a story . . . titled 'The Man Who Walked Through Fire.' A check with an officer in Naval Aviation who was Commanding Officer of the *U.S.S. Lake Champlain* a short time prior to the time of the incident described in your story indicates that not only didn't the incident ever occur but also that the pictures shown in the story are not those of the *U.S.S. Lake Champlain.*

"An explanation is requested. The credibility of your magazine is in question."

We sent off letters on February 4 to author George Butler and

the Reverend Cantrell. Mr. Butler, as mystified as we, awaited the Reverend Cantrell's rebuttal to the charge implied in the message. We waited and waited. . . .

Then on February 17 a letter from a reader in Hawaii came:

"Enclosed find a copy of a letter I received from the U.S. Navy. If you are going to print 'true' stories, may I suggest that a little research be done about some articles? This would save you the embarrassment of a retraction . . . Aloha."

By this time our "investigation" had assumed major proportions and FATE readers were doing most of it — while we awaited word from Cantrell.

A man in Montreal, Canada, wrote us on February 26 enclosing *two* Xerox copies of the letter he had received from the Department of the Navy. The reply to his query is word for word and line for line the same as the one we've reproduced for you and we surmise the Navy is using a form letter to facilitate replying to FATE readers who disbelieved the story of the Reverend Cantrell.

Time was running out and we faced the disagreeable prospect of confessing that we had been "taken in."

On February 18, still having no reply from the Reverend Cantrell, we tried the telephone. We talked with Mrs. Cantrell in Huntsville, Ala., but the Reverend Cantrell was not at home. We were told his home is also his place of business and he was not there. We asked Mrs. Cantrell to have the Reverend call us collect as soon as he returned. She said she would. He did not call.

The next day, Friday, February 19, at 9:28 A.M. we reached Mrs. Cantrell by telephone again. She sounded harried and unhappy. She said the Reverend was not at home; she didn't know when he would be.

The Rev. Ken Cantrell never has called. We wonder, has he never come home? Nor has he replied to our last letter.

We are forced to admit, therefore, that it appears we were party to a hoax. It's always a bitter conclusion for editors of a magazine dedicated to truth — truth that so often is stranger than fiction.

We hope that through this apology to you, our readers, we also may reach the evangelist Ken Cantrell, who testifies that he was protected from tragedy by his abiding faith. The message for this man of God is to be found in the seventh verse of the 20th chapter of *Exodus:*

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

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Mr. Cox is an associate of the Society of American Magicians and his hobbies include an interest in mechanical engineering.



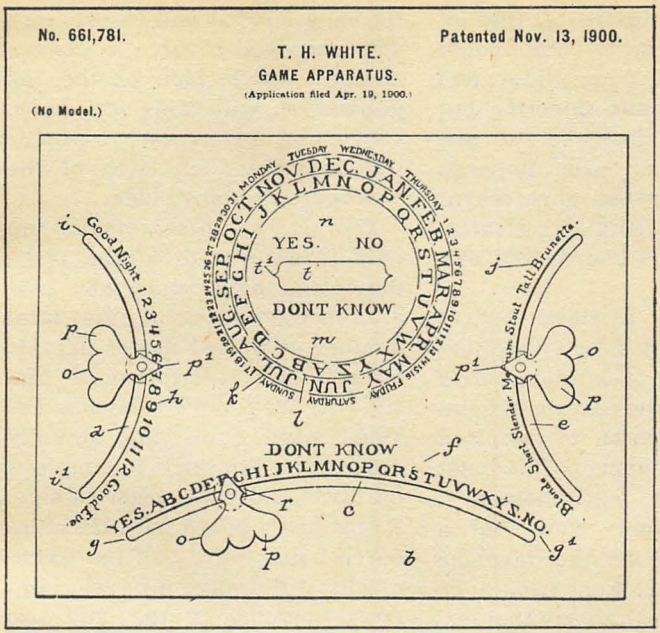
165 MACHINES THAT TELL FORTUNES

Want to know your future? Then pay your money and take your choice—but don't hold your breath.

By W. E. Cox

SINCE ONE James Swaim patented his "Magic Cupid" in 1854 the United States Patent Office has issued 165 patents on fortune-telling devices of one kind or another. While some are classed as toys and others as coin-operated machines, at least three-fourths of them had no more prophetic ability than any neighborhood "gypsy." They range from the simplest novelties to complex floor-model mechanisms designed for fairgrounds, railroad stations and wherever else one could take in a fast nickel.

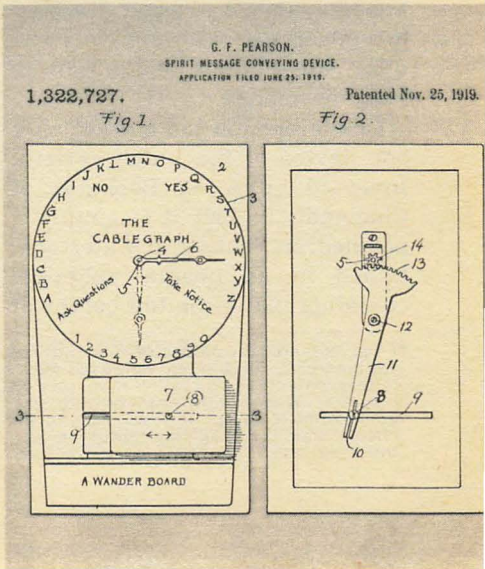
"The Magnetic Toy Called the Magic Cupid" — the name Swaim gave his invention — was designed to amuse. A small box with a cupid-shaped pointer on top was arranged so that Cupid's hand could point to any of eight "answers" in a surrounding circle. The toy included eight pieces of wood on which questions had been imprinted. When one of these was inserted in an open end of the box a bar mag-



This elaborate Ouija board, patented in 1900 by T.H. White of Baltimore, could accommodate as many as four sitters at once.

net inside the wood made Cupid point out its "answer." The example shown in the patent drawing asked, "What is one-half of the world doing?" The answer was, "Cheating the other half."

What profit Swaim made from this novelty no one knows but he has the dubious distinction of being probably the first patentee of a question-answering game. Although Swaim's is by no



A patent drawing of a "Spirit Message Conveying Device" shows a leverage novelty (right) employed in some "talking boards."

means the simplest of the lot many of the most complicated machines that came later had exactly this same objective but usually were designed to dispense preprinted cards. Between those extremes the government has granted patents on a strange variety of Ouija boards and other novelties.*

The majority of these devices — which I call "fortune-telling machines" for lack of a better term — share one feature in common: they consist of assorted dispensing mechanisms, no doubt reflecting their mechanomancy-minded inventors' view that a concession-type vending machine delivering predictions would be more profitable than one that dispensed candy bars. Even someone wanting to cast his own horoscope could rest assured that a contrivance had been designed to help him — with simple operating instructions and a slot to take his money.

I have seen on the market only one device of the "toy" variety. Invented by A. C. Bookman of Cincinnati in 1961 it is simply a polyhedron floating in water contained in an opaque spherical container. Only the top center of the sphere is flat and transparent and when you revolve it, chance dictates which face of the the polyhedron will come into view. Of course, an answer or prediction is printed on each of the polyhedron's many sides.

Female patentees make up only three percent of the 165 — but this is higher than their usual representation in the total number of United States patents issued. The description of Matilda R. Wellman's "Psychic Device," while quite long, actually concerns a gimmick so simple it hardly could have been salable. It was just a board with 150 numbered holes and a golf tee. Technically it did have a novel claim and "usefulness," the only two requirements for a patent application.

