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SIGNS AND AUGURIES.

Gleanings From History of Olden Time.

Portents and Omens That Came True.

DREAMS THAT WERE FULFILLED-GLEANED FROM CLASSIC L'ORE-MARIE ANTOINETTE-SHAKSPEARE.

"For no Marsian augur, whom fools view Nor diviner nor star-gazer care I a

The Egyptian quack, an expounder of dreams,
Is neither in science nor art what he

Superstitious and shameless they prow through our streets, Some hungry, some lazy, but all of them

Imposters who vaunt that to others The path that themselves neither travel nor know;

Since they promise us wealth, if we pay for their pains, Let them take from that wealth, and bestow what remains."

While we have an excellent chance here to say something about the modern fortune-teller—I mean the fortune-teller whose lack of skill, or whose greed of gain, has brought our cause into disrepute among the ignorant, and I am sorry to say that this disagreeable feature is not entirely confined to outsiders, we will leave the task to more capable

The verses that head this article were written by a Greek poet more than two hundred years before Christ, and tell us as plainly as words can, that medium-ship of a questionable, and no doubt that of an unquestionable kind, had their niche in the temple of everyday affairs in those days.

That the counterfeit cannot exist without the genuine sounds well, but is not always borne out by fact. Philosophy is often made to sound well. He who was always gazing heavenward one day fell into a well. "Aim high, if you don't hit a barn" sounds well, but is not always best; for when spearing frogs, fools only aim at tree tops. To plant a seed in the earth and look to heaven to see it sprout is a waste of time. Physical manifestations of psychologic mysteries must have physical channels and outlets; yet many of our investigators, wrapped in a sort of ecstacy, walk down-ward with the stream to find its source, or travel towards the source to find its

Fraud is cork and cannot keep submerged. We look too deep to see it filled gold. "Remember us when you pass. Truth, like an ocean pearl, lies are king! Now then! One, two, three!" deep; we see fraud's shadow in the depths and, erring, call it truth. Desire fathers fulfillment, and, by a curi-king." ous hypnosis, what we wish to see is

Polonius was an example of willing credulity: "Yon cloud is very like a camel." "Aye, so it is." "A weasel." "Aye, on my life!" "A pig." "True, I camel." "Aye, so it is." "A weatel." "Aye, on my life!" "A pig." "True, I can hear it squall!" Straining at gnats and bolting camels was not a monopoly of Bible times. Do not we strain at spoken tests, and bolt a dozen sheet-clad Yet there are gnats and camels, too. Frauds will uprise and their producers thrive; or we must know the camel from his driver.

Shallow minds, like shallow ponds, cease their agitation with the cause that the deeper soul, like troubled sea, is moved when that which moved it sleeps. Excitement and reasons are enemies; the ruffled lake does

Instead of entering into the why and wherefore of certain beliefs, why thorns and roses are produced by the same causes, let us filch from the storehouse of historic record a few fictions, with which some facts are apt to be mixed, and which, I hope, will be of general rather than individual interest.

The mysterious rites practiced by the priesthood of all religious sects have been the means of holding their votar ies together. The Greek and Roman temples, wherein were practiced and administered the sacred rites, must have been musterpieces of the wizard's art. As the novitiate entered the awful precincts, suddenly, from noonday light, he found himself enveloped in an impenetrable veil of Egyptian darkness. floor, which seemed to sink beneath him as he entered, would appear to rise as suddenly to the very dome of the temple. Lightnings played before his eyes, thunders sounded in his ears; he was burned and frozen, beaten and caressed, and all in the same beeath; and, when he came forth from the ordeal, he must have been pronounced superstitious enough by the priests, and was ready to immolate all who differed from him in his belief. Anaxagoras was condemned to death for telling them that the stars were not deities, but masses of corruptible matter; and Socrates no doubt as sisted his death by assertions of like

We should be congratulated, for we have reached such a glorious point of religious tolerations, we are content with calling the other fellow "a crauk."

The rites of the ancient priesthood were well known to Numa Pompilius. who, being of a pacific disposition, ye knowing that, men obeyed more through fear than love, practiced them to hold in check the warlike spirit of the ancient Romans: oven as Romulus before him had practiced them to urge it on. lius Hostilius became so adept at calling down fire from heaven that one day he burned himself to death. It was the custom from remotest antiquity to foretell coming events by all manner of divination, such as dreams, casting of lots, by the entrails of slaughtered beasts, flight and number of birds, signs between heaven and earth, comcts, shooting stars, flaming torches burning their way athwa I the moonless sky: eclipses of the sun and moon; shields and spears of fire. that, in the solemn clouds, clashed with fierce sounds of war; neighing of invisfble horses; braying of invisible trumpets, and ranks of warriors that fought twist sea and sky, and dropped their

blood upon the startled sailors. The deception of breathing forth

flames is of very ancient origin. Por cena caused fire to fall from heaven up-on a monster that ravaged his country. Rabbi Bar Cacheba made the credulou Jews believe that he was the promised Messiah by breathing forth flames; and two years later the Emperor Constantius was terrified by the report that one of his guards was seen to breathe forth

Vestal virgins at Cartibola in Capidocea walked barefoot through burning coals. A festival was held annually at Mt. Soracti, in Etruria, at which the Mt. Soracti, in Etruria, at which the Hirpl, who lived not far from Rome, performed the same ceremony. For this apparently supernatural feat they were granted certain privileges by the Roman Senate. "They trusted," says Livy, "not so much to their sanctity as in the preparation of their feet for the occa-The time that Tiberius Gracchus was tribune it became necessary to send a consul to put down the first slave revolt in Sicily. Modern slavery was acme of freedom, as compared with the inhuman treatment allotted to the wretched beings cursed with a Roman master. Rather than fall into the hands of the Roman conqueror, the entire population of cities often committed suicide, and to accomplish this would resort to the most awful means.

About the time of the first slave revolt, there lived in Sicily a hunchback slave named Eunus, who worked upon the superstitious fears of his ignorant fellows by not only walking on hot coals, breathing forth fire and smoke, but by calling down fire, apparently from heaven. By reason of the power acquired over them by these means, he seduced them to take part in an insurrection, which was to begin with the slaughter of his master and mistress, the signal for the uprising to be given in his master's banqueting hall by the gods themselves in shape of fire bursting

from a tankard of wine. Eunus, who had often predicted that he would be king, was looked upon by his master, Damophilus, and his mistress. Megalis, as a sportive toy; and it afforded no little amusement to their guests to make this shriveled hunchback divination. They were taken from their mount upon the table at a feast, and, coops, and corn thrown to them: if they after telling him to remember them when he became king, to deluge him good omen; if not at all, an ill one. Durwith the dregs of wine.

All went quietly. Damophilus had assembled at his board all the nobility of Syracuse. Wine ran freely as a drink, then!" said Claudius, and immedimountain rill. Each patrician was at-ately all the chickens were thrown tended by his bodyguard of slaves that overboard. After this sacrilegious act filled the spacious hall, and who brought with thom, concealed under their habits, such weapons as they could best did not hold the chicken as sacred; for, secure, and who now stood at the back of each master's chair ready to obey the slightest look or nod. The jest flow fast and furious. "Up on the table, Eunus," cried the king, and Eunus, with fiendish alacrity, arrang among the wine-filled gold. "Remember us when you

"And thus your future kind will bathe you all and with you ail the parts of sicily! Here, by the memory of your many taunts and cruelties, by memory of the dead, by memory of the outraged gods, this do I sweur. And that there may be nothing lacked to mar the grace of this, my oath, thus this mighty sacrifice to Jove I conscerate!" And stoop-ing down he touched the blood-red wine. When, lo' a flame burst from the brimming tankard, which reached and scorched the very dome of the banquet And thus began that great revolt in Sicily, which reached so far Rome had to send her legions to put it down. The flight and action of birds was a

species of augury adjudged to be nearly, if not quite correct, as these inhabitants of air dwelling for the most part so far above the earth, could better observe and judge the actions of men. As one upon a lofty mountain top can better ing foe; and better hear the whisper of the gods. Homer refers to this kind of augury in the couplet:

"Skilled the dark fate of mortals to de-

clare, And learned in all winged omens of the

When Romulus and Remus were contending as to which should have choice in the selection of a city, they resolved to hazard this upon the flight and number of birds. He who saw the greater number to be declared most capable of choosing. They then separated, each selecting the spot he thought most advantageous. When they returned Remus said he saw six vultures: Romulus, feeling that he now had things his own way, said he saw twelve. Later Remus discovered the deception, which led to a fierce quarrel between the brothers, which resulted in the latter's death. Romulus, encouraged by his superiority in the art of divination, ever afterwards carried a rod; not so much, perhaps, to assist him in his auguries, as to knock down those that disbelieved them. Who will say his race does not still exist?

Eagles selected a site for the city of Constantinople, and revealed the burialplace of Theseus: while cranes detected the assassins of Ibacus. This celebrated poet, while traveling, was set upon and ounded unto death by robbers. Just before he died, observing a llock of cranes passing over his head, he ex-claimed: "There go the avengers of this bloody deed," And so, indeed, it proved, for, some little time after, while the assassins were in the market-place at Athens, they saw a flock of cranes flying over the city. "Ha, ha!" they cried: "There go the avengers of Ibacus." They were overheard, their remarks pried into, and the whole band was tried

and executed. mWhen Alexander the Great conquered Egypt, he resolved to build there a city which should be peopled by Greeks. He had chosen its site, when his mind was changed by a dream. In his dream he, was approached by a person of a very venerable aspect, who repeated to him the following couplet from Homer:

"High o'er a gulfy sea the Pharian Isle Fronts the deep roar of disemboguing Nile,"

Upon hearing this, Alexander, who carried the poems of Homer about in a golden casket, slept with them under his pillow, and whose faith in them was boundless, arose immediately, and went

to Pharos, where he saw at once the beauty of the situation, and there began the foundations of a city. As the soil was black and no chalk to be had, he mapped out the streets with flour; but birds came in great numbers and ate it clean. Alexander feared this evil sign, but, upon being reassured by his soothsayer, or medium, he went on with the work, and the result was Alexan-

Alexander was always attended by his soothsayer, who, robed in white, with a crown of gold on his head, advised him on all matters of moment; and who predicted his victory over Darius the Great, whose defeat made Alexander master of Asia. Another soothsayer, at the time that

Casar almost totally destroyed the army of Pompey, though at a great distance from the field of battle, was informed of it by the flight of birds. At one time he was heard to say: "This great affair now draws to a decision."

The generals are engaged." Later. "The generals are engaged." Later, making another observation, he said: "Cæsar, thou art the conqueror." Upon those about him expressing surprise, mingled with doubt, he tore the sacred fillet from his head and swore: "I will

never put it on again till the event puts

my art beyond question!" Cæsar's

tory being heralded shortly after, it is likely he resumed his crown. Vultures were the birds most used in augury, and as these devourers of carrion, that always followed in the wake of war, could be seen at great distances, the soothsayer only reasoned from cause to effect: The vultures, while the armies remained in a state of inactivity. floated on motionless wings far above them. When the conflict began, the birds signaled it by their eager flutter-The position of the contending armies being known, which of the two was driving the other before it would have been readily seen by the flight of the vultures in that direction. Some of

our so-called sootbsayers are familiar with this sort of divination.
Chickens, which were held as sacred, were kept for the special purpose of ate greedily, it was looked upon as a ing the first Punic war, Claudius, being on board ship, was told that the sacred chickens refused to eat. "Let them being annoyed by his neighbor's rooster.

Before the destruction of the tyrans Dionysius of Syracuse, an eagle was seen to swoop down, snatch a javelin from the hands of one of the soldiers, fly with it over the sea, and let it fall. This seemed to angur the near destruction the tyrant; it did certainly that of the soldier, for the tyrant had him killed. After the death of the tyrant, his son ing; a better trade than that of his father.

It is said that the father of the Gracchi caught two serpents coiled asleep on his bed. He seized and carried both to a soothsayer, who told him he must not kill both, but one only. If he killed the female it meant death to Cornelia: if the male, it meant doubt to himself. With out a moment's hesitation he crushed the writhing form of the male, and lib erated the female, and, according to the saying of the medium, he died shortly

When his son Tiberius was struggling

with voice and purse for the betterment of the condition of his oppressed country, he consulted the augurs for their opinions of success. The sacred chickens refused to leave their coops or to eat. This recalled to the disturbed mind of Tiberius a former ill-omen: He had a helmet that he wore in battle; a masterpiece of the armorer's art. Two serpents had crept into it, deposited their eggs, and hatched out their young. This ill-omen was considered to be either worse than the chickens, or that he had arrived at that happy state where he could see snakes. On setting out for the capitol, he stumbled with such violence against the threshold of his own door, as to break the nail of his great toe; but this did not deter him from his purpose. Most of us having met with a like accident, would have turned back, and sat down to think. When this public-spirited Roman had recovered himself a little he went on. Before he reached the capitol, illfavored augury increased: hand, on the edge of the roof of a house, he saw two ravens fighting. As he passed, they left off their aerial warfare and one of them, picking up a stone in its beak, let it fall on the wounded toe of Tiberius. "Ye Gods if guns were only invented!" said he, and was for turning back. As Cæsar, on the day of his assassination, would have remained at home but for the plausible Decius, so now Tiberius was dissuaded from doing the like by one of his friends, whom we suspect to be one of the conspirers against his life. "Twould be a jest, against his life. "Twould be a jest, indeed," said he, "if the son of Tiberius Gracehus, and grandson of Scipio Africanus, should be turned aside by the croaking of a raven." Tiberius, looking first at his sanguine friend, then at his sanguinary toe, limped on. Before he reached the capitol, one of the mob killed him with the leg of a stool as a weapon.

Before leaving the birds, that were blamed for more than their share of the good and ill that visited mankind, I will relate a story told by that celebrated general and wit, Phocian: "Once there was a man in Greece who resolved to make a campaign. He armed himself heavily, and set forth in quest of adventure. He had not proceeded far into the open country when he was disturbed by the croaking of a flock of ravens right over his head. He stopped, and laid down his arms. When they had quieted their croakings, he resumed-his arms, and his march, "Ant they croak again!" He stopped, so did the Again he gathered up his arms ravens. and started, and again his followers resumed their melody. Then he threw

home, saying, "You may croak your hearts out, but you shan't taste my car-

The ancient Greeks and Romans were strongly influenced by those psychological mysteries known as dreams; which Shakespeare calls "The children of an idle brain." Not so; it is the busy, careoppressed brain that is so prolific of dreams. Says Sylla, the Roman general: "If

there be any matters that deserve our special attention, they are those that we are apprised of in our dreams." Were this true, what a race of madmen would populate the world. One moment walkng up the cataract of Niagara; the next descending the crater of Vesuvius, even in the teeth of an eruption. And the wonder of it all is, we do not marvel at the wonderful feats we perform. The night before Cæsar's death, Cal-

phurnia, his wife, was troubled with a remarkable dream, which Cæsar referred to, the morning of his assassina-tion, by saying: "Nor heaven nor earth hath been at peace to-night: Thrice hath Calphurnia in her sleep cried out; 'Help! Ho! they murder Cæsar!' " Cæsar was mocked to go in spite of this, and Calphurnia's dream was fulfilled almost to the letter. The marvels which heralded the death of Ocean did not cease at it. A remarkably brilliant comet appeared, and burned for seven successive days; the splendor of the sun was dimmed for one entire year, and all vegstation grew timid in consequence.

were ever attended by prodigies. The night before Pompey was totally defeated by Cæsar, he dreamed that as he entered his own theater he was received by loud plaudits, and that he adorned the temple of Venus with many spoils. This made him fear that Casar, who claimed to be a descendant of Venus. would be exalted at his expense. That same night, when all was still, the sentinels in the camp of Chesar were startled by a brilliant light sppearing directly over his tent; and Cæsar himself says he

The deeds of this remarkable man

saw the flery messenger, while inspect-ing his watch at night. One Cinna-not he concerned in the assassination, but a particular friend of Casar's — dreamed contemporaneously with Calphurnia that Casar invited him to eupper. He refused to go; whereupon Cæsar took hold of his cloak and constrained him along into a room where all was noisome and horrible, and there he remained. The next day, on hearing of Cæsar's assasiliation, and that funeral orations were being spoken by Brutus and Antony in honor of the dead, he sought the market-place, arriving but just in time to hear Antony's closing remarks, and to witness the destruction of the furniture about the forum by the enraged populace. During a lull in the tempest, one of the mob saw Cinna, and, observing his patrician appearance asked who he was? Another, recognizing hlm, answered "Ciuna." The mob, mistaking him for Cinna the assassin, set on him like so many wild beasts, and

The morning following the defeat of Pompey was chill; the mists hung heavy out at sea, and along the rocky coast. Some sailors had anchored their vessel near the shore, and, after landing, had seated themselves comfortably about a blazing fire that they had kindled on the rocks; and, while waiting for the sun to rise and dispel the mists that shut the course out from their view, were gossiping on various topics. At length, after having exhausted the winds and waves; the fishes great and small; marvelous voyages aboard the Casar, the Venus and the Neptune: monsters of the deep that they had seen; wonderful escapes from shipwreek, and wonderful shipwrecks they had not escaped. For want of fuel the fire of their conversation had died out; and they had relansed into a silence broken only by the plash of the sea on the rocks below. thinking of his wife, perhaps; another of a distant sweetheart; another of mother, sister or brother; or may be of the immense treasure the sea contained: and wondering if there would ever come a storm great enough, when he was ashore, to wash it up within his grasp.