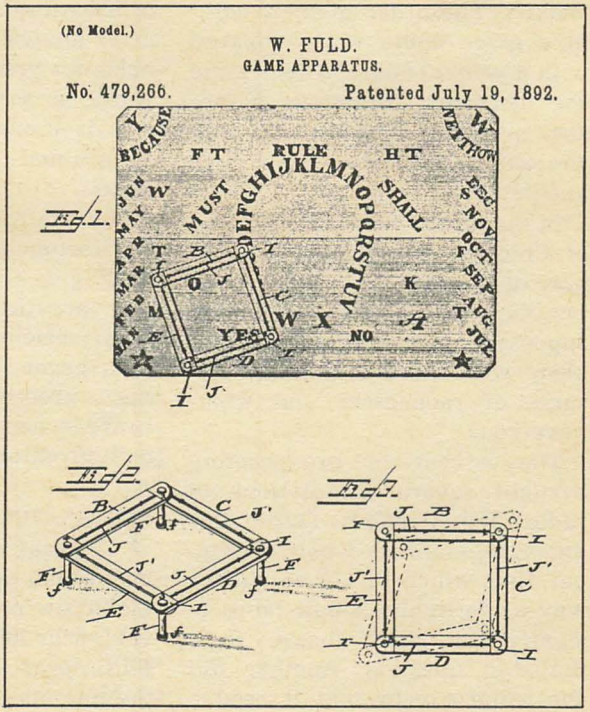
"It comprises a reference-designating element and a traversing element," Matilda Wellman begins her multiloquent description. Soberly she goes on to tell how the holes and tee enable the user intuitively to obtain a number to look up in an accompanying leaflet. Her prepared answers range from "You vibrate to a very high plane in God's world" to "Don't dance so much; it is bad for your health!"

Nearly all of the patents have only one page of drawings and one to three of text but a patent by Marvin and Casler of Canas-

*I am indebted to James Wobensmith of Philadelphia for having collected these letters patent. A versatile man now in his 90's, Wobensmith was both a magician and a patent lawyer. Among his clients was the magician Thurston who invented many of magicdom's illusions.

tota, N.Y., dated 1907, has seven pages of each. The invention was a complex nonelectric device for "delineating Character according to the Character of the Hand" — or so the title read. The user would place his hand on a bed of some 400 peg-like pins and the uneven depression made by the hand's contours determined which of various preprinted analyses the machine would eject for his dime.

Other devices were less pretentious and some of the "fortune-telling wheels" must have earned relatively good profits. An analyzer (1922) for the would-be phrenologist enabled him to compare heads. Towle and Tschinkel of New York registered an alarm-clock-sized device with a printed disc which revolved on voice command. Sound vibrations acting on a ratchet-operating diaphragm caused the disc to



While William Fuld manufactured most Ouija boards (his first "Game Apparatus" is shown here) he did not invent the trademark "Ouija" nor today's most popular design.

revolve and thus expose through a small aperture any one of 24 short predictions. Sam Loyd, the "Puzzle King," also was a patentee, having put into a mechanism one of his age-revealing arithmetical formulas in 1923.

Several ball-shaking harbingers were patented. One patented in 1908 consisted of variously-colored balls inside a book-shaped box bearing the title *The Book of True Answers*. The balls would arrange themselves randomly in a number of chutes when the box was turned or shaken. The order of their color in a given chute was compared with a printed chart to determine the prophecy. Numerous games for children, simpler but with the same objectives, also were granted patents.

In the late 1920's W. D. Watling of Chicago patented large coin-operated amusement devices for concessions. These dispensed supposedly personal predictions along with the ever-popular pictures of racehorses and what-have-you.

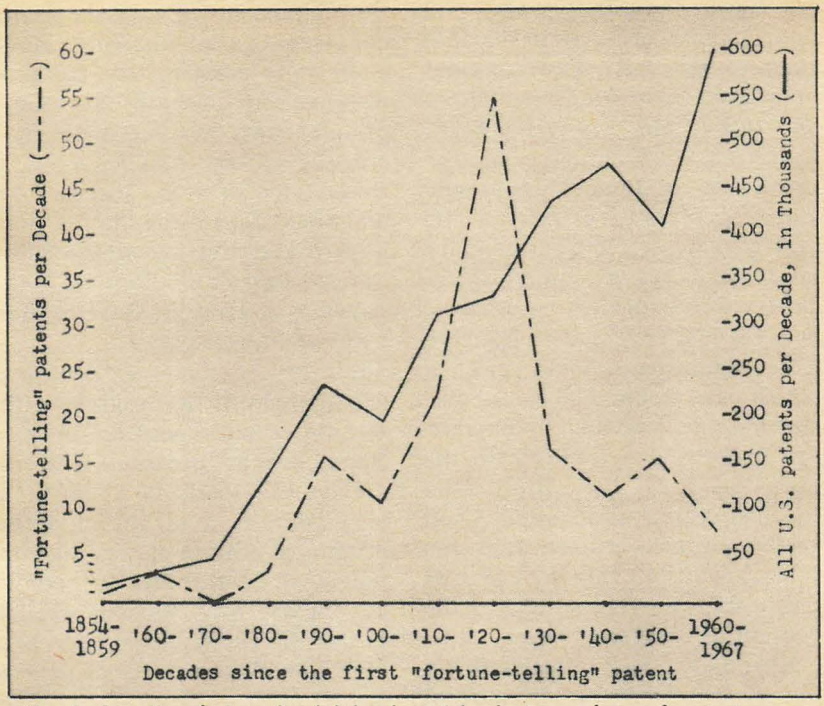
The advent of broadcasting brought several simulations of radio cabinet gadgets (1926). For example, one had a pair of typical dials which turned in such a way as to light a small lamp to signify the right answer to a dialed-in question. Another did the same except that it used a buzzer instead of a lamp. The inventors, quick to capitalize on current fads, were careful to use the new word "radio," as if the devices had something to do with it.

Today, in a modern expression of the fortune-teller's fear of appearing dated, a completely computerized horoscoper called "Astroflash" stands in New York's Grand Central Station. For a few dollars, you can have your birth date and time punched into a card and fed into an IBM complex, whereupon a printer disgorges either a character analysis or what the future holds for you or both at some 150 words a second! The information is banked in professionally programed electronic memory drums.

For the most part these kinds of "fortune-telling" contraptions don't give the operator much to do; practically no one takes them seriously. But one variety does grant the player a role in the proceedings — the Ouija board — and it is popular among both inventors and operators.

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THE OUIJA board did not appear among these patented fortune cookies until 1880. An elaborate model of one was invented in 1900 by T. H. White of Baltimore. (Fully one-third of the patents for "talking boards,"



The broken line (using the left-hand scale) charts numbers of patents on "fortune-telling" devices granted during each decade by the United States Patent office. The solid line uses the right-hand scale to show the approximate number of all United States patents issued during the same periods.

as they were called, were issued to Baltimoreans alone.) White's board could accommodate as many as four pairs of sitters at once.

Variations of the Ouija board are known to have existed as early as 540 B.C. According to a French historical account, the philosopher Pythagoras frequently participated in "circles" at which "a mystic table, moving on wheels, moved toward signs which the philosopher and his pupil Philolaus interpreted to the audience as being revelations supposedly from the unseen world."

The first Ouija board patent of which I have record went to one Frederick Becker of Albany, N.Y., in 1880. However, similar boards had been made as early as 1850 in Philadelphia. Dr. Rob-

ert Hare illustrated large and small models of these in his 1855 volume entitled *Experimental Investigation of the Spirit Manifestations*. He was Professor Emeritus of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania and a man I classify as one of the first psychical researchers. Hare must have known some psychically well-endowed sensitives* because his final model consisted of a table on wheels, one of which was connected to a disc bearing the alphabet in *haphazard* order and *not visible* to the operator. Here the sitter often touched only a plate which itself rested on free rollers atop the table. Yet the *table* moved and produced pointer-readings of the content of witnesses' minds.

Hare never took out patents on any of these, perhaps because of antagonism from his former associates. He had made enemies through his strong attacks on the excesses of Spiritualism. However, it is obvious that if there were rollers beneath the "hand plate" sitters who were not psychically gifted would fail with this device. The presence of an alphabet that was both haphazard and invisible to the sitter .nsured that he would need clairvoyance in good measure to indicate specific letters.