The silence was broken by the captain of the little crew, as he said in his quaint way: "When I was at Rome, I flimbed up to the top of that same spar, indicating with his short, rude gesture, the tapering mast that rose from the

deck of his vessel:
"Those were great days for Rome!
Every window and even the tops of the pouses were rented out to the people that came from all over the country to see the great procession. The Tiber was crowded densely with craft; so densely that people passed over it from vessel's deck to deck, without once thinking of the bridge. That was the day that Aulus Quintus got too near the edge of the roof of Paulus Severus, and, when the great procession came along, behind him was so eager to see, they pushed him over, and he fell, breaking his neck and the neck of the poor devil he took with him. That was a great day for Rome! Aulus Quintus was only half-witted, anyway! I climbed to the top of that very mast, and, when the procession came along—

"You mean to say you saw Pompey?"
The captain silenced his questioner by

"When Pompey s chariot came along, you could have heard the cheers in Spain! I got se excited at the sight of this mighty fighter. I forgot myself and tried to cheer with both hands: they picked me up, carried me to my cabin, ind-I've been jame ever since.

"Every man, woman and child, ave even the dogs, in Rome loved Pompey Why, I never heard one of his bonds men speak ill of him. He was none of your patrician kind; always had a good word for everybody. I saw Pompey on that day, and I csaw him again last night." The astonished faces of his lisnight." teners assured him that his preamble had had the desired effect, and he con "We were anchored off just tinued. such a place as this, and we were seated just about as we are now. Mind you, this was a dream!

A look of relief came over the faces of the crew, for they had begun to fear their captain was taking leave of his

"Away yonder through the marsh and dirt I saw a man coming. He was a soldown his arms in earcast and started for dier; I could see that, though what there

was left of his armor hung about him in rags. He was bareheaded and almost barefooted. His face was so woe-begone cried at it even in my sleep. As he drew near I saw it was the same great Pompey that had headed the proces

Just then, one of their number that had been sent further up the coast to gather drift-wood wherewith to replen-ish the fire, cried;

"A stranger approaching; apparently in great distress."
"Pilot him here," called the captain "This fire will warm him if he be cold; my vessel will shelter and feed him if he

be in danger or hungry."

This kindly and sailor-like declaration of the warm-hearted mariner was greeted by shouts of approval by his crew, and they all rushed off to greet the stranger and bid him welcome. As he drew near tears welled up in the captain's eves, for he saw it was none other than the great Pompey bimself. His army had been cut to pieces and himself forced to fly. He was taken on board and conveyed to a distant hiding-place; but his retreat being discovered he me with a sudden and cruel death. This was a dream strangely fulfilled.

"Beware the man of one book." Beware the man of one dream: as those who dream dreams every night of their lives have but slight chance of having them fulfilled.

Let us leave the living for a time and visit, figuratively, the realms of the dead. In all ages, and among all na-tions, disembodied spirits were believed to return and communicate with mor tais, warning them of dangers and heralding to them blessings to come. An unknown Greek poet, many hundreds of years before Christ, and who did not eem at all anxious to pry into futurity, left among his writings the following verses, which prove the "fortune-teller"

Life's ills could man, by knowing, Be spared from undergoing, There would be sense in knowing. But since, without our knowing, We must still be undergoing. Why, what's the use of knowing?

Crassus, "the rich," as he was con-temptuously called by his slaves, took a novel means of curing them of second sight. At first, Crassus, being super-stitious himself, excused from their tasks all those who complained of having seen a spectre. The sight of spectres became so frequent that the hammer was silent and the plow motionless. Civesus then modified his edict: "The first man, woman or child that sees a vision shall be crucified." The spectres vanished.

It is related of Simonides, the Greek that he owed the preservation of his

life to a spirit. He found and buried the body of an unknown man washed up by the sea. As he was about to embark on shipboard, the spectre of the dead man appeared to him and warned him from his contemplated voyage. beyed the vision, while barked at that time perished. Simonides refers to this in the following coup-

Behold the bard-preserveri From the grave The dead man comes, the living one to

When Callippus, considered the bosom friend of Dion, of Syracuse, framed that villainous conspiracy against the life of his benefactor. Dion, who was in many ways the counterpart of Roman Brutus, at the time the conspir acy was hatching, was seated one night beneath the portico of his house, devising some good for the commonwealth he was alarmed by a terrible phantom in the form of a woman of gigantic stature, attired as one of the Furies. She wielded an enormous broom and glared at him flercely. Like Brutus in his tent, when he regained the power of speech, he shouted to those within and questioned them as to whether or not they had seen anything unusual. He began to realize the dreadful portent of his vision, when, shortly after, his only son threw himself from the roof of his house and was instantly killed. Dion soon after followed his son by being butch-

ered in a horrible manner. Gods and goddesses themselves often assisted the early Greeks and Romans in enterprises of any moment; as witness those sturdy mariners, the Argonauts whose profiles we have hauded down to us on chiseled stone, each humped over like the typical stage old man of eighty; looking as if he had been wel thrashed before embarking. Whether their affection or their cowardice made them hug the shore, history does not say. One of their little vessels being stuck in the mud, instead of pushing her off, they yelled for Minerva. She came down, braced herself against the rocks with her left hand, took her right and pushed the imperiled vessel into deer

The legend of Castor and Pollux, as told by Lord Macauley, contains some verses on this subject, which will bear repeating:

"Their leader was false Sextus, who wrought that deed of shame, With restless pace and haggard face to his last field he came. Men said he saw strange visions, which

none but he might see, And that strange sounds were in his ears, that none might hear but he. woman, fair and stately, but pale as are the dead. Oft through the watches of the night sat

spinning by his bed. So spun she, and so sang she until the East was grey,
Then, pointing to her bleeding breast,
she shricked and fled away."

Who can fail to realize the awful carnage of a Roman battlefield, where almost naked men fought with sharp swords, whose blades weighed from three to five pounds each; especially after reading the following lines, describing the flight of a Roman calvaryman for reinforcements?

"His horse's hoofs they rattled o'er the helmets of the dead Through many a curdling pool of blood that plashed from heel to head."

The rider is killed and Black Auster. the steed, speeds for Rome: "Fast, fast, with heels wild spurning, the dark grey charger sped;

He burst through ranks of fighting men, he sprang o'er heaps of dead. The way was steep and rugged, the wolves they howled and whined, He ran like a whirlwind up the pass and left the wolves behind

He rushed by tower and temple, nor paused not in his pace
Till he stood beside his master's door in

the stately market-place.
And Aulus, the Dictator, stroked Auster's tail and mane, With head he looked unto the girths, with heed unto the rein.

And so was buckling tighter Black Auster's saddle band When made aware of princely pair that

rode at his right hand. And all who saw them trembled and pale grew every cheek,
And Aulus, the Dictator, scarce gath-

ered voice to speak. And under these strange horsemen still thicker niled the slain. And after these strange horsemen Black Auster toiled in vain.'

After the victory the strange horsenen return to Rome, amid the acclamations of the populace; and, after they had washed their horses in the spring that flowed from the temple of Vesta-And straight again they mounted and

rode by Vesta's door. Then, like a blast, away they passed, and no man saw them more.

It is related that the same day the twin brethren brought the news to Rome listener stood by while they were washing their horses and expressed doubt as to the truth of their tidings. One of them turned quietly and stroked the unbeliever's beard, which turned immediately from black to yellow. He was after known by the name of Eno-barbus, or Yellow Beard. If the twin brethren had nothing else, they had hair-dye at their finger ends! No less remarkable were the tidings

that startled Rome in a manner as unaccountable as they were miraculous. When Lucius Antonius rebelled against Domitian Rome was in a fever, expecting no less than a bloody onslaught of the Germans. While the people were in the Forum discussing the probabilities of so dire an event, suddenly from out the vast concourse of people was raised a shout: "Antonious has been routed and his army cut to pieces!" When the author of the outery was sought he was nowhere to be found, nor was he ever afterward discovered. It was learned, however, that such defeat had taken place on the very day and hour that the cry was raised, though the distance rom Rome to the battlefield was more than twenty thousand furlongs.

A courier bringing a dispatch that his old physician, Polidori, was dead, Lord Byron remarked: "I felt this sad news last night." Scott was a believer in second sight; Rousseau tried whether his soul would be lost or not by aiming at a tree with a stone; Goethe was superstitious to a fault; Swift placed the success or failure of his life on drawing a trout out of the water, while Marie Antoinette often said: 'When signing my marriage contract I felt I was signing my death-warrant!" The dæmon of So-crates was not a mere dæmon or phan-Signs in the heavens were believed in

by the ancients and produced melancholy and awful reflections. Augustus Casar was so afraid of thunder and lightning he carried about with him the skin of a sea-calf, that being considered an excellent "parratonniere." Caligula. when it thundered, would wrap up his head, and, if in bed, would crawl out and nide himself under it.

The devastation wrought by Hannibal after his defeat of Scipio and Sempronious, the desolation he left in his path. was foreshadowed by remarkable prodigies. The shields of the Roman solliers sweated thick drops of blood; white hot stones (probably meteors) fell from a cloudless sky, and there was one who reported that he saw the heavens open and polished clubs of wood come quickly down on which was writ: "Mars is armed for war." The Romans fought like demons against this evil augury; ndeed they fought with such desperate fury at the battle of Lake Thresemene that they were unconscious of a mighty earthquake that took place at the time under their very feet: an earthquake that overturned cities, changed course of rivers, and hurled the tops of mountains to their base.

The fierce and implacable Pyrrhus delied augury. Before the last great battle fought by him, the heads of the exen used for sacrifice, after their heads had been severed from their bodies. and lick up their own blood, something ike the snake that swallowed himself. At Argos the priestess of Apollo ran hrough the streets at midnight, shriek-The city is filled with dead car-

casses and blood!" "When shall I be conquered?" Pyrrhus had asked of the mediums or soothsayers years before. 'When thou shalt see a wolf and bull in deadly encounter," was their answer. The battle had ceased only with the intense darkness. The Spartans, almost disheartened by the fierce onslaughts of Pyrrhus, had betaken themselves to timid slumber, fearful lest this black warriors, with his soldiers, might spring from the body of some inoffensive statue as beforetime he had sprung from the

entrails of the Trojan horse.

Pyrrhus himself, in fiendish auticipation of to-morrow's slaughter, paced restlessly to and fro, cursing the gods because they did not send the sun. As the grey mists of morning lifted so that objects were more clearly discernible, he had reached the market-place, and there, outlined against the whitened walls, he saw the contending figures of a brazen wolf and bull.

"Thus," shouted Pyrrhus, "do I turn mad augury against itself! Bid every trumpet call to arms!" Now can we see the Spartan sweetheart, wife and mother, when hope was

almost gone, buckling on the shields of hose they loved, and saying, with tearstained faces: "With it, or upon it! When Pyrrhus saw the day for him

was turning renegade, he tore from his helmet the white plume that adorned it as if in mockery of peace, and rode savagely into the thickest of the fight. The only son of a poor widow gave him a thrust with a javelin. Pyrrhus turned fiercely to avenge the thrust, when the

mother, who from a housetop had been watching eagerly the tide of battle, seeing her boy in such imminent peril, seized an immense tile, and, with maternal desperation, hurled it with all her strength on the head of Pyrrhus, crushing his helmet. The reins fell from his hands, as he toppled from his horse. When a soldier unbuckled the helmet of Pyrrhus and raised his sword to cut off his head, the eyes of the dead man were opened with such a ferocious stare, that the horrified soldier hacked the head from the body.

Caius Marius carried a female medium about with him, whom he dressed in gold and purple,

So great believers were the Lacedemonians in augury that they did not always stop to investigate, and were led more than once into a fool's paradise. We call to mind one instance where they were caught napping by the troops of Aratus.

They had besieged and taken Pellene, and were acting like a lot of lunatics in the exuberance of success. As each of the wild herd captured is branded by its owner with his private mark; so each soldier, as he captured a woman, placed his helmet on her head as a token that he considered her rightfully his among the spoils of war. One woman of remarkable and majestic beauty was captured by an officer, who placed on her head his curiously-wrought helmet, adorned with wavy white plumes. He then seated her in the temple of Minerva, while he helped sack the city. When Aratus, with his army, came suddenly upon this oblivious mob of plunderers, the curiosity of the gentler sex gave him an easy victory. The lady in the temple, hearing the shouting, her curiosity overcame ber timidity, and she flew to the door of the temple to see what it all meant. The sacking army of Agis, seeing her standing at the very door of the temple in all the sublimity of the goddess herself, took to their

As I have already exceeded all reasonable limit, I will conclude this 'gleanings from history" with the relation of the closing scenes in the lives of Antony and Cleopatra, and the mystelous heralding to them of the same.

There was a great feast at Alexan-dria. Mark Antony, who had been driven hither and thither by the wiles of the brilliant and fascinating Cleopa-tra, was seated with his captor, where with the mighty feast all the tables groaned.

He had been one of the greatest gen-

erals that had ever added lustre to the

Roman name. He had heen an intimate of the mighty Casar. He had driven Macedonian, Mede, Persian and Span-iard before his marching legions like affrighted hares. He had mowed down the offensive and inoffensive enemies of Rome before his chariot scythes like grain before the reaper's sickle, leaving but little in the height of his popularity and zenith of his greatness, to those sturdy young gleaners, Pompey and Augustus Casar; the latter of whom afterwards became not only sole owner of the harvest-field, but first emperor of Rome. Weakened by unbridled excesses and debaucheries; in a state bordering almost on starvation; driven by the Parthians as he had driven others; he had gathered together the remnants of his once invincible army, augmented by undisciplined Egyptians, led them against the cohorts of Augustus, and by them had been driven back to the shores of Osiris, thus proving that that love which in anticipation could give to man

fore the god of day. His riotous career had dubbed him a second Bacchus, and bacchanalian feasts and revelries had unnerved his arm. And now, in the soft dalliance of a woman's smile, he moved almost ambitionless "to the lascivious pleasing of

a lute."

the courage of a hero, in guilty posses-

sion would melt his valor like snow be-

It was midnight. The stars, those sparkling guides of the wandering shepherds, those unerring counsellors of the Egyptian astrologers, were watching Dian's solemn pace. The hammer of the armorer and the clanging of arms had ceased at the close of day. The streets, that a few short hours before had been thronged by the followers of Isis and rang out with their tread, wore now deserted, and no sound broke the stillness save now and then some staggering patrician wending his way homeward attended by a solitary slave.

The revelry was at its height: jests flew like gamblers' oaths from tables end to end: Egyptian instruments of music echoed through the golden-pillared hall. There was the sound of approaching footsteps, the clanging of an armed sentry without; he enters; the guests turned in confusion to hear this lmost breathless interrupter of the feast.

"How now!" cries Antony; has this same boy Augustus broken down our gates?'

"As I did stand my watch without the outer gates, and drunken Paulus' footsteps had but died away, I heard above me in the air the sound of sacbut, harp and dulcimer!"

"Give him some wine! The wretch is mad from grief at our fallen fortunes! Now by great Hercules, whom I'm descendant from, what do our guards asleep? That trumpet call I hear is Casar's bugler! Fetch me my armor

But hark! They stand amazed: for just above their heads, where nothing is but silver dome, breaks forth a sound so weird, ecstatic, wondrous, sweet, as rivals all they ever dreamed of min-

strelsy.
"I've often heard my grandsire, great Antonius say, a sound like this is from the gods; and it assures my soul of victory! But as he speaks, another voice is heard, that seems to steal from every chiseled niche within the hall: "I am the spirit of thy better fortune, Antony; and here assure thee, thy destiny lies buried in the sands that shall arise when Cæsar's legions march!"

Then all was still save sound of melody, that rose and fell; increased and died away.
"What, ho! some water there! Our

queen is in a faint! Leave her to women! This my deserting star I shall turn back, though it be gifted with a comet's flight. Bid every bugler at the palace gate;

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... DUAL LIVES ...

OR LIFE ILLUSTRATED IN VARIOUS PHASES.

In Which Practical Divine Lessons Are Taught, Which Spiritualists Should Consider.

BY LOUISA BIGGS READ.

with respect for the author, not preju

"The moral code of Moses is good." "Good, but impossible. The laws of

to theorize than to practice; to lay down

wrote: 'Thou shalt not kill;' yet he was

steal,' yet he was a thief-he stole the

Egyptian jewels. There are good things in the Mosaic law; there are also sub-

lime truths in the Chinese and all other

who created the world and all it con-

tains and continually watches over the

movements of the universe. He loves

virtue and abhors vice, penetrates the

is much superstition and divination in

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Pentateuch. Confucius has a little less

"Christ, at least, made wise rules, said

Christ said it, by Confucius. He said:

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"Christmas borrowed from the pagans?

cients having made it a custom to cele-

hrate that day as the return of the sun

from the winter solstice. It is not likely

have not the ability to answer them;

but if our Christian religion is not the

pounds; charcoal, fourteen pounds;

Bible tells of a future New Jerusalem

is to set up the throne of his father David and all the luxury and voluptu-

purest, the best, the _____"
"The easiest," he said, laughing.
"No, certainly not the easiest," she

said gravely.
"No, not the easiest," he said, "for

"Christ was arrested for violating the

Sabbath. He surely did not observe it

very sacredly. Those who still pretend

to keep the old Jewish Sabbath accord-

ing to the ancient custom, should be

stoned to death for gathering sticks to kindle fires on that day, as this was the

"That was infamous. Christians will no longer recognize such cruel laws."

"Infamous, indeed. I say with Peter:

'Why put a yoke on the disciples that our fathers were not able to bear.'"

"Religion is a riddle which becomes

more complicated as we work on it. Still I believe we should seek to know

"You are very inclined to piety, I see," Capello said.

"Yes, sir. I feel it a duty, a comfort, to be religious. I should like to do God's will. I wish I knew the True way. I

wish I knew what he really requires of

"He wishes us to be good and true to

ourselves and to others," he said, looking intently in her face, searching the depth of her soul to determine if she

were sincere or merely acting. "If God's wisdom be infinite," he continued, "If it is ever equal to the highest

thoughts of man, he must hate ceremon-

ials: he must hate the hollow mockeries

of pageantry and pomp practiced in the name of religion. If God is spiritual, he does not want material display. He wants something from the spiritual man

-the soul; something lasting end sin-

cere. God takes no delight in the human

body, decked out in gaudy apparel like

the ephemeral flower; its existence is as

transient as the office of a Moorish aga.

He wants truth and purity. Those who

possess these qualities are already at the portals of heaven, Mrs. Arlington."

"I am surprised to find you so religious," she said, smilingly.

Ethel was not sure of his meaning and

the mysteries of God."

us," she said, despairingly.

old Jewish manner of punishment.'

Buddha said:

ported to be of God, as recorded in

than Jesus Christ."

have others do unto vou.'

Moses

rules than to live by them.

CHAPTER XXII-Continued.

Ethel looked exquisite that evening in her tea gown of China silk. Capello was fascinated; her graceful form was a magnet that controlled his eyes com-pletely.
"You can not endure our climate long,

I am sure. One used to constant verdure and cloudless skies could never get reconciled to our hazy autumns, rough win-ters and chilly springs," she said.
"I shall likely spend the winter in

some tropical clime. At present New York has many attractions."

Yet nothing, I presume, to rival the Moorish gardens and Algerine antiquities?"

The Moorish gardens are indeed, par-bibles. The ChouKing represents Tien, or God, a great spirit residing in heaven several occasions of visiting the imperial gardens of Morocco. They are grand beyond description. They comprise several hundred acres; are walled with tapia work and subdivided by three more walls with four divisions. Between those walls are pavilions, gates those Kings, but the customs were no and gate-keepers. The richest fruits more foolish than the customs of the anand finest melons in the world grow there; the walks are fringed with jessa-mine and other flowery shrubs of varied color and perfume. Numerous birds of than 400,000,000 followers-many more rare plumage flit constantly about in this paradise. Truly, those gardens are worth a long journey to behold. As to the antiquities of Algiers, I consider the ruins of L'Erbo the most remarkable, though the mine of city cates to the conduction of Moses. "Do unto others as ye would that they can be a six and the conduction of the conduction though the ruins of city gates, temples, amphitheatres almost entire, mauso-leums and many other relics of ancient "Yes, but it was said 600 years before

spiendor are especially interesting." Our drama, at least, excels anything produced in the South." "Lope de Vega was contemporary "The with Shakspeare, and excelled the force great English dramatist in composition bor," and all Southern people are actors by nature," he said, proudly.

"Then never sincere, like we of the days, as Christmas, Easter, etc., was

North. North."

"Infinitely more so, they inherit a natural warmth; an unforced and passioniate nature the cold, proud people of the North never feel, and very poorly imitate."

"In meant the tragi-comedy of the barians. Their ideas of the spectacular is so caude, so barbarous—so gladiato—cients having made it a custom to cele-

is so crude, so barbarous—so gladiato-rial," she said hesitatingly, not knowing how to describe it.

there ever was such a man as Christ; to see them," said Capello. "To a norther lady it may seem barbarous, but to me the cry, 'Aule combat, aule combat des hommes,' is thrilling, the scene except the scene except there ever was such a man as Christ; yet admitting him not altogether a myth it is quite certain none know the time of his birth."

"Your arguments are new to me. I have not the ability to answer them: citing beyond description. I have rushed with the mad crowd of thousands of people into the pavilion to see true religion, I have indeed no hope." the combat of men or farce of the greens and blues. The farce is simply a match between skilled wrestlers, but a fact of the combat of men or farce of the greens and blues. The farce is simply a match between skilled wrestlers, but a fact of the combat o

nali-clothed in tights of green and blue, tion as is taught by the Bible? The avtheir skin offed until it is no easy matter erage human body contains lime, ten to be handled." "How hard for one to see imperfections in his native country. The religions of those countries must, at least be air and water, that is, hydrogen, nitroa serious objection to one who has had gen and oxygen. These elements are caught up—assimilated by plant or arby the true doctrine of our Bible. Mo

hammedanism is quite as shocking as forms as Proteus. Then can we hope hammism." All religions are much the same to Can we believe the sea will give up its me. All a confusion of legends and myths. Why are not pagans as good as Christians?"

Christians?"

Christians?

Cause they worship images," she said with calm hauteur, "and false gods."

"No, they do not. Those images are "The nope of heaven and immortality."

"The nope of heaven and immortality."

"All religions give a hope of immortality and a nirvana or paradise, where one gaining admittance may eternally merely object lessons. By those images enjoy a state of beatification. All fail to common, uncoucated classes are to locate it in sidereal creation. The

taught the attributes of gods."

Bible tells of a future New Jerusalem that will come down from God and be set up on the new earth that is to occurre the company to the company to the company that will come as the company that the company the company the company that the company the company that the company the company that the eyes to illustrate God's omniscience and cupy the same space as the old. omnipresence. They are made strange, sometimes in the figure of a lion to rep-

resent his potentiality."

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Country of the property demissed. They are out to be realized." delfied heroes."

Some of them are. Some are not. The oriental images are usually to represent the attributes of the true God. The Chinese, for instance, have no deifled prophets. They never pray in the name of Confucius. You Christians—
especially the Catholics—worship before the companion of the confucient of the conf especially the Cathones—worship below right."
the crucifix and are as justly entitled to right."
"You are right; we do not live as we

"But we do not become confused by should to warrant our salvation. those pictures. We pray straight up to Sabbath is not kept as it should be and many other things taught in the Bible

"No. You do not pray straight up to God. Pardon me, you petition salvation through the grace of your demigod."
"How should the Sabbath be kept?"
"As Christ kept it."
"Christ was arrested for violating the salvation of the salva a false idea of our religion." She turned

her great, earnest eyes full into his face and was both vexed and charmed by the merry twinkle of his eyes. "Who is Jesus Christ?" "The son of God."

"How do you know?"

"The Bible says so, and," she added, flushing, "he performed great miracles as proof."
"Who was Buddha?"

"An impostor or a ridiculous myth." "He claimed to be the son of God and his claim must have been pretty well established by the recorded miracles he performed, for he has 350,000,000 followers in the East-a few millions more than Jesus Christ."

"But what a ridiculous story concern-ing his birth—descended to the earth in the form of a white elephant—his mother

She stopped suddenly, remembering the Virgin Mary. Capello saw her confusion and laughed again in his strange,

bewitching way. "Who was Zoroaster?" he asked

"Another false prophet or myth, auther of the Zend Avesta, as supposed founder of the Persian religion. "He claimed to be born of God and

claimed the Zend Avesta the inspired word of God. The law and moral teach ing closely resembles the moral code of the Bible," said Capello.

"What is ridiculous?" "The cosmogony of the Zend Avesta, with its first principles of light, water

and fire, from which sprang Ahriman *Compare it with the cosmical theory

the Bible."
She flushed again and made no reply. he knew the six days' creation theory as against demonstrated scientific cts. He continued placedly:

"I am religious if one can have relig-gion without idolatry. Idolatry should never be made an adjunct of religion. "Who was Confucius?" He was, as is supposed, the great minese law-giver. But the laws he Our idols should not be gods. They should be our human ideals." we do not tend to increase his reputain the mind of an enlightened sat silently looking out of the window.
"You have not always been so desir-Those laws written in the Kings

troubles are nothing to him," she thought "Mature thoughts come with years. I suppose it is natural for people to become wiser as they grow older, she said, ignoring his implied question. Capello was stung by the rebuke, and lawn, his lips tightly compressed. Her cutting speech determined him to put the question in such a way she must degree having a true heart to offer a

Mrs. Arlington, you are too young to claim that superior wisdom that comes with gray hairs and wrinkles. You have diced by superstition and divinations." experienced a shock, have had trouble. "Please compare the doctrine of the I do not claim the right to ask yet. I Kings with the Pentateuch, or the laws very much desire to know something of have not. supposed to have been given by God to your life." "I have always thought the history of

or positively refuse to do so.

an obscure person's life of the least pos-sible interest. In fact, I fail to see im-Moses illustrate how much easier it is portance in the private lives of our great men or women. I care not to know what hours authors write, or how they dress, how their rooms are arranged, or a murderer. He said 'thou shalt not dents dislike flowers and poetry, or spend their time hunting and fishing, it is no more nor less than other men do. A person's private eccentricities or idiosyncrasies should not be heralded to the world because of his or her popularity. However, if it will entertain you to know something of my life, I will relate it. I was born and raised in San Fran-

cisco. My parents died during my infancy, and I was left to the care of my father's parents. I have one brother secrets of hearts, etc. To be sure, there somewhere in the West, at present. My grandparents were wealthy and belonged to a proud family. I was carefully educated and enjoyed the best society. I have in my possession the old family plate, which boars the arms of the Arlingtons. I became an heiress at my grandparents' death, and, as I could not endure old scenes which reminded me of my happy childhood, I came to New York, where I have spent several

of Moses. "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you," was a "Madam," Capelle "Madam," Capello said, his cheeks burning with mortification and disappointment, "since you have deigned to relate so much of your life at my special' solicitation, I ask you to take up another thread and run through it again on a different line."

"I decline to do so," she replied, a warm glow of anger dyeing her cheeks at his rough familiarity.

"Then I will go. Pardon my presumption." And as he arose to go, he pressed her hand, bowed over it a moment and said, "Allah barrick!" and departed.

CHAPTER XXIII.

Joe Middleton frequently called at the Howard residence, though he rarely got a ten-minutes' conversation alone with Maggie, If the old gentleman had occasion to go to another room, or speak to one outside, he never failed to ask Joe to excuse him, in the politest manner. Joe was becoming desperate. Each day he grew more ardently in love. Each day his case looked more hopeless. He began to suspicion Mr. Howard's cocontricity affected, and was sometimes tortured with the thought that he was guarding his daughter by her suggestion. Then he would mentally resolve to go away from the city and try to forget she ever existed. He would avoid her house for a fortnight. Then, on sudden impulse, he would go directly to see

again be thwarted by her father. At this crisis he went to Howard's house one Sunday evening. He looked superbly handsome—tall, graceful, light blue eyes, light moustache, brown hair and twenty nine year sold. Maggie was mentally asking if there was another man on earth so handsome, when her father, as usual, requested her to go to her own apartments, as he and wished to have a friendly chat without being disturbed. She arose very reluctantly, evidently displeased. This angered Joe, while it also made him feel happy to know at last that she desired his society. He resolved to know the worst, if it must come. The old gentleman was talking about for eign ships bringing cholera to the ports, and other equally pleasant and intellec-tual subjects, when Joe surprised him

her, determined to know his fate, and

by saying abruptly:
"Mr. Howard, I am in love with your daughter. Will you give me permission to ask her to be my wife?"

"Lord, no," said the old man, only half realizing what he was saying. "Lord, no. I would not—I will never o sacrifice my daughter. I will never allow her to marry a policeman." "Will you give me permission to

speak to her alone?" he asked, ignoring his authority.
"No, what could such a ohild know about choosing a husband?"

"I should not want her to consent to be my wife unless she loves me. That should certainly be left to her to decide.

"What does such a child know abou love? She has never been in the society of men. What could she know of love "She is not a child. She is—she is, I think-'

"She is twenty-four years old, if that is what you mean. Yet she is a child. Ten years hence will be time enough for her to think of marriage; unless, as told you on a former occasion, I see the old ship coming to bear me to the other side. Meantime I shall try to find Mag-gie a virtuous husband, for she could not be happy with any other. Most girls are never free from bondage. They are subject to the rule of their parents till they give themselves to worse masters.

"Do you take me for a tyrant, Mr. Howard?" "All men are more or less tyrannical. They all feel it their privilege to tyrannize over their families. It was the cusproperty, to do with as they wished. Men have always been masters, their wives and children subject to their commands. The cruel, unjust custom has descended to our time in a modified degree. Only the other day I heard a family man say: 'We do not give our wives the privileges we take-we provide for them; they should be content. Wives yow at the marriage altar to obey their husbands. Obey their lords! indeed. How humiliating. Joe, how would you like to go to the marriage altar and promise to obey your wite?"
"I must admit I should not like to do
that; but after all it is only form—mere

"The part that involves obligations on husbands is considered useless ceremony by men," he replied, bitterly. "Although there is not much required of them. They can 'love and cherish' their wives if they choose, while their fickle hearts are loving and cherishing a halfdozen other women, and all this time the wife is required to honor and

obey the vile wretch. "Mr. Howard, I have never met a man so hitterly against his sex," said Joe, in despair.

"That is a compliment, young man; the best compliment you could offer. It means you have never met so just a man as myself. I do not five canonical books supposed by "You have not always been so desirble lighter on the subjects of philosask."

You have not always been so desirble lighter in trampling upon women alarmed. He walked back and forth because they are physically unable to defend themselves, and born with a daughter, taking his arm. "Have I subdued by discipline.—Seneca. believe in trampling upon women

His heart sank. "Trouble will frequently cause one to think seriously of those things," he said, venturing further.

She was justly angry. "Surely my "Mr. Howard," said Joe, making an-

greatest sacrifice."

"As long." he said, "as women entertain such false ideas of justice, as long as they give purity without requiring it, as long as they overlook man's profil-gacy, as long as they pronounce man's sensuality right and according to nature, he will never serious." other effort to draw him to the point he wished to plead for ... Mr. Howard, I have no wish to make Maggie my slave. I feel more like I should become her slave in my humble condition. I have he will never reform.' "O, papa, it isn't right. I did not say it was right." nothing to offer her but a true, hon-

either tell him the mystery of her life woman. Joe, you fell about fifty degrees in my estimation when you said that. I was beginning to think I had awoke in you a sense of justice, an idea of what constitutes a pure heart, but my hopes are in vain. You haven't got purity to offer any woman. You know you

> Joe's flushed face was almost proof of his guilt. He said:
> "I love Maggie as I never can another. I will do anything you require,

I know not what else to say."

"Very well. I will put you to the test. Will you promise at the altar, before two or three thousand people, perhaps, to honor and obey Maggie. I propose to reverse the ceremony."

Joe hung his head, meditatively. Love

and pride were struggling in his breast

for mastery. "A hard question to decide, is it not, Joe?" the old man said, mockingly. "Come, you have just said you would do anything I should require. I require to have the ceremony reversed. I demand that you promise to obey your

'I could not do that, Mr. Howard." "Why not?" asked the old gentleman, making a great effort to speak compos-

edly.
"I could not endure the humiliation," he replied, looking sheepish.

"Well, Joe, I respect your candor and pride. Surely no human being should swear to obey another. My daughter shall never be so servile as to obey a man; nor shall she ever promise to do so, either. I would like to see her have legal protector, as in this age of semibarbarism it is still almost necessary for a woman to have a protector, although not many generations hence women will be acknowledged qualified to protect themselves. I would like to know, when I am called to the other side, that I leave Maggie under the protection of a manly arm; but she shall never promise obedience to a man. Human laws are unjust. They could not be otherwise. Just laws can only be given by righteous law-givers. Purity cannot come from impurity, honor from dishonor, nor good laws be made by evil-minded, corrupt, design-ing men. Men stand at the alter and vow to protect their wives, then subject them to the most abject slavery. They impose burdens upon them, shifting them from their dwn shoulders. Es pecially is this so among the poor and middle classes. That is the way they protect their wives."

"Looking at it in the true light it cer-

tainly does looks humiliating for a woman to promise to obey her husband. Only a cruel, cowardly man would de-mand it after rightly looking and think-ing of the matter. Of course, it is custom-one of the old, cruel rites of the early Christian centuries, descended by the Bible to us. I will make void the law. Whether it be your daughter, or someone else's daughter, my wife shall never humble herself by publicly prom-Ising to obey me. I sincerely thank you for the lesson you have taught me. I was blind to justice. You have opened my eyes to the truth. I am not fit to be the husband of an innocent girl like Maggie. I could not offer her the purity you justly demand. I will try to master my love for her," he said, rising

and offering Mr. Howard his hand. "Good-night. May God bless you."