Sitters like ourselves doubtless would make little progress without the ease of operation modern Ouija boards provide. Unfortunately, this tends to make them unreliable as a means of determining psychical energy and intelligence. But most of today's buyers are sophisticated enough to use the Ouija board only as a diversion. The number of patents issued on it — 29 in all — reflect its popularity.

Few of the 28 variations subsequently patented had much circulation, for there is little difference in their efficiency. Still one might wonder if some of the forgotten models were not more facile than the currently popular variety. Take the first one — Becker's, invented 90 years ago, for instance. Its planchette alone occupied nearly all of the surface leaving exposed the alphabet area along one edge. The planchette rested on rollers and when moved only slightly a

*One was Henry Gordon, an early equal to D. D. Home but now forgotten (his record was marred), whose success with the "scales and water pail" recorder of "psychic force" probably led Crookes and Home to use this method 20 years later. The "scales and water pail" comprised the main elements of the famous technique for testing Home's telekinetic ability under controlled conditions. A 36-inch mahogany board had a fulcrum at one end and sensitive scales at the other. When Home placed one hand on the fulcrum he could cause the scales irregularly to register as much as 5000 grains (nearly one pound). When a vessel of water was placed on the fulcrum and Home's hand restricted to the surface of the water as a precaution against fraud, a psychic force still was repeatedly measured and recorded, according to Fournier d'Albe, Crookes' biographer.

pointer attached to it swung freely and widely across the row of letters.

The "planchette" preceded Becker's 1880 "talking board" and it came from France. It was a by-product of "table-turning" which had become the rage in France in the 1850's. As a form of "automatic writing" the planchette was faster. But in America the "talking board" overtook both of these as popular parlor amusement. When this happened William A. Fuld and his brother Isaac, both of Baltimore, entered the growing market. Isaac was a cabinetmaker and the owner of a toy factory and the brothers foresaw the value of a monopoly on these "talking boards."

William personally patented three models in 1892, 1914 and 1932, none of them particularly resembling the model we know today. Its designer was Elija J. Bond, also of Baltimore. The Fulds' claim to fame lay in their factory, which had sawed talking boards into great popularity by the turn of the century.

Frederick Becker's patent preceded the Fulds' interests by 10 years and the term "Ouija" was not of their devising. The registered Fuld title was "Mystifying Oracle." The first formal use of "Ouija Board" in a patent was as the title of one issued to Harry M. Bigelow of Milwaukee in 1921, although the term (from the French *oui* and German *ja* both meaning "yes") was in common use by that time. (Both names, as well as "William Fuld" and "Talking Board," are now the property of Parker Bros., Inc., Salem, Mass.)

Several American patents bore the title "Talking Board" and others had such names as "Controversial Device," "Spiritualistic Communication Apparatus," "Psychic Instrument" and "Apparatus for Indicating Telepathic Message." Within the texts of these patents, however, decorous language was required. Although some of the applications as initially worded well may have referred to the spirit world as a prime mover of the planchettes, dispassionate patent attorneys faced with a host of patent regulations no doubt toned down the verbiage in the documents. Still some Ouija patents contain phrases like "as if from Spirit" or "mediumistic claims" to which are ascribed the subconscious ideomotor movements of sitters' hands.

Only in 1967 did I come across "extrasensory perception" in a patent. It was used in one labeled "Message Device With Freely Swingable Pointer" by T. W. Gillespie of Yreka, Calif. This was a cross between a Ouija board and a dowser's doodlebug.

Occasional evidence crops up to show that ESP can manifest in remarkable ways through the Ouija board. The October 1961 issue of FATE reported the following cases* which occurred in a World War I barracks in 1917 and in Paris in 1918:

"It was only when I was one of the parties working the board that we got real results . . . At a Christmas party someone asked the usual question, 'When will the German spring drive begin?' The Ouija board answered glibly, 'Eighty-four days from date.' " It missed by only three days.

"This was not the only time . . . During that dreadful spring of 1918, when Paris was constantly under bombardment, the Ouija board would interrupt itself suddenly, in the midst of a sentence, to state that the planes would be over the city in 20 minutes — and they were!"

The wide sale of the devices and even the number of patents applied for is not surprising. The occasionally phenomenal claims for it — such as Kathryn Drain's successes — are advertisements in themselves.

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AS WE HAVE seen, the Ouija-type patents are diverse. In a model patented in 1940, J. P. McCarthy of Los Angeles simply had inserted electric terminals to light a standard board and also to turn on a corresponding lamp within a similar board elsewhere. This enabled two-way experiments even in darkness.

Another type patented in 1945 had Braille and printed letters scattered over the surface of a sphere which was concealed in a housing. The sphere revolved as it was pushed over an ordinary table and letters became visible through a small hole in the top of the housing.

Another unusual type appeared in 1950. It depended on the erratic movements of a bubble in a horizontal tube of water bearing the alphabet. Two others (dated 1923 and 1926) had pointers that turned in exact accordance with the degrees of tilt given their built-in tables. In 1922 appeared a patent for a Ouija device which even would typewrite automatically each designated letter!

I was surprised to find that in 1967 two Ouija patents were granted on the same day. One of these went to Paul R. Foght, Jr., who assigned it to Clark Publishing Company, publisher of FATE. (He was then Assistant Publisher.) The novelty of his "Aye-See Message Board" lay in having the indicia printed around

*These are the words of Kathryn Drain reported by Danton Walker in *Spooks de Luxe* (Franklin Watts, Inc.) and reprinted in FATE.

the edge of the planchette itself, which is a large translucent disc. A letter becomes readable only when it passes over a small light in the specially-provided tabletop.

The other patent was issued to a Chicagoan named Thomas. His device used a magnetic pendulum as the planchette to select letters from a circle of magnetic indicia.

Of all the Ouija-type devices on patent record up to 1967, Fuld's model supplies the bulk of today's market. Others now being manufactured include the "Aye-See," "Mystic Eye," "Planchette" and "Cybernetic Destiny Wheel." As more leisure-time novelties enter the market, no doubt similar fortune-telling devices will follow.

As an indication of the popularity of the devices, in 1966 *Time* reported that sales had "tripled." Three patents were taken out in 1967, a record number for one year. And last year *The Wall Street Journal* reported that two million Ouija boards had been sold in 1969.

No one can study the patent records without noticing one peculiarity. More than one patent was granted for astonishingly similar fortune-telling devices of the Ouija board type. (In contrast, my father could not get a patent on a disappearing typewriter-rack, for Remington had patented one earlier.)

The story goes that before the turn of the century an old Patent Office employee said that since practically everything had been invented he might as well resign. Perhaps he should have consulted an old-fashioned Ouija board first, for apparently the would-be presagers among us will continue to invent a heterogenous assortment of "fortune-telling" contraptions.



THE MARK OF THE CRAB

MY FATHER Edwin T. Hook was born in July under the sign of Cancer. From birth he had identical birthmarks on either side of the small of his back. These were shaped like crabs facing each other with claws outstretched, looking exactly as live crabs do when they crawl.

I had heard about these from early childhood but I was about 13 before I asked exactly where they were. When he told me I felt safe in asking to see them; hence I can attest to their existence.

However, more interesting than the birthmarks themselves is that as Father's natal season approached the perfectly-shaped crabs intensified in color to the bright red of cooked crabs, then lightened in mid-July. — *Kaye Pettit.*

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38,	May	215
39,	June	65
40,	July	65
41,	Aug.	365
42,	Sept.	40
43,	Oct.	210
44,	Nov.	215



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54,	Sept.	140
55,	Oct.	40
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58,	Jan.	90
60,	Mar.	140
61,	Apr.	40
62,	May	600
63,	June	490
64,	July	90
67,	Oct.	190
68,	Nov.	340
69,	Dec.	900



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104,	Nov.	390
105,	Dec.	500





1959

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112,	July	340
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115,	Oct.	490
116,	Nov.	440
117,	Dec.	390



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121,	Apr.	190
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His body was brought back to his church where he lay in state for several days while stricken parishioners filed past the casket to pay their final homage. My own family and I were among the mourners. Although I am not a Catholic, Father Martin had been a good friend with whom I had spent many pleasant hours discussing the Bible, theology and the hereafter. We often discussed whether the Jewish people in Biblical times had believed in life after death or if this precept is peculiar to Christian teachings.