Joe Middleton's pallid face and compressed lips evinced his sincerity. He walked from the house with firm, decisive steps.

The majesty of thy lofty strains The old man sat some minutes, contemplating his noble nature, then arose Awaken prophetic insight, lifting and want straight to Maggie's grows He found her looking moodily out of the window, harboring the first thoughts The magnitude of its all-embracing The magnitude of its all-embracing des tiny. Nature, with her occult and mysterious of injustice by her father she had ever entertained. forces, Is to thy mind a transparent mirror

When he entered she arose, went to the piano and began drumming, much in the same manner a man whistles when he is vexed or bored.

'Daughter," he said pleasantly. "Little daughter, do not play; I came to talk

Wait upon thy ministry, to deck Thy brow with their empyreal glory. Life and Death unmask themselves She ceased instantly; bowed her head over the piano, resting it on her hand. He approached her, laid his hand gently on her shoulder, and sald: Before the penetrating gaze of thy genius, And are rehabilitated with the garniture

"Tell me frankly, Maggie, what your feelings are for Joe Middleton?" Of fortitude and hopeful expectancy. Love, Friendship, Gratitude, Mirthful-'I love him," she said, raising her

head and looking him straight in the Thy brooding spirit, like zephyrs upon An Eolian harp; and rapture-bound

"Are you sure? Young people are often mistaken in the matter of love." "I am not mistaken. I could never

ove or marry another." "Do you not think it unwise to love a man without knowing your affections re-

ciprocated?"

"My affections are not unreciprocated," she said, positively. "How do you know?"

"I am certain Joe loves me." "Then admitting that point, do you not think it imprudent to love a man knowing absolutely nothing of his repu-

"But I know something of his reputa-

"How did you gain enlightment on that point?" "Nellie told me her husband said his conduct was above reproach."
"Above reproach!" her father re-

peated sorrowfully. "My poor child, do you know where that would place him? Your words are meaningless. Few are the men, indeed, whose characters are above reproach. Now I will tell you what Joe is, and if you want to tom of patriarchs of barbarous ages to see him alone I will give you the liber look upon their families as their private ty to do so. I have observed your attachment to each other and made inquiry in regard to his general character. Then, I believe, I have studied him personally. I find him honest in business prompt, temperate, "amable, of a good family—poor, of course? Good so far, as poverty is no objection.

"There can surely be no fault, then Extreme disappointment was visible on his features, "Maggie," he said, "can you think of nothing else—no other requirement." Enowing him to the qualities enumerated, does

he stand in your imagination the em-

bodiment of perfection? Does he lack

nothing?" Her father's earnestness alarmed her. "I can think of no other necessary requirement," she said. 'So you are like your sex." he said. despairingly. "What do you think Joe would require of you above all things? "Virtue," she said, her face turning

scarlet as she comprehended her father' meaning. Truly. Yet you do not require it of him?"
"O, yes, I shoul," she said, very much

confused.
"Well, he is not virtuous." "Perhaps not now, but-but after The old man turned away from hor in such distress she became greatly alarmed. He walked back and forth

displeased you? I am too young, per-haps, to know what is right. Tell me what is right. I will obey you to the greatest sacrifice."

L"Yet you make it no special wrong."

Papa, if I demand virtue I fear I

shali become an old maid," she said,

laughing.
"And is the thought of becoming an

old maid so abhorrent? Would not your life be more peaceful, more useful, if

where you wished; you would have no

man's opinions to consult; no one to

criticize your actions; no one's whims to

humor. In short you would have abso-

lute freedom-freedom. How sweet the

thought. Love, pure, undefiled love is

not possible in the heart of man. I will

admit that some are infinitely less fickle

than others. Some men very nearly ap

proach purity; such will shortly become

the grandest man on earth, and should

at least be canonized, if not deified. You

have such a clear way of putting things. Old-maidism is not so objectionable after

all. I may choose it and try to forget

Mr. Howard smiled at her childish

"We have an illustration of man's

perfidy in Nellie's case," he continued; 'also another example in the false Ar-

thur Gilbert."
"True, papa, one should not reject honor and reason for love. One should

never be induced by love to wrong ac-

never be induced by love to wrong ac-tion. Dear old papa, you have been do-ing a lot of serious thinking for me, while I have almost been angry with you for driving me away when Joe came.

How fortunate I am to have you. I

should have perhaps gone wrong like Nellie had you not guarded me in such

a kind, sensible way. By the way, I wonder if Arlington ever found Arthur Gilbert." she said, noticing the tears in

her father's eyes and wishing to change

"No, I met him the other day on a car and asked about it. He said he had

not wholly given up finding him, but

didn't express much hope of doing so, He is going East soon to visit his sister and child."

TO BE CONTINUED.

VOICES FROM THE UNSEEN.

We are flying forth to meet you,

List to our triumphal throng!

Leave the earthly far behind you,

Lesser things must pass away;

Let no earthly glitter blind you To the light of perfect day!

Live for justice, let it lead you;

Ills will melt that you may meet;

Wrongs will flee and rights will heed

you, Life and Love will be complete! ELLA DARE.

TO SHAKSPEARE.

Wherein her secrets to thee are made

The stars in their silent grandour, and

The planets in their sweeping orbits

ness, Each in their turn have played upon

With the spell of each passing mood,

Thou hast culled the sweetest flowers

From the garden of their mystic in-

While Truth, Beauty, Virtue, Loyalty,

Adorn thy lines as with an amaranth

Then anon thou movest among the dry

Of Formality, disclosing her pulseless

And empty nothingness, and stripping Pageantry of its illusive shadows. The rude breath of Discord, Hatred,

Brutality, Ignorance and vaunting Am-

Have breathed their voluble jargon

Thy spirit, and thou hast transfigured

Of thy masterly portraiture Thought, Feeling, Motive, Passion,

And placed their treasures at thy feet. Royal bard! Princely seer! Immortal

Laurel-wreathed and crowned, thou

Upon the pedestal of thy own glory, Self-centered, and impregnable to the quibbs of detraction

Or the taunts of ridicule; while the

grand refrain
Of thy minstrelsy moves down the ages
Wrapt in the unrivaled splendor of its

Awakening thoughts responsive and kindling emotions

And aspirations that humanity will not

Thus, we bear witness to thy ample

And acknowledge our indebtedness to

thee, While with grateful love and admira-

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Duty, All have bowed to thy regal kingship

In their hideousness, by the power

manifest.

fluences

Honor

wreath Of immortality.

bones

heart

Avarice,

Shakspeare!

own adorrment,

willingly let die.

tion

bition.

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Borne upon the wings of song; We are hastening forth to greet you

We have conquering powers to aid you

Trust us, they will guide aright, Shun all those who have betrayed you Tread with us the upper height!

"He boy must be about six years old now," she said.
"Six years! Yes. How fast time passes," he answered, meditatively.

partiality and willingness to please him

"Papa," she said, laughing, "you are

reversed?

Joe.

at any sacrifice.

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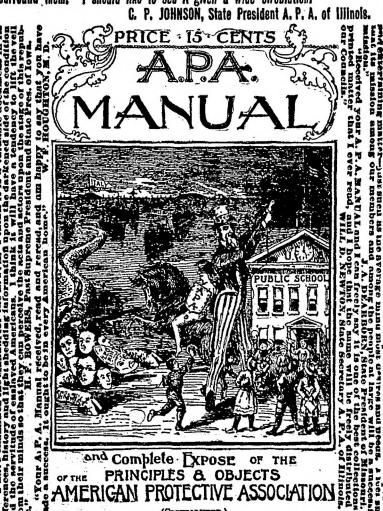
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Music that you can see is the latest and most extraordinary fad in musical circles. The music scientists have been experimenting along the line of musical vibration, and have attached to this force transmitters of form and color, as Keeley proposes to hitch his famous motor to the great force of sound vibration. The results of these experiments have been that a Chopin nocturne may now be played in colors or an aria drawn in outline by sensitized transmitters. Remington, in England, has invented

the color organ and formulated a scheme of tone colors. Prof. H. E. Clifford, of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in Boston, has produced by the vibrations of a violin bow, or of the hu-man voice through a metal tube, upon a tightly drawn cut gut tambour head or a metal plate, figure music from a handful of fine sand shifted by the vibrations

into plainly defined drawings.

The scientific musicale is the latest form of society entertainment. Not long ago one was given in this city, attended by a select audience of musical folk, by Miss Charlotte W. Hawes, the Boston music litterateur, who is to lecture before Sorosis in a few weeks. Miss Hawes' musicale consisted of a monologue on "The Music of Nature," illustrated by the curious latter-day discoveries in physical science on the laws of vibra-

She illustrated her interesting theories with an array of paraphernalia, demonstrating the relation between the unseen tone and the tangible and visible demonstration of form. Through tubes vibrating on a metal surface strewed with sand the octave was sung first by a soprano voice, and then by a contralto. Each note shifted the sand into a distinct geometrical figure, its repetition the metal. The scale, note by note, shaped the sand into a series of figures like the turning of a kaleidoscope. Each note, in a number of experiments, has a corresponding figure, varying slightly in size and detail, according to the reg-

ister of the voice.

In the same way the tones of a violin were drawn in outline upon the cat gut in shifting sand, the communication of the vibration being made through a silken string. The geometrical figures formed by the violin notes were much more distinct and delicately detailed than those formed by the human voice. The shape of b flat was distinctly different from a natural; chords were not at-tempted, but it is believed that the corelation between tone and form is to be a discovery of the investigators in physical science.
She also declared that human beings

had their key-notes. They speak by custom in the pitch which is varied in major or minor by the emotions expressed, and they naturally choose for their friends people whose voices ac-corded with theirs. For instance, you will rarely find a thin-voiced man chumming with a deep bass singer.

Remington's experiments in tone color have caused London society folk to sit through entire concert recitals in total darknoss, watching Wagner's operas and Beethoven's symphonies flashed in their corresponding colors on a

"They play an air on a color organ," different colors on a screen, varying according to the keys pressed down. It is very ingenious and opens up quite a new fold in the west of descriptions. field in the way of describing dress at social gatherings. Imagine this kind of

"Mrs. So-and-So attracted great attention by her magnificent costume, embodying the brilliant bizarrie, or Liszt's Second Hungarian Rhapsody, and a graceful young woman looked weil in a delicate costume made up from Greig's "Spring Idyll." The hats positively shouted at one: they were founded for the most part on the barbaric strains of the "Walkurenritt," so that it was a positive relief to turn one's eyes to Miss Asterisk in a costume modeled on the rain-drop prelude of Chopin.'" A portion of the above article, from

the Boston Globe, may sound like the fantastic expression of a fertile imagination; but far from it. The field of investigation of the unseen is limitless, and in that field, like the beautiful prairie lily or dangling honeysuckle, stands the art of music, in all its queenly beauty and sublime sweetness, pleading for the cold hand of science to awaken it from the harmonic doze into which the great masters of the day have permitted it to relax. Now we have colors produced on a screen and an impression in sand made by the vibrations, differentiated by the varying tones, no two impressions or colors exactly alike and each tone registering the same at each Where this unfoldment sound-wave. will end cannot be discerned from this side of life, as it evidently belongs to that great principle beyond and behind every expression of the unseen.

Again, science has laid its analytical hand upon photography, and according to reports through the secular press, is

REVEALING THE UNSEEN.

The Facts About Rontgen's Photographic Discovery.

The following from the Troy (N. Y.) Times, is about the most authentic report of the recent discovery in and through photography, by Prof. Rontgen, of Germany:
"The recent reports of the discovery

of a new method of photography, by which objects hidden to the eye and inclosed by opaque substances may be re-produced on the sensitized film, have aroused more than a passing interest. The discovery attributed to Prof. Rontgen, is interesting not so much because of the practical uses to which the new process can be applied, as for the reason that it is so revolutionary and so contrary to all preconceived ideas. It was at first announced that Prof. Rontgen had discovered a light which would penetrate certain substances and permit the photographing of other substances in-closed within. The mind is unable to grasp and thoroughly comprehend so

Later reports describe the new medi:) as something still more mysteri-It is not light and it is not electricous. It is not light and it is not steen ity. Light is visible, but the new me-lium is said to be invisible, and has not he same qualities as ordinary light. It will not penetrate clear glass at all. and will penetrate ground glass but feebly. On the other hand, aluminum is transparent to this astounding medium, and orent to this astonning mentum, and aven coppor is less opaque than glass. The force is produced by an electrical process, but it is not electricity. Of that fact all the scientists who have investi-

strange an operation.

gated it are assured, and yet they unable to say just what it is. All the scientific knowledge the world possesses gives them no clew to its real nature.

Prof. Rontgen's discovery is the result of experiments which he had been making with what is known to scientists as Crookes' tube. This tube is the dis-covery of Sir William Crookes, an English investigator, and was made some years ago. He found that by passing a current of electricity through a vacuum in a certain way and then continuing the exhaustion of the air, from the tube to a certain point, the true electric dis-charge ceased and the tube became dark He then continued to pump out air and soon an entirely new phenome-non presented itself. The glass began to glow with a strange yellow phosphorescence, which was not electricity as we understand the application of that term. Crookes believed that he had discovered fourth state of matter, different from

the solid, the liquid or the gaseous, and some other sciutistists agreed with him. Many investigated the phenomenon, among them being Prof. Rontgen, who applied the Crookes tube to photography. The method of procedure was to place the Crookes tube between the object to be photographed and the plate holder, containing the sensitized plate. No lens was used, the slide of the plateholder was not drawn, and yet the phograph of the object was produced on the plate. The visible light from the Crookes tube is so feeble that it is not believed that it is this light which penetrates the object, but rather some invisible energy produced by the light.

The experiments which have been performed by Rontgen and by English nvestigators have been marvelous in their results. One of the most aston-ishing of these experiments is the photographing of the human body. Nothing but the skeleton is revealed in the photograph, the energy having apparthe same manner coins inclosed in a purse were photographed, and in the picture only the coins themselves and flesh of the body and the material of the purse invisible in the picture, it did not also make the skeleton and the coins invisible? This is one of the questions which the investigators can not answer. They know only that by this new method of photography certain substances can be penetrated, and other substances can not. The explanation of this phenomenon they are unable to give, any more than an explanation as to why conper makes an excellent conductor of electricity, and glass is an absolute nonconductor.

It is interesting to learn in this con-nection that the Rontgen discovery, so far as it affects the photographing of certain invisible objects, finds a parallel in the brilliant scientific achievements of an American, Prof. Fernando Sanford, of Leland Stanford University, who in 1893 succeeded in photographing a coin between which and the plate an opaque substance had been interposed. This substance had been interposed. was done by electrical energy, but while Prof. Sanford's method was different, the result was much the same as that obtained by Prof. Rontgen. Whather either discovery will lead to practical results of benefit to the world is yet to be demonstrated, but the public will follow future investigations with great in-

DHere is a photograph that is not a photograph in the ordinary sense, because no lenses are used, and it is not a negative, but a positive plate that is obtained. The inference to be drawn from these experiments is that nothing is absolutely impenetrable to these strange rays. There are only varying degrees of transparency or opacity. Never in the history of science has a great discovery received such prompt recognition and been so quickly utilized in a practical way as the new photography which Prof. Rontgen gave to the world only about four weeks ago. Already it has been used successfully by the body. The fact that only a faint idea has yet been gained of the practical possibilities of this discovery is already proven, and it is difficult to keep pace with the astonishing supplementary

How plainly apparent is the occult, the spiritual science in these latest inventions. The ever restless energies of life, of thought, of spirit will not be held in priestly death nor dogmatic subjection, and no one need be surprised at any development from this source. This is a day of invention and the public mind is ripe for it-ready to util-

ize and welcome. DR. T. WILKINS.

SIGNS AND AUGURIES. CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.

sound out alarm for war; for Antony and

Victory!" The sun came up in a great burst of glory. The galleys of fair Egypt's queen and Cæsar's rugged fleet approach: when a flag of truce from every littering spear appears; while far off on the right, that cavalry that once had charged and thrown the Parthian bowmen in dismay, to Antony's chagrin, throw down their weapons on Egyptian sands, and their contention seems to be: which shall embrace the warmest in

their amity.
Egypt's dusky queen, an asp, with ivory fangs, to her dark bosom held, and thus she died.

Antony, accompanied by his faithful servant Eros, whom he had engaged to slay him whensoever he should demand this service of him, retired to an inner apartment of the palace, and gave himself up to the most bitter outbursts of grief and disappointment. After a time thus spent, he turned to his servant, and bade him "sheathe his sword in the body of one who had conquered like a Roman, and who was only by a Roman conquered."

Eros, who had been overcome by grief, here drew his sword, as if to obey the command; then turned suddenly and stabbed himself to death. Great sobs now shook the soul of this unfortunate Roman, now left entirely alone. "This is the first that ever thou didst dare to disobey thy Antony: I did feed thee, clothe thee keep thee ever near myself, that whensoever I should de-mand of thee, thou mightst cut through this wall of flesh that keeps my soul in check, and let it forth: Still do I thank thee, even in thy disobedience; the slave has taught the master how to die."

Rousing himself from the stupor into which these appalling events had thrown him; as calmly as if preparing for his perfumed bath, he disencum-bered his armor: drew his sword; and after satisfying himself of its keennes placed the point about the region of his heart; and, running violently against one of the pillars of the apartment, fell back lifeless over the prostrate body of his slave.

Thus perished by his own hand this mighty Roman; and thus this Roman Bacchus, by Bacchus self desert, ended his life; fulfilling the prophecy of those mysterious minstrels, who but one short night before came like shadows, and like them did depart.

CHARLES NEVINS.

UNDER SPIRIT GUIDANCE

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For a class who have so much rea-

son to believe in luck, even though it be the result of hard knocks and tireless labor, miners of the precious metals are singularly free from superstition or a belief in the supernatural. Ask the ordinary run of miners if they believe in spirits, and they will say, only in the kind you pour out of needed capital and an energetic wife. a bottle. They have no faith in the Under these conditions he again paid other kind further than the depth to court to the wife he had divorced. which their pick penetrates. There | She said yes, of course, and they were are exceptions, however, as there are to all rules, and two of the exceptions are in the cases of men who have amassed fortunes, and who are known throughout the mining world, and particularly on the Pacific Slope. They are partners, brought together by Spiritualism, no less personages than Alvinza Hayward and Chas. D. Lane. In the partnership the former is the principal. He has always been a it is needless to say that Mrs. Hayhis associates can remember, and ently penetrated through the fiesh, his associates can remember, and making it invisible in the picture. In probably as long as he himself can remember. In his extensive operations he has been very generally guided by spirit advice, sometimes by good there is said to be spirit promise. It the metal clasp of the purse appeared. spirit advice, sometimes by good there is said to be spirit promise. It Why is it that if the light made the spirits, sometimes by bad ones. He is one which involves engineering and has won and lost and won again. In large expenditures, and which would the interim between the two winning stagger the ordinary man. It consists eras he is supposed to have grieved in the opening up of large placer the spirits, and to have suffered in grounds near Carson City, Nev. He blessed them and they became a nuconsequence. But Lane never was a has just taken an option on it at Spiritualist. He believes in hard work \$250,000. Mining men estimate that and hard knocks. He drove an ox there are \$125,000,000 in the ground. team through the counties of Califor- Belief in spirit direction and the nia through which the mother lode knowledge of what it has done for runs-El Dorado, Amador, Calaveras, him has not, however, taken away his lifted up my eyes, and behold! I saw Toulumne and Mariposa—but partic- caution. His faith is not so great that ularly in Calaveras county. It was he is not closely investigating the hard work, and slavish, too, and there practicability of the scheme. He is were no bonanzas to strike, but in examining it very thoroughly, and if those days freighting was high and by June next he finds it will suit him, the pay sure. So he plodded along, he will pay down the \$250,000, or completely satisfied, and paying no what is generally supposed to be about attention to those about him who were reaping big and sudden fortunes from however, will only be the initial step. the mines. Where there was one win- To get water he will have to go fortyner there were a dozen failures, and six miles, pipe it down into and across in many cases even when a man did a valley 1300 feet below its head, and strike something he found himself then up again to that height, before unable to profit by it because of a he can hope to extraot a cent. That lack of capital. So Lane considered is what is known as hydraulic mining, his lot the happiest of all. He but it is on such a scale as has probfreighted for winners and losers alike, ably never been known before. The his pay was sure, and he always knew distance and height to which the water what he was doing.

had a wife. She was a good home- the feasibility of his plans. The force body, ambitious, as women are, and a of the water will have to be sufficient, profound believer in Spiritualism. She after being forced up 1,300 feet often urged her husband to try his through pipes, to throw it under the hand at the mines, but to no purpose. bank, wash out the gravel where it He continued to follow his ox-team. passes into the flumes, the gold being Finally she received spirit informa- caught in riffles. If he succeeds in tion directing her attention to a por- this the output will only be a question ing of a great mine. Hardheaded and practical Charley Lane laughed at this. but she was so persistent and confident that at last he found himself listening with a more attentive ear. This is a part of the mother lode history known to a few miners, but which has never been given publicity. Lane is generally supposed to have struck it rich as other miners strike it, but such was not the case. His wife finally received an imperative message for him to go to work. He had by this time become thoroughly interested, and at once started to work. Success did not come at once, but he persisted, though, as much to satisfy his wife as anything else. Finally he opened up what is now the Utica-Stickles, the biggest single gold-producing mine in are buried in quietness and silence the world. But in doing so he ran to the end of his string. The develop-ment of the property took all of the savings he had accumulated while teaming, and he found himself practically bankrupted and unable to go ahead. Here again the spirit guidance came to the front. The late Mr. Hobart and Hayward were partners, and enormously rich from mining. They were also Spiritualists, the latter particularly strong in his faith. Lane was directed to interest them. They were told of the development of the property, the history of the work, etc.. and at once took hold. They operated on a large scale, and had many disappointments to meet, but they never had any doubt as to the final outcome. They put up money just as long as it was needed, and succeeded only after having sunk \$600,000. That is now but two-thirds of the monthly output of the mine. The property of to-day is credited to their nerve, but the great Utica-Stickles might never have

been had it not been for Spiritualism. Mr. Lane, very naturally, became a firm believer in Spiritualism. He has become interested in a great many other enterprises, and has generally prospered. He and his wife are credited with living an ideal life, but no more happily than in the days when he was an unpretending teamster. They still reside in Angel's district, in Calaveras county, but about the only difference from the old days is that their home is a little more stylish, and

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Mr. Lane is now going into a big proposition, for the success of which three months of his income. That, will have to be piped is something ex-Fortunately for Lane, however, he traordinary, but he is confident as to

upon her husband to develop it. cial reverses and losses resulting from following the purported advice of where one such course of mediumistic probably a hundred instances of loss and disappointment have occurred.

The successful guesses are heralded far and wide; the unsuccessful ones

The lesson is too obvious to need further comment.

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David Jones, Elwood's sleepless man, says the Rochester, Ind., Sentinel, who three years ago went-injusty-one nights and days without sleep, and who broke his own record last year, by remaining awake 181 nights and days, has entered upon another period of sleeplessness which promises to eclipse all former efforts. His health does, not suffer, and his appetite is always good, hence Mr. Jones is not particularly disturbed by Jones is not particularly disturbed by the attacks. He is unable to reach any satisfactory conclusions relative to his strange affliction. He has now gone twenty-one days and nights without sleep, and he says that he feels as if he would never sleep any more. He is now serving as a Circuit Court juror.

The Book of Genesis.

A fac-simile edition of the celebrated Vienna Genesis, belonging to the Emperor of Austria, the oldest illuminated purple vellum manuscript of the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testa-ment, has just been published in Vienna. The original consists of twenty-four eaves, twelve and a half by ten and a alf inches, with from thirteen to seventeen lines, written on both sides, and with forty-eight miniature paintings. It dates from the fifth century.

It is a high, solemn, almost awful thought for every individual man that his earthly influence, which has had a commencement, will never, through all ages, were he the very meanest of us, have an end. - Carlyle.

FOREGLEAMS

Of Serious Troubles in This Country.

TRUE, AND WHAT ABOUT THE UN-FULFILLED PORTION.

When a schoolteacher in old Maine, I boarded in the dear home of a Quaker by the name of Douglas. Aunt Cloe, a saint now in heaven, used to tell me all about Joseph Hoag, a genuine spiritual preacher of the Quaker faith. As I write this I see her eyes again, and the prayerful tears welling up from their crystal fonts as she graphically depicted the "Vision of Hoag," which has been kept as public property by that devoted sect since 1837. Aunt Cloe said Mr. Hoag was plowing at the time of the vision. The following is

a transcript of it as given by the man himself: "In the year 1803, in the eighth or ninth month, I was alone in the field, when I observed that the sun was shining, but that its brightness was eclipsed as by a mist. As I reflected my mind was struck into silence, the most solemn I had ever known. I said to myself: 'What can this mean?' I do not recollect ever before of having been sensible of such feelings. "Then all at once I heard a voice

from heaven saying: 'This which thou seest, which dims the brightness of the sun, is a mist upon which I shall show thee present and coming events. * * * Continuing, the voice said: I took your forefathers from a land of oppression; I planted them among the people of the forest; I maintained them, and, while they were humble, I

merous people. But they have become proud and lifted up, and have forgotten me who nourished them and protected them in the wilderness. * * The voice ceased, and I an immense panorama on the mist, in which was shown things which I knew had passed but a few months or years before, and others which I have every reason to believe will happen in the near and remote future. First, the people appeared as if dividing in great

heat. The division appeared to begin in the churches, on points of doctrine. It commenced in the Presbyterian Church and went through the various denominations, and in each case those who held to their ancient principles appeared sorrowful and dejected.

"Then the trouble appeared in what I took to be a lodge of Free Masons, raging with great violence until it set the whole panorama in an uproar. Next the trouble arose in American politics, and did not cease until it produced a great civil war and the shedding of abundance of blood.

'In the course of this great struggle slavery was annihilated and the divided States were finally reunited

"Then a monarchical power arose and took the government of the tion of the mother lode in Calaveras of how many yards he can wash per State. This done, they established a county. The spirit guide told her that day. Mrs. Lane is said to have un- national religion and compelled all at that point was to be found the mak- bounded faith in the enterprise, as she the people to pay tribute for its had in the Utica when the spirits in- support and expenses. I was amazed fluenced her to so persistently prevail at beholding all this plainly depicted on the mists of the sky, and was on The above, from the St. Louis the point of fainting from exhaustion, Globe-Democrat, seems to show finan- when I heard the voice proclaim: cial success from following advice This shall not always stand, but by given by mediums. Yet, were the such means shall I chastise my people other side of the ledger given, there until they return to the faithfulness would, on the whole, be a very large of their forefathers. What thou hast balance shown of failures and finan- seen is what has come and will come

upon this land. "The wonders I saw that day were spirits, through mediums. In fact, kept for many days a secret, until it became such a burden that for my advice proves true and successful, own relief I have written it out for the world."

Part at least of the vision has been literally fulfilled. The Presbyterian Church has been seriously rent on "points of doctrine," and the theresy," so-called, has been going through the various denominations, foreshadowing a general stampede from the old landmarks of theology, and those who hold to their "ancient principles" have "appeared sorrowful

and dejected." Who of the Masonic order does not recall the Morgan trouble, that wellnigh socially asphyxiated that institution? It was, indeed, a "panorama in

late civil war between the North and South, "the shedding of abundance of blood," the annihilation of slavery and the reunion of divided States. But one feature of the vision re-

mains unfulfilled. Is it, after all, unfulfilled—the rising of a "monarchical power" to take the government of these States into its hands? There is already a movement to put God in the federal constitution, with a view to the establishment of a national religion, compelling the people "to pay tribute for its support and expenses. Already a plutocratic ring of millionaires rules the politics and commercial interests of our country. It is to-day more than an infant monarchy; it has reached the stage of secular adolescence. To this Western Moloch, gestated in our republic, the old parties

Call the "Vision of Hoag" a superstition, if you like. You cannot thus rainsay the facts of it—the actual fulfillment of what he saw in panoramic prophecy. J. O. BARRETT.

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Getting at the Truth.

The truth begins to reach us from Turkey in regard to those terrible massacres of Christians, wherein hundreds of thousands were reported slain. The Armenian Commission in London has just published a "blue book," in which is recited all the disturbances from July 24, 1894, to October 16, 1895. The commissioners deny that the Armenians burnt their own property to incite sympathy in their behalf, and deny that they are in revolt against the Turkish government.

A London telegram of January 28,

says:
"The report [of the Armenian commission] shows that the number of killed has been grossly exaggerated, but the report admits that owing to the absence of registration it is impossible, even approximately, to fix the number of victims. There is appended, however, to the report a tabulated list of all the evidence tendered to the commission. six villages mentioned show a total of 205 victims.

"The British delegate, Shipley, in a memorandum attached to the joint report, from the evidence gathered by Consul Hampson during his tour, estimates the total number of victims in the Sassoun district, including deaths from starvation, at about 900.

"Delegate Shipley, while he admits that there was violation of women, assorts that the alleged wholesale butch-ery of women was not confirmed."

The whole Christian world has been engaged in magnifying the horrors of this trouble in Turkey, with the desire of adding that empire to their conquests. And now a dispatch from St. Petersburg says:

"Arrangements point to a conclusion between Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy for a final settlement of the Armenian question. These include Russia's occupation and administration of Anatolia and the purchase of Cyprus

region east, including Armenia, to the propose to wipe from the face of the earth the Turkish nation! Euphrates, and south to an undetermined limit. It embraces regions covered by vast, powerful and populous empires in early authentic history, and is just what Russia has coveted for more than a century. Christianity became a willing cat's paw in the hands of the Great in the country and interest another column. There is no in humanity in his greater love to hold a place in Congress. By catering to the prejudices of the churches he mistaken by thinks he is assuring a stable place in Bear for this proposed dismemberment

flicted with theirs.

If the report of this conspiracy is confirmed, then the question will arise, will Turkey submit without resistance to this manifest usurpation of her

The Truth in a Nut-Shell.

The Philadelphia Record states an important fact Americans should consider, when it says:

"Chean labor comes high, Pennsylvania has paid dearly for the irruption of semisavages imported by her protected manufacturers and mine owners to cut under the ordinary wage rate. The turbulence of these contract laborers in western Pennsylvania is chronic and costly. In Luzerne county there are fourteen murder trials awaiting the action of the courts."

The whole country feels the effect of that importation of cheap labor at the expense of the honest toiler. The mines and manufactories are filled with these importations. If a railroad is to be built or a canal is to be dug, this foreign production supplies the muscle. The manufacturers demand protection; but the laboring man of American birth finds these "semisavages," as the Record very justly calls them, doing the work and getting the pay, while the home la-borer and his family are starving. Worse than this: once set to work at low wages, they find the remuneration not large enough to supply indispensable needs, then they inaugurate a strike, make war upon all opposition, and destroy property, and sacrifice lives without mercy so as to keep control.

C. This half-savage laborer is almost invariably a member of the Catholic church, and the Jesuitical priest is his secret leader. Instead of legislation in the interest of capital we need further legislation to exclude this riff-raff of all nations from overrunning the country, destroying the hopes and ambition of the real American. Every argument for the exclusion of the Chinese from the country has double force when directed against the Italian and the Bo-

Crazed by Religion.

James McAvois, a groceryman of Car-thage, Ill., has gone crazy over religion A protracted meeting has been in progress, and McAvois was baptized in a creek through the ice. The excitement maddened him. While being taken to the asylum he continued to shrick: Help! Help! The crucifixion." He claims to witness the sublime tragedy. Is that religion heaven-inspired which produces insanity? Will worse than work upon the fears of the people,

stesi away men's brains?

Adam, Where Art Thou?

A Deplorable Object Lesson.

Pa., in which prominent Spiritual

ists and mediums figure somewhat con-

spicuously. We hesitated to publish

the account at all, and only do so on ac-

count of the wave of fraud, trickery and

deception that has been sweeping over

Spiritualism during the last six months,

and which has been working a great

deal of harm to the cause. It certainly

affords Spiritualists a most deplorable

who cannot do so must be relegated

to throw over all parties concerned in

spiritual mantle, whether they be con-

An Act of God.

the Methodist Episcopal church at Cold-

water, Miss., says a news item, fell dead

in his pulpit, on Sunday morning, while

exhorting his congregation to "believe

These dispensations of Divine Provi-

dence have become so very frequent they have ceased to be looked upon as

A Good Woman Gone.

Mention was made in these columns

several weeks ago, of the severe indispo-

sition of Mrs. Retta S. Anderson, at

Concordia, Kansas, from an accidental

injury to the heart. It is our sad duty to

chronicle her death on the 28th ult.

after a long and painful illness, during

which period she was tenderly cared for

by her husband, B. R. Anderson, Esq.,

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nate at the Canton Academy, where she became versed in the classics, and the

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after her marriage. She was a close student all her life, and her happiest

hours were those spent in the pursuit of

knowledge. She was a liberal in the

full sense of the term, and a believer in

continued life, Writing, last fall, of herself and husband, she said in her

playful way: "We want a future life, and shall feel swindled if we find our selves annihilated, after all." Mrs. An-

derson was a very earnest friend of THE

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our tenderest sympathies in his sad be-reavement, with the assurance she has

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object lesson.