Early on the afternoon before his funeral November 8, 1964, we visited the church once more and as I knelt before the casket the question formed in my mind: Had Father now learned the answers to all the questions we had been asking?

About 3:15 that afternoon, having returned from a shopping trip, I started downstairs to the laundry room. Suddenly and inexplicably I felt someone or something close behind me. An ice-cold surge of terror paralyzed my body. I couldn't move! All I could see was a mist but the mist formed a human outline. It was Father Martin, his distinctive face, blond hair and slim form.

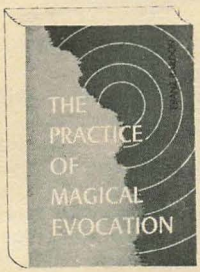
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"PACKED AND READY"

By Genevieve M. DiNoto

IN EARLY 1968 our son Paul, aged 22, came out of Southeast Asia gaunt and exhausted but glad to be alive.

"I really shouldn't be here," he said once. "Only your prayers and the grace of God brought me home from those swamps and jungles."

My husband Charles and I were quite disturbed about Paul's solemn demeanor. He rarely smiled and seemed to have lost the ability to express and appreciate humor.

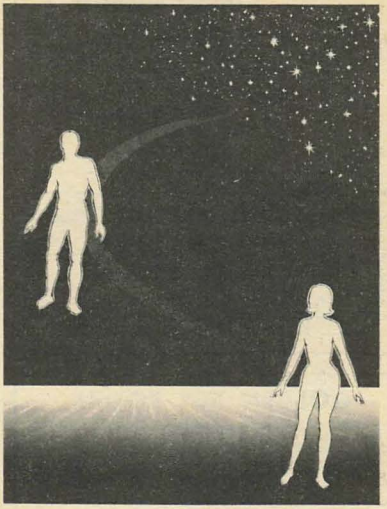
Nevertheless, during the summer Paul swam, surfed and sunbathed with his friends. Eventually he registered for the fall term at Santa Monica (Calif.) City College, got himself a part-time job with the Santa Monica Board of Education and took a little apartment.

His health seemed precarious, however. He had contracted a blood infection in the Vietnam jungles which wouldn't clear up. Finally, his father and I went to his apartment on Sunday, October 27, 1968, and told him we had come to take him home where we could care for him. We were surprised when he readily agreed. But he asked us to return the next evening when he would be packed and ready. We left, congratulating ourselves on his cooperativeness.

At 2:40 A.M. that Monday morning I awakened to find Paul standing in our bedroom. I started to get out of bed but Paul raised his hand and said, "Don't get up. I just came to say good-bye."

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Paul smiled one of his rare smiles and moved quietly out of the bedroom, down the short hall and out the apartment door.

The Santa Monica Board of Education permitted Paul to work odd hours because of his tight class schedule. He usually finished work at 11:30 P.M., then came to our apartment and rested while I fixed him a sandwich or a meal. About one o'clock he would drive home to Santa Monica and go to bed.

Momentarily forgetting we had seen him in his own apartment earlier that night, I was puzzled only by his statement and the lateness of his visit.

Monday evening we went to get Paul and his belongings. A light was on in his living room but he didn't answer the door. We obtained a key from the building manager and went in. Paul was seated in a chair near the door with his belongings stacked neatly nearby. He was dead. (Two other men in Paul's military outfit in Vietnam who attended Paul's funeral since have died of the same blood infection which killed our son.)

Later we asked the County Coroner the time of his death.

"This boy died about two-thirty this morning," he replied.— *Venice, Calif.*

THE MYSTERY PUPPY

By Kevin Pelton

ONE COOL September morning in 1969 our puppy Patsy was cruelly hit by a speeding automobile and instantly killed. We had just brought her to our home in Covina, Calif., the night before and she was only six weeks old. Our family had loved her on sight. And now we buried her tiny furry body in the corner of our backyard.

The very next night after everyone had gone to bed and to sleep, I was awakened abruptly by little puppy-like yelps and howls. Soon my wife

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But the same whining and helpless anguished cries continued for three nights. On the fourth night we jumped to look out the windows. And we could see Patsy clearly! She was playing with her little blue ball — the one we had buried with her. We stood in complete shock watching Patsy pick up her ball and romp into the tall grass. By this time Ron had rushed out into the moonlit yard to get her. But before he could reach her she had disappeared and not a sound could be heard except for the chirping of a cricket.

Over breakfast the next day we talked about the mystery. Were we all having the same delusion? We didn't think so — but what other explanation was there?

Later on the boys went out and dug up the little pup's grave. To their amazement, neither the ball nor Patsy could be found. Yet around the grave were fresh puppy-sized paw prints. We all realized no dog and especially one of Patsy's size could possibly jump the nine-foot wall around our backyard. And Patsy never had been in the backyard except when we took her there for her burial. It was mysterious.

Well, eventually we stopped talking about what had happened. No more yelping was heard. Two weeks later, however, we were weeding the flowerbeds in the backyard and in the tall grass we found — you guessed it—Patsy's little blue ball.—*Covina, Calif.*

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mired since I was a child. It originally had been a wedding present for my great-grandparents, George and Margaret Hackley, who were married before the Civil War.

The clock had a place of honor in Grandpa's home, sitting for years on a shelf in the dining room. Every Sunday morning Grandpa would wind it, a ritual I loved to watch.

When the heirloom came to me I put in on a shelf in the kitchen of our home in St. Louis, Mo. For a couple of years the old clock ticked away,



Jean M. Maire

tolling the hours and half hours as it had done in my childhood — unless we forgot to wind it, which happened now and then. If Grandpa happened to be around he would chastise us for our negligence and give us a lecture on the importance of winding the clock on a certain day of the week so that it didn't run down.

During one of his semiannual visits Grandpa became ill and died in our home on August 24, 1942. This left a void in my life and it was months before things returned to what I thought was normal.

Finally I realized that something was not normal about the clock on the shelf. It still kept perfect time, it still tolled the hours but something wasn't right. After a few days I

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realized what it was. The clock door would come open each time we forgot to wind it! I wound the clock again, shut the door and forgot it until the following week. The door came open again!

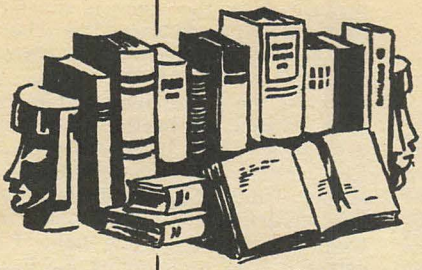
By this time my husband Paul had become interested in the clock door. He was sure I had lost my mind. However, we soon became convinced the door could not open by itself. It had a catch lock which had to be turned by hand. It was not traffic vibration from the street; else why would it vibrate open only when the clock needed winding?

Somewhat reluctantly we went to our pastor, Msgr. John T. Sesnon, in December of 1942. Our old Irish priest listened to us, then smiled knowingly, which puzzled me, and told us he would have it taken care of. I pressed him to tell me more but he merely said, "There are some things we cannot explain."

A few days later, one of the young priests, the Rev. Clarence D. White, came around "to take care of it." He walked around the kitchen saying prayers so quietly I couldn't hear his words, sprinkled holy water through the room, teased me unmercifully and left.

And that was the end of the matter. Never again did the door of the clock open, although we often forgot to wind it for weeks on end. But one thought nagged at the back of my mind. Grandfather had been violently anti-Catholic. Which was effective—the exorcism rite itself or Grandpa's own will to leave—after a priest had been called in?—*Jacksonville, Fla.*





New Books



By David Techter

THE POPULAR LITERATURE REVISITED

THE PSYCHIC field continues to flourish. New paperbacks appear; organizations thrive and multiply; psychic subjects are publicized with frequency by the mass media. However, the popular magazine situation remains ambiguous.

I have commented in the past on the various new magazines in the field. *Psychic* now has passed the one-year mark and has maintained its high standards, especially in the excellent photographs and artwork in each bimonthly issue. *Occult* also continues although the well-known authors seem to appear less frequently than at first. I consider neither of these a competitor to FATE as they are aimed primarily at other readers. The one magazine which openly boasted it would outstrip FATE expired in a burst of sensationalized trivia and questionable articles. (Now it promises to resume publication under a new editor.)

I expected to have three new periodicals on which to report but herein lies the ambiguity. An initial issue of *Inner Space*, edited by Raymond Van Over, appeared in September 1970. The material ranged from fair to excellent; the format was attractive; and it was backed by Mercury Publications' years of experience in the publishing field. Certainly, I thought, here is a success. But the second issue never has appeared. Subscribers received a postcard apology for the delay with a promise of a new issue soon. Then in February 1971 their subscription money was refunded. Apparently there will be no more *Inner Space*.

Last August I received word that popular Tarot reader Ron Warmoth was going to edit a newspaper titled *Extra Sensory Press*. (The Illinois Society for Psychic Research has long used that name for its monthly announcements but it was never copyrighted.) This too struck me as an excellent idea. A first-rate newspaper in the field is overdue; no existing periodical covers the field consistently and frequently enough to announce future meetings. Warmoth, assisted by a group of advisors,

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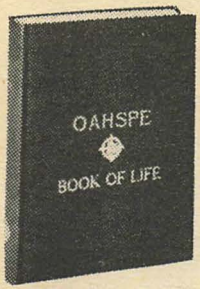
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seemed an excellent man for the project. Alas, the story is much the same as *Inner Space's*. Even before the first issue appeared the postcard apology arrived. Soon it was announced the newspaper had merged with another prospective publication, a magazine to be titled simply *E.S.P.* This latter was the brainchild of author Timothy Green Beckley who has written several paperbacks and frequent articles in the field. I received a flyer announcing *E.S.P.* and followed it up with interest. Beckley's plan was to organize a new society to support the magazine; members would receive special news bulletins and the like. To date, all I have seen is a single news bulletin. No issue of *E.S.P.* has appeared.

If there is a moral in all this it is that the present interest in the psychic field is no guarantee that a new publishing venture will make money.

ANOTHER NEWCOMER

THE FOREGOING discussion leads up to a report on the latest entry in the magazine field, *Strange*, with the subhead "True Stories of the Supernatural," newsstand price 75 cents, no subscription price quoted. Presumably (like *Occult*) it is available only from your newsdealer. The issue on hand is designated Vol. 1, No. 1, but has no date, nor is the intended frequency of publication indicated. Indeed, it looks to me more like a magazine format paperback than a genuine periodical. This impression is reinforced by the fact that the publisher is Popular Library, a foremost producer of psychic paperbacks, and by the fact that the first issue consists entirely of material culled from past paperbacks by Brad Steiger. Brad informs me that the next two issues likewise will be authored entirely by him. This enterprise appears to be a means of reissuing paperback material in a format that might be car-

ried by newsstands that don't stock paperbacks. However, for those of you who missed the earlier Steiger paperbacks this collection of 130 pages of vintage material will be a treat. As such I can highly recommend it, even while I question its credentials as a "magazine."

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THE TITLE OF *The Complete Gypsy Fortune-Teller* by Kevin Martin (G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N.Y., 1970, 315 pages, $6.95) conjures up visions of greasy-spoon tearooms and old crones staring into crystal balls. (The dust jacket pictures such a crone just in case your imagination does not.) The anonymous author hiding behind the nom de plume, however, insists with a straight face that this is true information straight from the mouths of real gypsies. But the contents so closely parallel a similar do-it-yourself volume by the Gibsons that this reviewer feels justified in taking Martin's claims with more than one grain of salt. Be that as it may, the volume contains an interesting hodgepodge of fortune-telling systems: both standard and Tarot cards, palmistry, tea leaves, dice, phrenology, graphology, dominoes, rudimentary astrology, numerology, etc.

I doubt if anyone actually will sit down and read straight through this book. Rather it is one to consult for novel systems of divination. A system I had not encountered previously is based directly on the letters of the alphabet. It proved surprisingly accurate for me. By contrast, the chapter titled "The Cabalistic Chart of the Gypsies" which gives the numerical values of the letters seemed much less relevant when I applied it.

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THERE SEEMS no end to the volumes based on the life and teachings of the late Edgar Cayce. One of the most recent is *Edgar Cayce's Story of Karma* (Coward-McCann, New York, N.Y., 1971, 283 pages, $6.95). The host of readers attracted by the glut of paperbacks on Cayce should be cautious about purchasing this one. The title page quite accurately states the volume is "Selections, Arrangement and Comments by Mary Ann Woodward." An old friend and devoted disciple of Cayce, Woodward has supplied the meagerest of bridging material to connect long direct quotations from the Cayce readings. Cayce's circuitous archaic prose may have been packed with useful information but it is extremely difficult reading. This is a volume recommended for the true believer willing to plod through turgid prose for an occasional insight. The whole argument already has been stated beautifully by Gina Cerminara in *Many Mansions.* Noel Langley's *Edgar Cayce on Reincar-*

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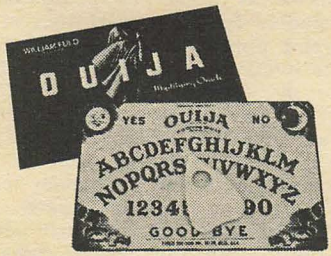
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nation likewise covers much of the same ground. Here are all the familiar themes of physical karma, talents and aptitudes, family relationships and group karma discussed in Cayce's difficult language. Mary Ann Woodward has performed her role admirably but unedited Cayce is definitely not for everyone.

OTHER REVIEWS

PROBING THE UNKNOWN: The Personal Experiences of a Psychic, by Maurice Woodruff, Cowles Book Company, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1971, 198 pages, $5.95.

Maurice Woodruff, a well-known clairvoyant, predicted on a Johnny Carson show that Lyndon Johnson would not run for the presidency again, that Nixon would be the next president and that "Jackie" would remarry. In *Probing the Unknown* he relates the stories of such readings and prophecies. He also gives two chapters to phrenology, card reading, telepathy, palmistry, astrology and dice and devotes a long section to dream analysis.

Chatty and largely superficial, the book skims rather than probes and it is slanted for those interested in the psychic purely for entertainment but it is lively reading. Woodruff relates that his odd impressions sometimes startle him — as on the occasion when he asked a stranger at a party, "What was the trouble your brother had with his neck?" and later learned the brother had been hanged!

Two of his stories are worth adding to the literature of psychic researchers. In one he tells of a young boy he knew who never had been out of England; yet on his first visit to Versailles he described a locked room hidden behind a tapestry and not shown to the general public.

The other, the best in the book, is similar to but more dramatic than the classic Lurancy Vennum case. Woodruff relates it in his chapter on

reincarnation but since one child must have been born before the other died it seems really a case of temporary possession. — *Margaret Gaddis.*

GOTHIC GHOSTS by Hans Holzer, Bobbs-Merrill Company, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1970, 243 pages, $6.00.

Even serious psychic researchers could enjoy Hans Holzer's always lively tales if he would call himself a ghost-hunting journalist and not a "parapsychologist." The latter denotes a skeptical dedicated scientist who does not invariably furnish contrived endings to prove God's in his heaven and the haunting is solved.

As far as entertainment goes *Gothic Ghosts* is one of Holzer's better books. It is written in his bright facile style and we are spared (usually) the tedious business of going out to the house with a medium, most often getting lost on the way.