That question of the politicians, Where are we at?" becomes an important inquiry in the light of increasing knowledge. The revelations of the giant telescopes, aided by photography and the microscope, are overwhelming in their character, as stated more fully in these columns last week, and give conceptions of the universe never contemplated before. To say that the nearest fixed star is twenty billions of miles away; that a ray of light traveling through space with the velocity of 185,-000 miles a second, consuming but eight minutes to reach the earth from the sun, requires three years to come from the nearest star, and more than a thousand years to come from some of the more distant ones, conveys in reality no idea of the great distance, for we have nothing to use as comparisons, and th mind of man is too feeble to grasp such mighty problems.

earth, and a most pitiable object lesson From the earth to the sun is ninetyof this kind will animate them with retwo millions of miles, Multiply that newed vigor to insist that all in the number two hundred thousand times, ranks of Spiritualism shall keep themthe distance to the nearest star, and the selves above suspicion, and that those mind staggers under the enormous product. It is bewildered and shrinks in the to the rear. However, let us be willing attempt at comprehension. this terrible accusation, the genuine

In the constellation of Orion, seen in the southern heavens, whether a cluster of numberless stars, one mighty orb, or a forming sun, science is not fully agreed, yet it is estimated to be two millions, two thousand billions of times

larger than our sun. It was said there were twenty millions of stars which formed that streak of light in the heavens known as the Milky Way. The larger telescopes have brought an infinitude of new stars within the range of our aided vision; but now the auxiliaries of photography and the microscope will add unnumbered millions of still more distant suns which cluster along that pathway in the heavens, and form a distant background to the majestic whole,

These boundless and immeasurable worlds, we are told, were all made in six days, and that God rested from his exhausting toil on the seventh day. The astonishing statement in the same connection is, that the Lord God walked in the garden of Eden, in the cool of the day, as if that was necessary to his comfort, to see if Adam was trespassing on the tree of knowledge. Then we hear him shouting, "Adam, where art thou?" Were it not infidelity to reject this Bible account, we should suspicion the story was the devise of a very ignorant priest, in a very ignorant age of the world, and not a revelation from the ruler of the universe.

A Statesman's Opinion.

The exaggerations and misrepresentations of the missionaries in regard to the Armenian difficulties, must, in the end, be prejudicial to their cause. Lord Salisbury, the Prime Minister and Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain, has just made a speech, in which he is reported to have reproached the religious element for laboring under the mistake that England had bound herself in honor to succor the Armenians, which means to go to war with the Sultan, to force him to govern the Armenians well. He said: "It is a dream to imagine the Sultan

ordered the perpetration of these cruelties. In my opinion there is no ground for thinking so. It was race faction and creed faction to the highest point, in the most horrible form, which brought upon the wretched Armenians these ter rible sufferings."

In the light of this statement from the quire your assistance in giving away by Great Britain."

Anatolia proper embraces the whole of Asia Minor, and all that extensive on the floors of Congress, when they dure your assistance in giving away 10,000 copies of the Encyclopædia of Death, and Life in the Spirit-World.

We desire to say in this connection that the average politician frequently forgets his love of country and interest ly thinks he is assuring a stable place in Bear for this proposed dismemberment of a great nation whose religion confind in the end he is laboring under an error, as thousands have done before

Valuable Acquisition to Litera-

Students of comparative religions at the University of Chicago, says the Chronicle, are rejoicing over very substantial additions to the department's library. The most valuable of these is exalted notion of the piety of Congress. the 400-volumes of the complete book of Buddha, containing the revealed and demonstrated law. These valuable books are the gift of Dr. John Henry Barrows, who recently received them from a num ber of his admirers among the priest-

hood of Japan.

This gift, which might be considered almost national, gives the university possession of the only complete Budd hist bible in America. The volumes are magnificent specimens of ancient Japanese literature and are absolutely riceless.

The same department has also received as part of its share of the great Berlin collection a copy of the Koran, which cost the University \$16,000. The copy is made by hand upon parchment. and is one of the three now in existence.

The Ravings of a Politician. Said Senator Frye, of Maine, in his ouncombe speech in the Senate the

"If the American flag had been raised over a consulate at Harpool, it would have saved 20,000 lives."

A gentleman occupying the elevated position of Senator Frye ought to be reasonably sure of his facts before making such a statement, for millions are deceived by such utterances. The English commission, who were sent out ex pressly to inquire into the loss of life in Turkey, because of the troubles there, found that not to exceed 265 had been slain, though it was possible 900 in all had died by violence and famine. The latter figures were not given as ascertained facts, but, in the opinion of the commission, was the largest possible limit. The other figures were based on evidence taken in the localities where the outrages occurred. Such collisions between peoples of conflicting religions have been common in all periods of history, but it remained for Christians to be the first in the world to threaten to efface from the family of nations a

produces insanity? Will worse than howling dervishes be always permitted ters of the charming story, "Dual towork upon the fears of the people, Lives," are sent free to all new subscribes Subscribe for the paper for tems of religion other than Christianity at least three months, at twenty-five pharmacists it has always been considered a standard remedy.

great power because of internal discord.

A DEPLORABLE OBJECT LESSON We publish this week a full account of the alleged poisoning case at Girard.

For Spiritualists Everywhere to Most Garefully Gonsider.

Mrs. Kate M. Nellis and Ed- the coffee which Mr. Nellis drank. He and therefore always managed to keep was soon taken sick and was removed to his license. Let us hope that the unfortunate parties may be able to establish their innogar Cardner Charged cence. That they are greatly alarmed is evidenced by the fact that they have With Attempting to engaged the great criminal lawyer, Hon. Poison Peter H. A. B. Richmond, to conduct their de-Nellis. fense. Notwithstanding this unfortunate affair, Spiritualists as a class are

the most moral people on the face of the Mrs. C. C. Stowell, Wife of the Editor of the Light of Truth, Mother of Gardger, Mentioned in Connection With This Unfortunate Affair.

Bitter Tears of Regret That Their Medjums and Prominent Workers Cannot All Keep Above All Suspicion. The Rev. T. B. Hargrove, paster of

> EXTRACTS FROM LEADING PAPERS GIVING A COMPLETE HISTORY OF THE CASE.

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, Jan. 27, 1896.] TWO GIRARD PRISONERS ARE IN ERIE JAIL-WIFE OF HOTEL-KEEPER PETER H. NELLIS AND BARTENDER GARDNER CHARGED WITH POISONING.

accidental by many. There must be a reason for these frightful exhibitions of mortality in orthodox pulpits, while the What the authorities believe and expect to prove is a deliberate, cold-blood-ed attempt to slowly poison Peter H. Nellis of Girard culminated last night in clergy of heretical sects are almost wholly exempt from such afflictions. Can anyone tell why it is? Is it because the arrest of Kate M. Nellis and Edgar C. Gardner, charged with the commisthe evangelists teach such dishonoring ideas of our heavenly parent?

sion of the crime. County Detective Sullivan has been at work on the case for a fortnight, and

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the office of Dr. Duff, where he vomited He and his wife were never very well Ireely. Samples of this were seenred mated, she being fond of society and fine and hermetically sealed for future anclothes, and he the reverse. Nellis was alysis.

POISONED COFFEE ANALYZED.

times removed two cups of poisoned coffee from the table. Both of these have been analyzed by Arthur Schubert, chemist at Watson's paper mill in this city, and were found to contain antimony Spiritualists Generally Will Shed in considerable quantities. Since that time other samples have been obtained for analysis, together with some of the contents of Mr. Nellis stomach, and Captain Sullivan states that abundant proof will be forthcoming at the proper time to fasten the crime on Mrs. Nellis and Gardner.

FORCED TO BELIEVE IT,

Miss Holbrook, after satisfying herself of what was going on, communicated her fears to Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, of Conneaut, son-in-law and daughter of at 2 p.m. Ar, and Mrs. Nellis, who were at Girard on a visit to her parents. This was two weeks ago, and though Mrs. Rogers was exceedingly both to believe and slow to be convinced of the conv be convinced of the situation, she was finally satisfied and at once placed her-self in communication with County Detective Sullivan, with the result as partially outlined above.

For every murder, or attempted murmight have been for another week but der, there must be a motive, and one has for the fact that the matter leaked out been found in this case. The title to the at Girard and was fast becoming a mat- Avenue House, a most valuable propter of public gossip. Fearing that the erty, was originally in Nellis' own name, suspects would disappear if their arrest but some years ago it was transferred to

tion of being a law-abiding citizen. He appreciated the fact that his wife's cour-The suspicions of Miss Maggie Hol-I teous attention to the guests of the house brook, head waitiess at the Avenue and her careful management was a House, and whose assistance has been prominent factor of their thrift. Nellis against her and the damaging nature of invaluable in unraveling this seemingly is well liked among those who know him diabolical plot, were first aroused some best, and domestic infelicities naturally weeks ago at what seemed to her to be a made him a great many friends, who are deliberate attempt at poisoning. With-out arousing suspicion she at different to take his life. His whole souled Ger-

> [Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, January 28, 1896.] Hearing Fixed for Friday-Gardner Will Stay in Jail, No Bail Forthcoming-Girard Torn Up With Excitement. Mrs. Nellis, the accused husband-pois-

oner, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon was released from custody upon \$1,000 bail, her son, Daniel Nellis, and L. Rosenzweig, Esq., becoming sureties. The preliminary hearing will be had before Alderman Swap Friday afternoon

Girard is actounded at the disclosure of the plot against the life of Peter Nellis, which is detailed in another column. Nothing else was talked of, and yesterday housewives neglected their duties to congregate and discuss the LOOKING FOR A MOTIVE—THE AUTHOR- affair. And the men are just as excited, ITIES THINK THEY HAVE ONE WHICH the affair being the theme uppermost in the thoughts of everyone. Genuine sortion for every murder, or attempted murrow is expressed for the sad predicament in which her acquiescence in the will of Gardner has placed Mrs. Nellis. She was generally well liked, and the exposure of her evil intent upon the life of her husband has fallen like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky, and caused a commotion that has shaken Girard from

center to circumference. So great was the excitement Sunday and such an intense desire to learn the particulars of the circumstance that Murphy & Nichols, the proprietors of the Cosmopolite, issued a special edition of the paper, and although the hour was late when the "extra" made its appear-think that she is likely to drop off at ance, the copies were bought up with eagerness by the excited populace. Everywhere and by everybody is the topic discussed, and business in Girard was practically neglected yesterday, so disturbed are the citizens over the rest of Mrs. Nellis and Gardner and the seriousness of the offense with which

they are charged.

The story is revived that a little over a year ago Peter Nellis charged his wife with attempting to poison him by means of arsenic, but at the time no particular attention was paid to his accusation and the circumstances was entirely lost sight of after a time, when the couple had ap-parently buried their difference and resumed amicable relations towards each other. Sentiment is variously expressed as to Mrs. Nellie's guilt or innocence of the crime with which she is charged. many believing her a victim of incriminating circumstances, while people who are prone to the belief that "she wanted to get rid of Pete" are to be met with and are not slow in declaring just what

they think of the affair.

Dan Nellis, the son of the couple, is young man is greatly distressed over his mother's unfortunate predicament, and accompanied her to Erie Sunday. Dan Nellis is an extremely popular young man with all who know him, and great sympathy is expressed for him. He is a graduate of the Rensselaer Polytechnic School at Troy, N.Y., and had made his home with his parents since he graduatod in 1892.

A sister of Mrs. Nellis, Mrs. William Kibler, is sorely distressed over the circumstances attending her sister's ar-

There isn't much sympathy expressed night, is the financial condition of the low, and did not mix much with the people of Girard. A little over a year had aroused the husband's suspicions

> The woman takes the situation calmly enough. She was visited in the jail yes-terday by the wife of Sheriff Evans, whom she received very cordially. does not talk, and expresses great disap-pointment that an Erie man whom she expected would be on hand when they reached Erie to furnish bail, did not come forward and save her from the ignominy of being locked up in the county jail. Mrs. Nellis is worth considerable property in her own right, and is eager to be given an opportunity to furnish her own guarantee for her release.

Girard's Big Sensation—Excitement Over the Nellis Affair Still at Fever Heat.

Monday afternoon when it became known that Mrs. Nellis had secured bail and would return to Girard on the evenfor Mrs. Nellis' carrest had been read to not a physician had been consulted in ing P., S. & L. E. train. There was a her.

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\text{craning of necks as Mrs. Nellis alighted}
\] from the train, and she was regarded—a woman who had been a familiar sight to them for years—as a veritable curiosity. Mrs. Nellis was most desirous of escaping the gaze of the assembled crowd, none of whom displayed the slightest incivility toward the woman over whom the charge of attempted murder is hanging. She elbowed her way hastily through the crowd, to the rear of the depot, where a carriage was in waiting, and she was driven to the residence of her sister, Mrs. W C. Kibler, where she has since remained. Her Avenue House yesterday, which is now being run by Nellis and his son. A circumstance that is regarded as

significant by Girard people is that Peter Nellis passed an unusually well day vesterday. He was not distressed after his meals, and seized with vomiting, as

garded as another incriminating link in the chain of evidence that now entangles Mrs. Nellis and Gardner, her alleged accomplice, and the supposed instigator of the attempt to hasten the husband's spirit from this mundans sphere by other than natural causes. CARDNER'S MOTHER TO THE RESCUE.

It was talked about Girard yesterday that Gardner's mother had been ap-prised of her son's predicament, and that she was on her way to Eric to see him, expecting, so the report has it, to arrive here to-day. Another report is to the effect that arrangements have been made to furnish bail for Gardner, and that his release would be obtained by today. Mrs. Nellis, it is said, will se-cure Gardner's bondsmen, it bail is obtained.

THINK THERE WILL BE NO TRIAL.

The figure at which the bail has been fixed for Gardner and Mrs. Nellis is a matter that occasions considerable comment. People aver that the woman, in view of the seriousness of the charge the evidence that it is supposed has been discovered, can well afford to forfeit the amount asked for her own release and that of Gardner, and never appear for trial. In fact, it is openly ininted that it is just what is intended, and that it was calculated to give Mrs. Nellis an opportunity to quit Girard forever the charge that has been lodged against her would prove a lasting barrier to her re-

That is but one of the many speculations indulged in, and is nothing but talk. Pete Nellis himself is reticent on the subject and dislikes to talk about the sensational matter that has excited all this section of the country. Daniel Nellis, the son, has explicit confidence in the innocence of his mother and has the most friendly feeling for Gardner, a matter that Girardites marvel at. When Gardner was brought into the office of Sheriff Evans at the Court House Monday, young Nellis extended him a warm greeting, and shook hands with the man whom everybody has reason to believe is the cause of the unpleasant predicament in which Mrs. Nellis now finds herself. The belief in Girard is that if Gardner succeeds in getting bail, Daniel Nellis will be mainly instrumental in securing bondsmen.

Mrs. Stowell will Come—Spiritualist Medium in the Nellis Case Is Coming.

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, Jan 29, 1896.] An Associated Press telegram at midnight said that Mrs. Stowell, the Lily Dale and Cincinnati spiritualistic me-

dium who is said to be mixed up in the Nellis case, and is the mother of Gardner, now in the Erie jail, had left Cincinnati, so that if she comes to Erie she would arrive at 5 o'clock this morning. But in view of the charges made she will hardly venture into this corner of Erie county, and it is more than likely Ashtabula and will afterwards go to Conneaut or some other town in Ashtabula county, and meet Mrs Nellis, whom it is most important that she should

Mrs. Stowell may have ideas about bail for Gardner, too. Her visit is bound to be interesting.

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, January 31, 1396.] CAPT. SULLIVAN'S MOVEMENTS.

It was stated last night that Capt. Sulivan's recent mysterious visit abroad was not to watch the movements of Mrs. Stowell, according to current rumor, but that he went to Cleveland in connection with the analysis of the contents of Mr. Nellis' stomach and coffee. From the fact that the authorities are ready to proceed with the hearing to day, it is presumed that the analysis has been com-

REMEMBERED AT LILY DALE-THEY THOUGHT CARDNER VERY FASCINAT-INC AT THE LAKE.

A correspondent of the Dunkirk Obloyal to his mother, and expresses the server, writing from Lily Dale, has the following to say of Mrs. Nellis and Gardvoung man is greatly distressed over his the residents of that place:

Residents of this resort remember Mrs. Kate Nellis, of Girard, Pa. She spent a portion of last summer here, and appeared to be greatly interested in the phenomena, real or alleged, that were produced. The woman was quite intimate with a

Mrs. J. C. Stowell, of Cincinnati, O., a clairvoyant, and it is supposed that she is the one who predicted that Nellis would die within twelve months.

Edgar C.Gardner is also remembered He is more than ordinarily prepossessing in appearance, is above medium height, slenderly built, has long flowing mustache. In a word, he was exactly the right sort of a looking man to make [CONTINUED ON PAGE 5.]

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MY NAME! such vast importance as that of death, Horace Greeley, while a member of Congress in 1848-9, violently opposed As a specimen of his vigorous language was longer delayed, warrants were is | his wife. He owns no real estate whatspeed by Alderman Swap yesterday and ever, but carries a life insurance policy for Gardner, who, it appears, did not taken to Girard by Captain Sullivan, of \$10,000, made payable to Mrs. Nellis, stand very high in the favor of those Detective Higgins and Diatrict Attorney That, as nearly as could be learned last who know him. Gardner is a quiet felon one occasion, our readers will be glad "The chaplaincy remains a thing of grimace and mummery, nicely calculated to help some flockless and com-

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roprietress, and the former estensibly the bartender.

A BATCH OF EVIDENCE. When Captain Sullivan insisted on searching a bureau drawer in Mrs. Nellis' bedroom she, under ordinary circumstances as stolid and indifferent as a and the clergy say their editors are in sympathy with the adversaries of the plored him not to. There was nothing there, she insisted, except some syrin-To a great many people religion is like a greased pole. They climb up a certain distance with difficulty and then piration was standing out in cold beads that Gardner went to Girard, estensibly upon her forehead, convinced the cap-as bartender at the Avenue House; but tain that that particular drawer con-it is apparent that he in time obtained a The old Central Congregational church, in Providence, R. L, is being made into a theater—Nows Item. came to view was a reticule well filled to rid themselves of the old man. with money. Next five boxes of powbearing on the case

place and programme next CORA L. V. RICHMOND, Vice-President N. S. A.