Most of the hauntings are the fairly common type — perfume odors, misty wraiths with or without heads, objects appearing and perhaps reappearing. These things happen, as all researchers know. But not far along in the book Holzer's compulsion to fantasize asserts itself. Those heavy dents on a third-floor door lead to the suggestion of a servant girl raped by the son of the house — on no evidence whatever.

How much of the denouement of the story of the Old Merchant's House, now a New York museum, comes from old records and how much from the author's prolific imagination, we are not told, but that tale is one of his best.

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THE HUMANOIDS, Edited by Charles Bowen, Henry Regnery Co., Chicago, Ill., 1970, 256 pages, $5.95.

For many years UFO students conscientiously skirted reports of of landings and occupants, choosing instead to concentrate on more "respectable" (and less revealing) types of sightings. This skepticism had its foundation in bitter experience. The first "little men" stories of the post-Arnold era described in Frank Scully's notorious *Behind the Flying Saucers* were exposed as fabrications. Later, when the antics of charlatans and crackpots embarrassed "serious" UFOlogists contact reports came to be viewed as a subject unfit for polite saucer society.

Now all that has changed. The Socorro, N. Mex., case of April 1964 (to which *The Humanoids* devotes an entire chapter) proved that responsible persons do see little men. This whole book, whose contributions include some of the world's leading UFO researchers, reviews the subject thoroughly in a disarmingly understated manner. For example, Jacques Vallee in "The Pattern Behind the UFO Landings" lists one incredible incident after another:

"September 10 (1954) Quarouble (Nord, France): A metalworker comes out of his house as a dog barks and sees a dark object on the railway tracks, thinks it is a carriage. Then notices two small beings walking towards it, tries to stop

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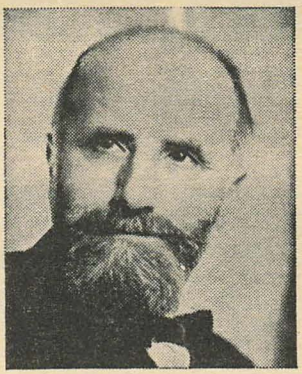
The Humanoids is an expanded and updated version of a special edition of England's *Flying Saucer Review* originally published in 1966. Like *FSR* itself it is well and conservatively written despite the nature of its subject matter. Few publications could do the Antonio Vallas Boas case the justice it deserves — but Gordon Creighton does it here definitively. In fact almost every chapter is definitive in its own way and this also can be said of the speculative pieces by Donald B. Hanlon and Aimé Michel. Michel's "The Problem of Non-Contact" may be the single best theoretical essay on UFO's ever written; in any case its eight pages say far more than all the volumes of worthless guesswork we have seen over the years.

This book is not light reading. Those whose interest in UFOs is only casual will find it hard going, for the authors assume that the reader is well-versed in the literature of the subject. UFOlogists, on the other hand, will return to *The Humanoids* again and again. The closest thing to a textbook the field has produced, it is also one of the truly great UFO books. — *Jerome Clark.*

ATLANTIS: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SEARCH by Robert Ferro and Michael Grumley, Doubleday and Co., Inc., Garden City, N.Y., 1970, 168 pages, illus., $5.95.

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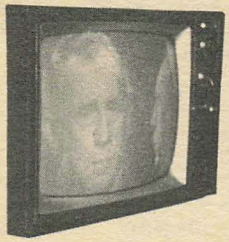
The authors of this little travelogue spend over 150 of their 168 high-priced pages getting you from a movie studio in Rome to the waters off Bimini, treating you to along-the-way sketches of days at sea in sun and storm, to a visit to the Cayce research foundation and to sundry other way stations, while including a certain amount of moody semimystical introspection. They began, it seems, as quasi-skeptics of an inquiring turn of mind. By the time they actually got under water off Bimini, swam around and photographed some peculiar "ruins" found earlier by natives who hadn't thought them worth telling tourists about they found themselves admitting that "the idea of our having left Rome to search for Atlantis was not so absurd. Whether our seawall or roadbed was Atlantean was another question. . .but whatever it was, it had been built by man. . .It proved the existence of a preclassical culture in an area of the world in which none was ever thought to have existed."

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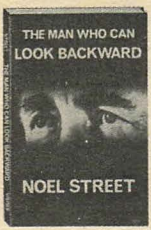


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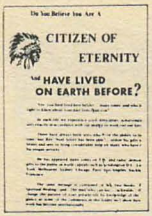
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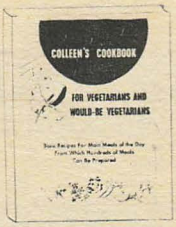
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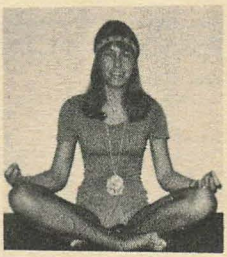








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DO YOU HAVE ESP? Thirty Tests to Determine Your Ability, by Daniel Logan, Doubleday and Co., Inc., Garden City, N.Y., 1970, 65 pages, $3.95.

Mr. Logan, a psychic who frequently appears on TV, has given us a book consisting largely of photographs on which the reader is to concentrate while in a state of relaxation and then pick out the correct answer — thus allegedly testing his own ESP.

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I find it improbable that Mr. Logan has been able to "charge" these photographs — or that any reader would feel the impact if he did. Telepathy of such high caliber is rare indeed, far beyond the average individual. It is well known that established psychics often do badly in tests and whether the amateur will prove anything of importance with Mr. Logan's tests is doubtful.

This slim 65-page book is more a gimmick or a fun game (and overpriced, at that) than it is an ESP contribution to be taken seriously. — *Margaret Gaddis.*

A HAPPY MEDIUM: The Life of Caroline Randolph Chapman, by Warren Weldon, foreword by Hugh Lynn Cayce, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1970, 174 pages, $5.95.

In his introduction Warren Weldon relates that he met Mrs. Chapman when he went to her for a reading, the events she predicted did come about, and much later he asked if he might write the story of her life. Mrs. Chapman agreed and her daughter Marjorie, her guide from the spirit world, gave the project her blessing: "Mother, that's the man to write your book. We in the spirit world brought him to you."

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Certainly the most important event in the young woman's life was the birth of a daughter, Marjorie, who died of influenza before she was three. Soon afterwards, Mr. Chapman became blind and Caroline opened a boardinghouse to support her husband and a son. During this time Caroline was visited by her deceased mother and daughter and told that her life as a psychic was about to begin.

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A MODERN LOOK AT MONSTERS by Daniel Cohen, Dodd, Mead and Co., New York, N.Y., 1970, 237 pages, $5.95.

What is a "monster?" According to Daniel Cohen's definition a monster is "a possibly mythical animal large enough or lethal enough to inspire terror." Thus the "key characteristics of a monster are . . . mystery and menace."

Presented in this book are "monsters" ranging from dragons, sea serpents and the Loch Ness monster to abominable snowmen and possibly extraterrestrial visitors.

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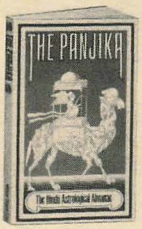
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by not providing full details, he leaves the reader hanging. For example, he recounts the experience of a World War I German U-boat captain who reported seeing a sea monster "looking like a 60-foot crocodile with a long neck." The creature was blown into the air following an underwater explosion and allegedly was seen in its entirety. Cohen notes "some glaring contradictions" in the captain's story but he does not give us the complete account, contradictions and all.

Cohen points out that it may be best if such creatures as sea serpents continue to be regarded as "legends." Were they officially "recognized" they might be hunted to the point of extinction in short order — a point worth considering.

In discussing "Bigfoot" of the United States and Canada the author alludes to an 1886 California report, saying it is the "oldest known published account" of such a creature in the United States. Actually, such reports go back at least to the 1850's, perhaps further.

Also, Bigfoot researchers undoubtedly will disagree with Cohen's theory that "Jacko," a creature captured in British Columbia in 1884 was a chimpanzee.

Other writers have postulated a psychological "need" for monsters on the part of ostensibly civilized societies — a vicarious "return to the wild," as it were. Cohen thinks the theory has merit, saying: "These psychological reasons, rather than any weight of evidence, are I believe the reason for the abominable snowman's eternal popularity."

A Modern Look at Monsters contains a number of interesting photos and illustrations, a bibliography and an index. It is an intriguing summary of monster reports, whether or not one agrees with some of the author's ideas. — *Lucius Farish.*

IS SURVIVAL A FACT? by Margaret Lillian Hamilton, Psychic Press, London, England, 1969, 160 pages, $3.50.

The thesis of this meritorious book is clear, its proof cogent. To the rhetorical title-question the author's answer is a ringing affirmative, supported by the independent researches of her father, the late Dr. T. Glen Hamilton of Winnipeg, Canada. A respected and prominent Canadian physician, Dr. Hamilton died in 1933.

Whatever one may think of the spiritistic approach in demonstrating survival, the objective thinker does well to set aside preconceived notions in examining evidence provided by impartial observers such as Hamilton appears to have been. This evidence has been painstakingly assembled by Miss Hamilton.

Other convergent lines of evidence purporting to prove survival are outlined in these pages, though without detail. First, "history's age-old belief in the survival of the human personality" is strongest: what is universally believed and has been for all of recorded time tends to be considered veridical. Second, the greatest non-Christian philosophical thinkers of antiquity, such as Plato and Aristotle, used abstract reasoning (and trance evidence of witnesses was not scorned) and testified that immortality is provable by logic. Third, Miss Hamilton includes visible evidence — photographs of materializations — to which it is germane to add the phenomena of astral projection.

Is Survival a Fact? is therefore true to the trend of modern parapsychology which has made gargantuan strides in establishing on grounds of empirical reasoning verities once considered only within the province of various creeds. That the researches described in this volume were conducted by an eminent physician, not a professional spiritualist, a man who had much to lose in his

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It is not feasible to attempt a full resumé of this contribution to accredited survival literature. It suffices to say that Dr. Hamilton, in the final 10 years of his life, personally witnessed with others present many materializations; photographs of some appear in this book. More remarkably, after his death he returned from the other side to contact the same group of which he had been a member, according to the testimony of many witnesses.

The key to the motivation of these patently sincere persons, the author and her physician father, may be summed up in the words attributed to Robert Louis Stevenson, speaking in 1942 through the medium, Dawn: "I have sent a message to the Church. To you who are researchers I have pointed out your duty in the matter of making known the evidence for individual survival you have uncovered." — *William J. Beaumont.*

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YOU ARE SENTENCED TO LIFE by W.D. Chesney, Health Research, Mokelumne Hill, Calif., 1970, 117 pages, $6.00 (large-format paperback).
The author describes a lifetime of experience with mediums and offers his own observations and conclusions.

UOFs OVER THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE by Michael Hervey, Horowitz Publications, Inc., Melbourne, Australia, 1969, 192 pages, $1.00 (paperback).
A detailed collection of UFO sightings from Australia and New Zealand.

THE CREATION OF DEATH AND LIFE by Rachel H. King, Philosophical Library, New York, N.Y., 1970, 444 pages, $8.95.
An attempt to reconcile orthodox Christianity with the findings of modern science.

Report FROM THE Readers

HOGWASH IN THE UFO AGE

John Keel's article, "Fables of the UFO Age" (FATE August, 1970), leads one to wonder if Mr. Keel is merely trying to supplant the "buff fables" with his own variety.

(1) Keel berates the "buffs" for ignoring the "hundreds" of cases of physical evidence because (according to him) these substances did not fit into the extraterrestrial-vehicle concept. I know no responsible researchers (and few *irresponsible* ones, for that matter) who would reject an authenticated physical evidence case merely because it contained no "out-of-this-world" alloys. Keel considers that because the substances in question seem identical to earthly materials they are ipso facto of earthly origin. Considering that the same basic elements are found throughout the solar system and beyond why should extraterrestrial aluminum, magnesium or silicon be vastly different from the earthly variety?

(2) It is true that UFOs often have been seen moving at high speeds without producing sonic booms. However, Keel ignores the cases where sounds equivalent to sonic booms *have* been heard when unconventional aerial objects have been sighted. The absence of sonic booms can indicate that the objects are

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"nonphysical . . . or are composed of substances of less density than the air around them," as Keel points out. It also can indicate an advanced technology. As in so many comparisons between Keel's theories and the so-called "buff fables," we have an "equally probable" situation.

(3) Keel states that there are now "hundreds" of cases involving UFOs which have landed in snow or mud "without leaving any marks and UFO occupants have been observed under similar conditions and they too have left no footprints behind." Although I read UFO literature extensively I can recall only one such incident. However, if such a multitude of cases exists I am sure FATE readers would be glad to know more about them.

(4) Because "over 50 percent of reported sightings involve objects described as being transparent and translucent," Keel suggests that solid objects are not involved in these cases. The plexiglass "bubbles" of our moon-walking astronauts' helmets are transparent. Are they also "nonphysical"?

(5) Changes of size and shape in objects at low altitudes *may* indicate they are nonphysical. Again, they may indicate advanced technology at work. Because Keel himself suggests possible alternatives to the "nonphysical" answer for the cases of instantaneous appearance/disappearance I will say only that *all* conceivable alternatives should be considered before anything resembling a definite answer can be given.

(6) As Mr. Keel states, many UFO reports, old and new, have involved objects that exploded in midair. However, this is the first time I have heard radar beams named as the culprit! I cannot recall anyone, "buff" or otherwise, seriously putting forward this theory.

(7) Keel makes much of the fact that "lights in the sky" reports

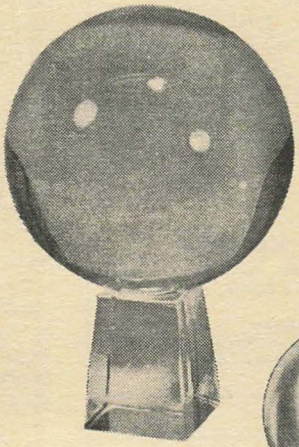
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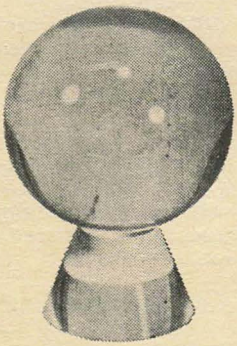
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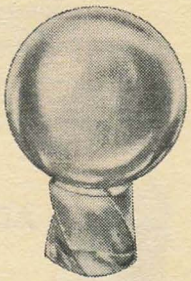
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(allegedly) outnumber sightings of "hard" craft. That no solid objects are visible behind nocturnal lights does not mean that such solid objects are nonexistent. No one would suggest that night-flying airplanes are "nonphysical." Why should we be equally absurd regarding night-flying UFOs?

(8) According to Keel, the structured, machine-like objects are "quite rare in comparison to the ('soft') reports." On what comparative analyses does he base this statement? (Remembering, as outlined above, that reports of nocturnal lights cannot be assigned arbitrarily to the "soft" category.)

In summary I should point out that no one who wishes to remain objective about the UFO subject will insist that Keel's nonphysical objects do not exist. Certain reports do seem to suggest this. Yet it would be equally as nonobjective to dismiss the "machine" settings as a minor and insignificant portion of the whole.

Keel's theories/conclusions regarding the UFO phenomena are extremely interesting but they remain just as unproven as the "buff fables" he deprecates. — *Lucius Farish, Plumerville, Ark.*

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I think I have come up with a suitable reply to the disparaging remarks John Keel is making against us UFO believers. My arguments can be summed up in one word: Hogwash.