FREQUENT INTERVALS.

which are made against Mrs. Nellis and member of Major W. W. Miles Post, Gardner separately, that in one case G. A. R. the attempt to poison Nellis was made on the 11th inst., and in the other case on January 12th, as well as at sundry other times, by the administration of antimony, commonly known as tartar emetic, with the intention of killing and murdering the aforesaid Nellis.

Grander separately, that in one case G. A. K.

After the war Nellis went to Girard and opened a shoe shop, where he worked long and faithfully at his trade. He married his wife, Miss Kate Croft, in Girard about thirty years ago, and together they saved his earnings, and when the property of the aforesaid Nellis.

Rossiter for service. Both Gardner and night, is the financial condition of the Mrs. Nellis were apprehended at the Nellis people.

Avenue House, of which the latter is But Mrs. Nellis, it is asserted, has ago Kibler discharged Gardner from his

been completely carried away with services, for the reason it is alleged, Spiritualism, and it is to this circum- that his demeanor toward Mrs. Nellis stance that she owes her acquaintance with Gardner, and he figures in the case. They met at Lily Dale, where tion at the Avenue House within a week, in Cincinnett and the method of Gardner was reinstated in his position at the Avenue House within a week, it is said, through the efforts of Mrs. Mrs. J. C. Stowell, a medium residing it is said, through the efforts of Mrs in Cincinnati and the mother of Gard Nellis. ner, is said to have obtained complete

SPIRITUALISM IN IT.

captain endeavored to break the lock and fearing that they had miscarried, with an axe, then, with a hatchet, and and in another letter she insists that finally drove the tock in with a case Nellis should be given more medicine, knife. This occurred after the warrant and inquired particularly whether or

time before the rebellion and was among the first to respond to the call for troops. It is alleged in the informations, He enlisted in the navy and is now a

rurdering the aforesaid Nellis.

Chas. Whittington sold ont the Avenue
The authorities are prepared to show Hotel, Nellis took the stand and afterthat the antimony, a white powder, was wards bought the hotel. That was early placed in the coffee which Nellis was accustomed to drink three times a day. The coffee would have a decided tender their proprietorship, in Erie county, dency to counteract the effects of the The house was burned early in the 80's,

poison and it is due to this fact, Mr. Sulli- and the present substantial structure van believes, that Nellis is now alive. was erected in its place. Had the poison been given in water or Peter Nellis was a very hard-working even milk, its effect would have proved man, and while he was never very tidy has been the case for two weeks past.

fatal much sconer. Naturally a robust man, the victim has become greatly weakened and emaciated.

Yesterday, at noon, a dose of the drug, apparently larger than usual, was put in about his personal appearance, he was generally supposed to be due to the isot inviting. He had one or two hearings in that there was an absence of poistoness apparently larger than usual, was put in the license laws, but was never convicted that one day, and the circumstance is resionary duty.

ders, the character of which has not yet spiracy letters from Mrs. Stowell to been determined by analysis, were unearthed, followed by numerous letters inent part. This correspondence covers That is probably the best use it was which a hasty period Mr. a period of two years or more, and Sullivan will have a most important through it all are more or less mysteriearing on the case:
So adverse was Mrs. Nellis to the nated as "N," and the manner of treat will be held in New York City the last week in February, 1896, by order of the board of the National Spiritualist Assoopening of this nbureau that she refused ing him. In one letter Mrs. Stowell expoint blank to give up the key, claiming presses great concern over a package of that she did not know where it was. The powders she had sent to her son in Gir-

ANTIMONY SERVED WITH COFFEE AT Peter Nellis came to Erie county some

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patent medicines. With doctors and weakened and emaciated.

In the unraveling of this alleged con-

igar-store Indian, beseeched and im-

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, Jan. 29, 1896.] Excitement at Girard over the sensational Nellis affair is still at fever heat and is the one theme of conversation. A curious crowd gathered at the depot

DEPLORABLE OBJECT LESSON [CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4.]

impression on a remantic woman. The fact that he was years younger than dry. Nellis added rather than detracted to his charms in her eyes. The pair are remembered to have been seen together frequently, but no one here thought that sither was capable of committing the rime they are alleged to have at-

tempted to carry out.

In justice to this place it can be truthfully stated that Mrs. Stowell is not and never has been one of the leading lights of Lily Dale, as has been alleged. It is true that the woman is remembered as having been here and hung out her sign as a clairvoyant. In this respect, however, she did not differ from dozens of others, and she cut no more figure than did the rest of them.

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, February 1, 1896.] Dark Outlook for Defense-Strong Evidence Connects Them With the Crime-Witnesses All Put to a Strain Under an Exhaustive Cross-Examination

'The Commonwealth wove a strong web of evidence about Mrs. Kate M. Nellis and Edgar C. Gardner yesterday in the effort to bring home to them the attempted poisoning of Peter H. Nellis. The evidence of witnesses for the prosecution went to show that time after time powders, which a subsequent analysis proved to be antimony, were placed in the coffee which Nellis drank at his meals. These operations were shown to have covered a period of two months or more, during which time Nellis became emaciated, partially deaf and blind, Evidence was also produced to show that quantities of white powders, labeled antimony, were found, to the num-ber of thirty-two, in a bureau-drawer in Mrs. Nellis' bedroom; that the woman, after exhausting every effort to prevent the opening of this drawer, lost com-plete control of herself, after going through the ordeal of arrest with com-

posure, if not indifference.
Step by step the case of the Common wealth was brought out, the testimony all tending to incriminate the defendants. It was apparent that the efforts of the defense were intended to fasten the conspiracy of the Nellis poisoning on others than Mrs. Nellis and Gardner, and to this end several witnesses were questioned as to bad feelings existing between Mrs. Nellis and her daughter, Mrs. Dr. Rogers. Most of this evidence was ruled out on objections from District Attorney Rossiter.

The preliminary hearing was not

concluded last night, owing to the absence of Peter Nellis himself from Alderman Swap's courtroom, where afternoon and evening sessions were held. It was necessary to prove by this witness the effects of the poison, this fact not having been brought out in detail by the examination of other witnesses. The evidence of Mr. Nellis this morning will close the case, after which the defendants will be held for trial at Quarter Sessions Court under increased bail.

All approaches to Alderman Saap's court-room were blockaded yesterday afternoon, long before the hour fixed for the hearing. Spectators were wedged into the room until entrance or egress were practically out of the question. To add to the excitement, Mrs. Rogers, one of the witnesses, almost fainted away. Her mother, Mrs. Nellis, who is reputed to possess bypnotic powers of no mean ability; seldom removed a pair of piercing eyes from the daughter all afternoon long, and it was a peculiar fact that during all this time the Nellis woman was not looked squarely in the face by either Mrs. Rogers or Maggie Holbrook, another important witness for the prosecu-tion. It appeared very much like fear on their part.

Gardner, who sat with bowed head in an out-of-the-way corner, did not speak a word during the entire hearing, and seemed to take no interest in anything that went on around him. He is a sick mun, and in the opinion of some may not live to undergo the ordeal of a trial at court.

given below.

GIST OF THE TESTIMONY. Maggie Holbrook resorted time and again to the statement that she "didn't know," or "couldn't remember," when hard pressed in the cross-examination.

This, conducted by Attorney Rosenz-weig, was a most exhaustive and merciless one. Time and again she was taken over the same ground, and on each occasion the defense found some statement at variance with one already made. On direct examination Miss Holbrook told her story rather briefly and concisely, but all the time appeared to be suffering from "stage fright." The girl testified that she lived with the Nellises for the past three or four years, during which time Mr. Nellis was accustomed to eat in the kitchen of the hotel, while his wife ate in the dining-room. It was customary to put a cup and saucer, knife and fork at Mr. Nellis' place.

MRS. NELLIS BUSY.

Two months ago the witness, noticing that Mrs. Nellis was devoting consider able time to the preparation of her husband's meals, something very unusual, began to suspicion that everything was not right. The witness found by ing that Mr. Nellis' cup was being tampered with. On one occasion she put a bit of cracker in the cup when she put it on the table, and noticed very soon afterward that it had been replaced by another cup in which there was a powder. Without anybody's knowledge she saw both Mrs. Nellis and Edgar Gardner place these powders in Nellis' coffee-cup. By consulting written memoranda, Miss Holbrook found that Gardner had placed a powder in the cup on January 16 at dinner; on the 18th she found another, not knowing who put it there; 19th, didn't see who fixed the decoction; 20th, Gardner, supper; 22d, took cup from table containing poison; 23d, more poison; 24th, thought Mrs. Nellis tampered with the coffee, because nobody else was in the kitchen; removed the cup and replaced it with another.

On the night of a G. A. R. entertainment, January 11, the witness testified that Nellis had drank poisoned coffee and came from the entertainment very sick: on the 12th-he was also sick.

SHE TOLD OF IT.

While all this was going on the witness had spoken of it to Fred. Elwanger, next to a Mr. Shupe, and finally, on Jan 12, to Mr. Rogers, son-in-law of Nellis. This was practically all that the direct examination brought out, but in an. exhaustive cross-examination, occupying two or three hours in all, there was a great deal more. Here the witness described how she had seen both Mrs. Nellis and Gardner place powders in the cup, partially fill it with water and return it to the table. She had seen Mrs. Nellis do this at least a dozen times, and had first spoken of it to Elwanger because she didn't know what else to do. Eventually, without instructions from anybody, she had taken the sample of the powder to a Mr. Van Tassel for an-

alysis.
Through all this cross-examination it succeed, but numerous contradictory statements were elicited. Once the district attorney objected to the method of cross-examination pursued. The attor-

ine he brought out the fact that Dr. and Mrs. Rogers and the latter's mother had net been on friendly terms for the last year or more; also that either in October or November, the witness could not re-member which, the and Mrs. Rogers had had a conversation relative to the monetary affairs of Mr. Nellis.

WHY SHE SAVED POWDERS. Through divers questioning Miss Hol-brook was again brought back to the poisoning and told how Mrs. Rogers her-self had been in the kitchen of the Avenue House, on the 11th of January, and saw a powder put in her father's coffee cup. This cup Mrs. Rogers removed to the pantry and she, the witness, subsequently took it upstairs. This was one of the samples analyzed. Her reasons for securing and saving a number of these samples were in pursuance of instructions from Dr. Rogers.

The witness had talked with Dr. Duff last Sunday morning relative to the case, and at that time gave him a number of the powders. On the previous evening she, District Attorney Rossiter and Dr. Duff had had a consultation, at which it was arranged that she, the witness, should give Dr. Duff notice when Mr. Nellie had eaten his Sunday dinner. This she did, and Nellis subsequently went to Dr. Duff's office. She did not accompany him and knew nothing of what transpired there.

At 2 o'clock last Monday morning the witness was driven to Conneaut by Dr. Rogers, at the suggestion, she said, of It was very nice. I sent Ed a box of Capt. Sullivan. CONTENTS OF THE CUPS—AN ANALYSIS

SHOWS THE PRESENCE OF ANTI-MONY.

Two cups, offered as some of the many intended for Mr. Nellis to drink the contents of, were submitted as an exhibit of the prosecution. The contents of these cups had been analyzed by Dr. Schubert, chemist at the Watson paper mill. He testified that a test made by him on the 14th and 15th of January showed the presence of antimony. The samples had been left with him by Dr. Rogers, with a request to test them for arsenic. Attor ney Rosenzweig led the chemist through a learned discourse on the details and technicalities of the analysis, which are of no particular interest to the public. No trace of arsenic was found. THE EFFECTS OF ANTIMONY.

Druggist Wm. F. Nick, a pharmacist of thirty-seven years' practice in this city, was called to the stand to testify as to the effects of antimony, or tartar emetic, on the human system. He defined the drug as a powerful poison. The effect, if the drug were administered for any length of time, would be to greatly weaken and in time kill the victim. Coffee, he stated, was antidote to the poison, which, if given in that form, would have a less serious effect. CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE ARREST.

The circumstances of the arrest of Mrs. Nellis and Gardner were detailed at length by Capt. Sullivan, the first Gardner, he said, was very much affected, so much so as to necessitate his sitting down. Mrs. Nellis, after the war-rant had been read to her, was about to go to her own room, but was told to remain in the presence of the witness. Miss Holbrook accompanied him and Mrs. Nellis to the latter's bedroom, in which were two chests of drawers on opposite sides of the room. Mrs. Nellis was seated facing these drawers. When the warrants were read she showed no emotion. The witness proceeded to search the bureau drawers and found two of the smaller drawers locked. She was asked for the key, but professed not to know where it was. The witness tes-tified that he spent fifteen minutes in trying various keys and finally unlocked one of the drawers.

SHE WAS ACITATED.

Mrs. Nellis, he said, was by that time nuch agitated-her face flushed, 'and anxiety and anguish were depicted on her countenance. She said: "Mr. Sullivan, please don't open that drawer; there's nothing there but syringes." She was told that the officer would insist on seeing the contents of that drawer, and in a further search for the key he put his hand in Mrs. Nellis' dress pocket where the three letters offered in evi dence at the hearing were found.

The drawer, Captain Sullivan said, was finally forced with a case-knife after failing to do so with a hand-axe, during which time Mrs. Nellis repeatedly importuned him not to. After the drawer was forced, the first object found was a reticule containing a roll of greenbacks and specie. This was returned to her. The witness then took from the drawer five boxes of powders and a package of letters. One of the boxes contained some small vials, covered above and below with cotton batting. Mrs. Nellis re-marked that she didn't know what was in the vials: that some traveling man must have left them behind the hotel bar. Some of the powders in those bot-tles had been placed, he said, in the hands of an analytical chemist. All

were marked "T. emetic, 3 gr."
When confronted with the Stowell letters, Mrs. Nellis, with drooping head, said: "My friend." The witness rejoined: "Twere better, Mrs. Nellis, if ou hadn't Mrs. Stowell for a friend.' In the cross-examination Attorney Rosenzweig made but little headway, further than to elicit the information that some of the powders had been

College, Cleveland, for analysis. THE STOWELL LETTERS - THE TEXT OF TWO OF THEM OFFERED IN EVI-

placed in the hands of Prof. Perry L.

Hobbs, of the Western Reserve Medical

DENCE. The Commonwealth submitted two leters from Mrs. Stowell to Mrs Nellis. Both of them contain what are presumed to be explicit references to the Nellis poisoning case and appear below An effort was ma Dan Nellis to identify the handwriting of Mrs. Stowell, but he pleaded an unfamiliarity with the handwriting in question and could not answer:

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6, 1896. MY DEAR SISTER KATE—

I intended to write you Saturday and send you some medicine, but the drug-

gist has not been able to get it for me yet. Think I will have it to-morrow. I am so worried about your arm. When you receive the medicine you must make Ed treat you. The magnetic band will be there with him, and Dr. E. says that between Ed and the medicine they will cure you. I will send Ed another box of powders, three grains each. Make him

careful, please.

Did Dan try the deposit capsule when he was sick at the stomach? I believe they would do him good. Tell him to try them. My dear, you would like me to come to Cleveland, but I don't see how I can do so now. But I do believe if I had you here I would knock that rheumatism out of you. Again I must speak of your electripoise. rour left wrist. Now. I suppose I will have to say that I insist on this, for, my dear, I know it will do you good. B. S. says she will be on hand always when you call on S. S. I hope you have seen C. M., and that he kept his word. I was was evident that the defense wanted to C.M., and that he kept his word. I was oreak down the witness. This did not not surprised to hear that Backe was go ing in the lotel business. We will have another place to go. Tell him that we

will match him then. I do not think that Taylor could do ney for the defense stated that his you much good. I feel as if you had de-

clients had been charged with a compiler to show who, if anybody, the compilerer were. On this line he brought out the fact that Dr. and Girard. Now the friends join me in love to yourself and the boys. Kiss them both for me.

From your loving sister. JOSTE.

Bright Star sends love and kisses. CONCERNED ABOUT NELLIS. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 18, 1895. MY DEAR SISTER KATE-

It seems like an age since I have had a line from you. But I know how had your shoulder has been. I ship you today the medicine I spoke of. It has been almost impossible to get it. I hope that we will have to get another bottle, for I really expect you to-morrow morning. I cannot get anything from the guides regarding your coming. And the very fact of their being neutral on that question makes me think they want to surprise me. Well, I can stand a surprise like that, for, my dear, I never wanted to see you so bad as now.
Susie told me on Wednesday night

that N. was quite weak. Perhaps you are staying at home to celebrate his birthday on the 26th. From the way the friends talk it might be his new birth. He has consented to see a doctor? I would insist on having him take some medicine or get something your-self for him. If he was to drop off without consuiting a physician it would cause you a great deal of trouble—a coroner's inquest, etc. But it may not be so serious as Susie thinks. I have not heard from Ed for two weeks. Only the butter. powders a week ago, and have worried for fear he did not receive them. Mrs. Evans feels very much elated over her victory. I suppose you know it. I think the trouble the friends spoke of the house will be in March instead of De-cember. What do you think of it? Kibler feels very sure that L. will have his way. I think Sophie is a dunce. Why don't she have a general good time when she knows she wants it. Well, now, my dear. I shall have to close and the friends all join me in love to-you and the boys. Kiss them both for me. Tell D. to watch himself, as this is leap year. Your loving sister,

Bright Star sends love and kisses. MRS. ROCERS BROKE DOWN-COM-PELLED, BY REASON OF FAINTNESS.