Speaking only for myself as a nonscientific person I fully agree with Lucius Farish's extraterrestrial hypothesis. Because of my sightings and wide reading on the subject I can come to only one conclusion: We are, and have been for centuries, under the careful surveillance of a highly intelligent and sophisticated race or races of extraterrestrials. — *Stephen J. Brickner, Philadelphia, Pa.*

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Astrology is based on guesses and interpretations and it is as trustworthy as a Communist treaty. — *Merritt Neulin, Hellertown, Pa.*

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A VERY STRANGE STONE

Five years ago, my son Richard and I were walking through the woods to the shopping center in Haworth, N.J., and we came upon a

house excavation. We examined the hole, which was very deep, and I saw a rock protruding from the mound of dirt on the bank nearby. Picking it up I saw a deep carving of what appears to be either a dragon or a dinosaur with a deep "X" over its head. Over this large animal is a carving of an apparent horse; floating in the air above it is a figure of a man with a large halo surrounding his head. On the other side of it is an eagle or a bird of some kind.

That night I examined it more closely under my bed lamp. It was very heavy, about the size of a large lemon, somewhat triangular in shape and of a reddish brown color with shades of green running through it. The pictures I saw on its wide bottom shocked me. At first I thought I saw the face of an Indian with a full feather headdress — even though almost three-quarters of his face is in profile. On the upper right of this face is a figure that looks like a demon jumping in the air. He has a long snout for a nose and large ears like an elephant's — or maybe they are wings. All over the surface of this side are markings that seem to be hieroglyphics.

In one indentation I could see a figure with a long rod protruding from his head. He looks like an ancient Egyptian. He is standing between two other figures, one of which has a long snout. They all have tiny curved horns coming out of their foreheads. This picture is so small that I can't imagine how anyone could carve such details on it.

On the center figure's chest is an emblem or picture I can't make out. As you rotate the stone slowly in your hand under the light all kinds of faces appear, some of them very grotesque in appearance. Most of the time they are so frightening that since then I have put the stone away saying to myself, "What an imagination I've got," and let it go at that

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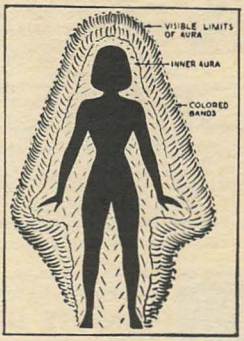


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for months. But I've owned this stone for five years now and I still see the very same pictures in the very same spots.

The figure I at first took to be an Indian looks exactly like the face of an Egyptian sphinx! Its headdress now looks like branches with leaves. On another side is a profile of a sharp-nosed man with a very high beehive-shaped headdress. He seems to have long donkey ears. If you move the picture slightly his face turns into that of a grotesque gorilla blowing air out of his pursed mouth. If you tilt it farther the face takes on the terrifying appearance of a skull screaming. After five years this face still frightens me.

Every inch of the broad underside is covered with figures or lines, dots or letters. There is one broken piece and the jagged surface reveals no figures or letters. That part is missing. So this cannot be imagination on my part.

There is an eye carved on the stone. It is in the center of a rainbow of colors which widen in a circle around this eye. The colors range from green to yellow to dark red. Some of the figures have long snouts and donkey ears and beehive heads or hats.

The most frightening thing about all of this is that the stone heats as you hold it. Unless you put it down your hand will be burned. I held it once tightly in my palm with my fingers wrapped around it, saying to myself that I wouldn't let my imagination run away with me this time, but it got so hot I dropped it on the floor where it lay all night. My hand tingled and felt numb, only much worse. I never did that again.

I will never part with this stone but I am ready now to cooperate fully with anyone interested in trying to decipher the meaning of the pictures on it. Surely there must be someone who will know what the

stone says, why it burns and what kind of rock it is — and the truth of the frightening story it tells. — *Lee Dal Cero, Lindenhurst, N.Y.*

FLAWS BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN

Unfortunately the new book, *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain,* has received wide notice and favorable reviews, and as a result many persons are getting a false picture of legitimate parapsychology.

Since this book came out I have attempted to point out its many flaws — in my opinion, fatal flaws from the standpoint of psychic science. First, with few exceptions, the "phenomena" described have no precedent in scientific psychical research and the experienced researcher knows that when "phenomena" departs from precedent, let the researcher beware!

Without going into detail I wish to call FATE readers' attention to the splendid long review of this book by Dr. J. G. Pratt in which he explodes its scientific pretensions. He points out that many of the "phenomena" discussed do not even belong within the confines of parapsychology, that many "quotations" were altered and that the "scientific references" used were in great part from popular nonscientific sources.

To quote Dr. Pratt: "The more their book succeeds, the more I foresee parapsychology as being set back . . ." May I suggest that FATE readers study this valuable review by Dr. Pratt. It appears in the ASPR *Journal* of January 1971. — *Raymond Bayless, Los Angeles, Calif.*

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Scientists in the United States are 30 years behind those in the Soviet Union in this field. Particularly frightening are the efforts behind the Iron Curtain to enhance telepathy with electronics for the purpose of long-distance hypnosis. Full acceptance of the power of God and recognition of God's natural laws is part of our project.—*Walter Ermer, Executive Director, International Health Council, 15328 Edolyn Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44111.*

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I am hoping that a FATE reader can help me locate the back issue containing a small item about a dangerous section of highway in England. I believe it was an issue of FATE published last year.

The item concerned a place in England which had a bad section of highway where many accidents occurred in wet weather. The highway officials repaired it numerous times trying to correct the trouble but to no avail. Then an old man told them he thought he could locate the trouble. He was a dowser — and he found a powerful underground stream which proved to cause the accidents when the pavement was wet.

We have a similar condition here in Massachusetts on Route 128 and it is right behind my house. The highway department has done everything possible but when it rains accidents continue to occur on this stretch of about one and a half miles.

I would like to have the highway officials see the item that was published in FATE. It would save the taxpayers' money as well as get at the source of the accidents.

The situation is so bad that they call the stretch of road "Death Valley." But the highway officials would

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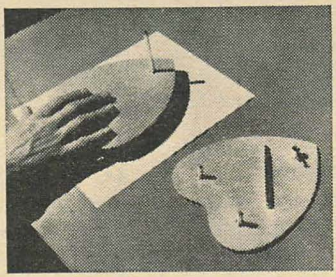
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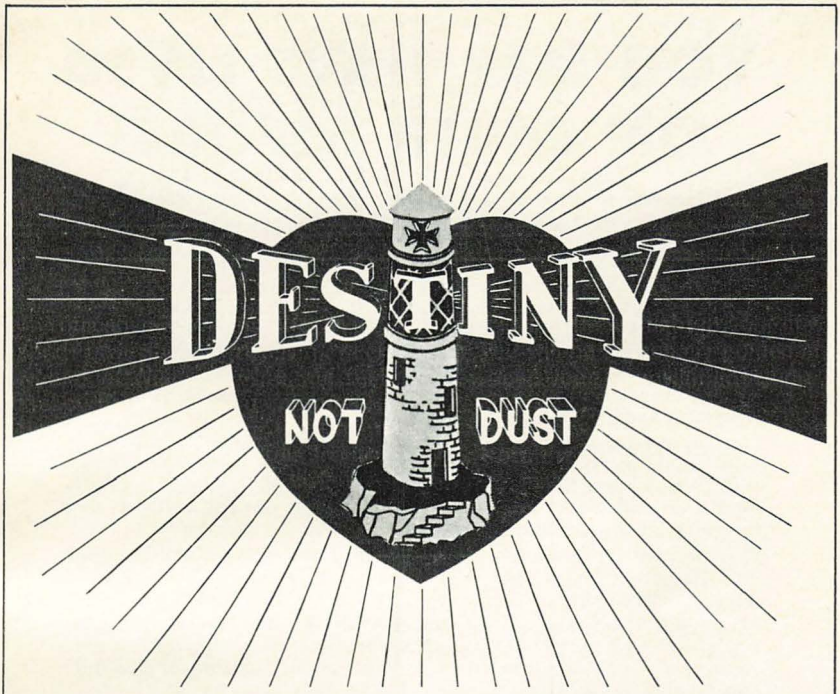
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