TO LEAVE THE WITNESS-STAND In mid-afternoon Mrs, Rogers, daughter of Mrs. Nellis, was called to testify. In the direct examination she told of going to the Avenue House, on January 11, and of learning that afternoon, first through her husband, then through Maggie Holbrook, and finally with her own eyes, of the attempts to poison Mr.

During the cross examination, in the midst of which the witness grew so faint that she was obliged to leave the witnessstand, a determined effort was made to show that others than Mrs. Nellis could have placed poison in the coffee. The witness told how her mother had fussed about her father's table that Saturday evening, placing and replacing the dishes; how he had eaten but little and drank his coffee, except a swallow in the bottom of the cup; how she had removed the cup and its contents and subsequently, after placing the cup in the pantry, turned it over to Maggie Hol-brook. She understood that this particular sample had not been saved.

ABOUT THE ANALYSIS. The evidence of Dr. Rogers was on lines very similar to that offered by his wife, except that it carried the matter

to an analysis of the contents of two of the cups. These, he testified, liad not left his possession since they were given him by Maggie Holbrook, except for a short time that Capt Sullivan had them, until turned over to Dr. Schubert for

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, Feb. 3, 1897.] Under Increased Bail—Mrs. Nellis and Gardner Both Held for

The hearing in the sensational Nellis man Swap's court, and the defendants, Mrs. Kate Nellis and Edgar C. Gardner, were bound over to court, bail being demanded in the sum of \$3,000 each.

Mrs. Nellis obtained bondsmen after a short wait, her son, Daniel H. Nellis, and Mr. Charles Beck, of this city, becoming her sureties.

Gardner went back to the county jail

under the escort of County Detective Sullivan, and it is said that an effort will be made to secure bondsmen and obtain his release from custody.

CONSPIRACY ADDED TO THE CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER LODGED AGAINST THE DEFENDANTS.

A fact that escaped newspaper observation was that another charge had been lodged against Mrs. Nellis and Gardner, which includes Mrs. J. C. Stowell, Gardner's mother? When the two defendants were arraigned before the alderman Friday afternoon Capt. Sullivan placed them under arrest upon the the charge of conspiring against the life of Peter Nellis, and on that account the bail was increased, \$1,500 being required on each charge. PETER NELLIS WAS THE ONLY WIT-

NESS IN THE PROSECUTION.

The prosecution succeeded in having Peter Nellis in court Saturday, and at ter his testimony the defendants were held without argument. At 8 o'clock a crowd had congregated on the sidewalk in front of Alderman Swap's office, and the room was filled long before the principals and attorneys put in their appear-

Shortly after 9 o'clock Mrs. Nellis, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Adam Beibel, and Dan Nellis, came in and took sents, and were followed shortly afterward by Attorney Rosenzweig. District Attorney Rossiter was on hand and Capt. Sullivan arrived betimes with

Gardner.
Peter Nellis was called to the stand, the purpose being to show the effects of the poisoning alleged to have been administered, which was all that was necessary to close the case for the prosecu-

tion.

'Mr. Nellis, when did you begin feeling ill?" asked the district attorney.
"A little before ice-cutting; I was taken sick after dinner."

"In what way?" never sick before this." "Do you remember the night of the nstallation of the G. A. R. officers?" "Yes, sir. I had to leave early. I was taken ill?"

"When was you sick next?" "The next Sunday. I thought it was from taking pills?" "How is your health since last Mon-

"Very good, and I am able to work ince. Attorney Rosenzweig declined to

cross-examine the witness.

The statements of the witness as to his periods of illness corresponded to the dates upon which Maggie Holbrook testified to have discovered powders in his

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, accompanied by Maggie Holbrook, left on the morning train for Conneaut. Mrs. Rogers was taken ill Friday and Dr. Loeb was called to her apartments in the Kimberly House to prescribe for her. Before the hearing adjourned Satur-

noon train, and Mrs. Nellis returned home on the P. S. & L. E. afternoon

[The Enquirer, Cincinnati, O., Jan. 29,] Slowly the Colls are Tightening Around Mrs. Nellis and Edgar Gardner, the Would-Be Pois-

The most sensational expose in recent years did not have as surprising an effect among local Spiritualists as the account in yesterday's Enquirer of the strange predicament in which Mrs. C.C. Stowell, the leading trance medium of this city, has been placed by events in Girard, Penn., by which Peter H. Nellis, a hotel-keeper of that place, was almost

Many remember young Gardner, Mrs. Stowell's son, who stands charged with Mrs. Nellis in a plot to murder her husband in order to obtain the money on an insurance policy of \$10,000. Those who know Gardner best say that he was always a shiftless fellow, and that for some reason best known to himself he did not always sail under the name of Edgar Gardner. It is remembered when, under the name of George Faulkner, he concealed his identity and was a conductor on the Clark street car. After he lost this position he changed his name to Edgar Gardner, and in August, 1894, left the city as the advance agent of Harry Archer, a noted materializing medium, who has since died,

Mrs. Stowell, in her profession as trance medium, formerly resided at 468 Haymitler street and sold charms which she claimed contained the potent powers of hringing the separated together and warding off evil. Later, when she re-moved to the palatial residence on Walnut Hills, she gave up her poorer clientele and only posed in richer circles.

[Erie (Pa.) Dispatch, Feb. 6, 1896.] Richmond Is in the Field-In the Defense in the Nellis-Gardner

The case against Mrs. Kate M. Nellis and Edgar C. Gardner, conspiracy to kill by poisoning Peter H. Nellis, will be taken up to-day by the grand jury. Hon. A. B. Richmond came up from Meadville yesterday, and will join in the defense of the case. It is stated that Mr. Richmond has been retained by Mrs. J. C. Stowell, who is charged in an infor mation with complicity in the conspiracy. Mr. Richmond is a chemist of ability and has a reputation for work in the line upon which this case will be tried. He is likewise well known as a writer upon the subject of Spiritualism. Mrs. Stowell is not yet under arrest, and her case cannot go to the grand jury this term. The case against Mrs. Nellis and Gardner will not be tried until the May term.

What a Leading Cincinnati Paper Says.

[Cincinnati Enquirer, Jan. 28, 1896.] Gardner the Son of Mrs.: C. C. Stowell, of Walnut Hills.

Edward Gardner, the young man charged with the crime of poisoning Peter H. Nellis, a hotelkeeper in Girard, Pa., the details of which were published in yesterday's Enquirer, is well-known in this city, being this son of Mrs. C. C. Stowell, a prominent trance medium, of 46 South Elm street; Walnit Hills, and whose husband, Mr. C. C. Stowel, I is the editor of the Light of Truth, a paper published on Race street in the inter ets of Spiritualism.

The report of his complicity in the awful crime was a great shock to the large circle of the young man's acquaintances in this city.

MRS. STOWELL'S LETTERS.

Later developments were of a more sensational nature. Yesterday the sher- ality. Let us have our laugh over its iff of Girard came into possession of let- naive immorality, almost saved from Mrs. Stowell, which, if their contents are not misconstrued, place the lady in in embarrassing position. It is believed by her friends, however, that some mistake has certainly been made so far as she is concerned. Among the letters said to have been

written by Mrs. Stowell to Mrs. Nellis were several instructing her to tell "Ed." her son, to be very careful how he administered "those powders," as she wanted to be sure they would be effective. Throughout them all can be seen that something of the utmost importance was going on in this strange cor-respondence. It is but natural that she, mother of an invalid son, should be solicitious for his welfare, and that she had sent him medicines. These letters, however, are said to have created great stir when discovered in Mrs. Nel-

is' possession at Girard. An Enquirer representative, in possession of the alleged facts contained in these letters, called at the house of Mrs. Stowell last night, but found that she had left on the evening train for the scene of the trouble.

In answer to the question, Mr. Stowell admitted that Ed Gardner was his church. We are not informed, I venstepson, and that when he read in the Enquirer of his trouble he had got into Girard, his wife had immediately taken the train to be at his side. At first he denied that Mrs. Stowell had ever had any correspondence with her son, but later admitted that an occasional letter passed between them.

MRS. STOWELL INNOCENT. He emphatically denied, however, that his wife could, in the remotest manner, have been party to, or that she had had any knowledge of the diabolical plot to murder Nellis.

He was considerably agitated over the matter, and offered vas an explanation that young Gardner has for years been troubled with hemorrhage of the lungs. and that if his wife sent any powders, it was possibly to give him relief from his KI 01

As stated, Gardner is well known here, specially on Walnut Hills, where he lived in the magnificent house occupied by his parents, now in one of the most aristocratic neighborhoods. Before leaving here he was known to be an ardent Spiritualist, and a free spender of money, with which his mother supplied him liberally. His disease drove him from home, his mother selecting a resi-dence in Lily Dale, NY., for him. While there he mingled with the Spiritualist community of the little town. It was there he met Mrs. Nellis, the wife of

the Girard hotelkeeper.
It is said that she became enamored of him, Gardner being a good-looking fellow, only 31 years old, while her husband was at least 20 years his senior. Taking her advice, Gardner went with her to Girard, and was installed as barkeeper in her husband's hotel. From the subsequent developments the truth is surmised, and the theory is announced that Gardner induced the woman to secretly give her husband the

lrug.
The plausibility of this theory is supposedly evinced in the fact that as soon as Gardner appeared on the scene, Nellis' health began to fail, until it aroused the suspicions of Dr. Rogers,

day morning Capt, ullivan took posses-sion of the bowders skien from Mr. Nel-lis cup by Maggie Rolbrook, and Mag-gie put an identifying mark on the gie put an identifying mark on the tions, Nellis, however, is still a very package.

Peter Nellis left for Girard on the tered his constitution that the outcome may still resul seriously.

> [Cincinnati Enquirer, Jan. 30, 1896.] Great Interest in the Case.

Interest in the sensational poisoning case in Girard, Pa., wherein Edgar Gardner, son of Mrs. C. C. Stowell, the well-known trance medium of this city, is so seriously compromised, is still unabated, and the developments in the case are eagerly watched by those who are ac-quainted with Mrs. Stowell and her son. Gardner is still in jail at Erie, and seems to feel no apprehension as to the outcome. He mingled freely with the other prisoners, although the confinement is telling on his weakened consti-tution. Mrs. Nellis, his alleged partner in the diabolical crime, is still in hiding, and has eluded the detectives, who have scoured the adjoining country to find her. Last night a slight clew as to her whereabouts was received, and it is now believed that she is under cover in the house of her sister in Girard.

One of the most puzzling features of the case is now that Mrs. Stowell has not appeared on the scene, as was expected she would, and as given out by her husband when she left this city. In anticipation of her visit detectives were in Girard and along the line of the road ready to intercept her should she alight. It is now believed that Mrs. Stowell, apprised of the condition of affairs at the last moment, changed her mind, and is of the preliminary hearing, which is set for to-morrow.

The alleged letters from Mrs. Stowell to her son are in the possession of County Detective Sullivan, and will not be made public until the day of the trial.

THE HOLY CHURCH.

The immorality of its Entertainments.

THE WORLD DOES NOT NEED THE CHURCH AS A PURVEYOR OF VAUDE-

The question of the morality of church entertainments continues to interest certain critics and essayists, says the Literary Digest. Rev. William Bayard Hale contributes to the January Forum "A Study of Church Entertainments," in which he severely denounces such means of raising

Mr. Hale was lately in receipt of a printed advertisement of a "fair" for the benefit of a certain church, in the shape of a card, which, besides containing the programme, bore the inscription, from "Two Gentlemen of Verona," "Tis an honorable kind of thievery." He thinks that this inscription is only equaled by the robust candor of the clergyman who, in a speech opening a similar church bazaar, said:

"They come to be cheated (laughter and applause), and if they don't come to be cheated a little, they deserve to be cheated a good deal (renewed applause)."

Upon this Rev. Hale says: "It will not be well to take this too seriously, and to wax with the indignation that will rise in the bosoms of some old-fashioned honest folk who still cherish the notion that Christ's church should ever promote holy living and a serious and dignissed morters, alleged to have been written by itself by confessing to itself; but then let us think a moment what it means that such a confession can be made thus easily, jocularly—that is, can be made without horror-by a Christian church! The confession can be made so calmly because it is a confession to what everybody knows and is known to know. It is a matter of common knowledge that churches have methods of raising money which are fraudulent, and nobody is horrified by that knowledge, because nobody to-day

takes the churches any more seriously

than they take themselves: ' "It is indeed difficult for the imagination to connect these modern societies, occupied in giving fairs, suppers, and popular entertainments, with the undivided church which once worshiped God in simplicity and seriousuess, filled with heavenly aspirations. Modern religious methods do not find their patterns in the earlier tured to submit to the last church congress in the United States, that the church at Ephesus or Philippi ever advertised a bazaar, a clam-bake, or a strawberry sociable. We have no information that St. Paul was accustomed to give stereopticon lectures, Barnabas operating the lantern. It is not clearly established that St. Athanasius ever arranged a kirmiss, a broom drill, or a pink tea. There seems, then, to be no inherent necessity. for the church to undertake the amusement of the public. Our Lord knew, I conceive, what the nineteenth century would need at the hands of his church; but he left it no direction, explicit or implicit, to open eatinghouses and theaters. He seems to have been entirely ignorant of any time to come when it would be best for his blood-bought church to transform itself into a system of concerthalls, kitchens, and entertainmentbureaus." Mr. Hale is convinced that the ne-

cessity for such a transformation of the church is not one inherent in its character, but has been forced upon it by conditions which are the result of divisions in the church." It is "sectarianism," he asserts, which has made "the religious show" a necessity. On this point he remarks: "Does anyone claim that churches

ing of their functions than the founder and the apostles had? No one claims it. Is it pretended that sacred negro minstrels, dances, light opera, and vaudeville, are to-day more essential to the salvation of men than Nellis' father-in-law. How these sus-piclons were acted upon was told in yesprayer, worship, the reading of the

have awakened to a better understand-

the sacraments? It is not pretended-The plain fact is, that the luxury of having one hundred and forty sects is expensive, and the money to pay for it has to be raised in some fashion, In communities where one church would be gladly and fully supported by the voluntary offerings of the community, half a dozen denominations cannot gain a support without going into business and baiting the public with fairs and theatricals."

Mr. Hale then gives extracts from record of church entertainments, which he has been keeping for some time, and comments on their ludicrous and hurtful character. He says

n closing: "I charge, then, that, besides its hundred other sins, the division of the church-most absurd and inexcusable of economic errors—has desecrated holy places and holy days; has assaulted all reverence; has given thousands who might have been won to the higher life an utterly ignoble conception of religion; has reduced Christian congregations to the level of fakirs and poor actors; has turned clergy into scrambling mountebanks; and has dishonored Christian womanhood.

church as a purveyor of vaudeville; the church does not deserve perpetuation even for the glory with which it may crown itself as the producer of ight operatic diversion. The world does not need and is piteously crying out for the church to do that for which-divided-it is hopelessly inefficient. Let the vision of one church take possession of the souls of men, and in place of the pauperized sects which, rivaling each other in vulgarity. contend for the miserable dollar of the public, the world will see an institution consecrated again to the service of humanity, to the proclamation of the gospel, to the spreading of the story of the tragedy and sacrifice of Calvary, generously maintained by a charity eager to witness to the constraining power of the love of our Savior.

No one at all observant of the methods resorted to by which the sectarian purse is kept replenished, will deny that in the foregoing the church receives a well-merited rebuke. The bare idea that God's church on

earth, whatever one out of the several hundred that church may be, should be obliged to have recourse to lotteries, ice-cream and oyster socials, operas, theatricals, necktie parties, bean-bag guessing, sham postoffices, fairs, bazaars, etc., ad infinitum and ad nauseam, in order to maintain an existence, is by no means calculated to elevate Christianity. What a compliment it must be to God to have his church supported in this manner! At Kokomo, Indiana, some months

ago, the young people of the Presbyterian Church of that town blackened themselves and gave a negro minstrel show for the benefit of their church. How elevating that must have been! Another church of that denomination gave an entertainment in the church parlors which was equally novel and unique in its character. The ladies were all seated in a row behind a curtain, with their feet exposed. The gentlemen were obliged to make their selections for partners to a fifty-cent supper from the various pairs of pedal extremities thus presented to them on their tour of inspection. Funny, no doubt; but how out of place in a church of God! And yet what a righteous howl of indignation would have been raised had some one proposed to hold a Spiritualistic seance in those church parlors—a seance which, if of the character of many that we attend, would have been most sacred, grand, comforting, joyful, elevating, and one which would have commanded a much larger revenue for the church by reason of giving so much greater satisfaction to the soul-to the better part of man's nature. The question is: Which are of the Devil-Spiritualistic seances or church entertainments?

The fact is the church congregation is now reduced to a "mutual admiration society," and the poor man is "not in it," save only nominally, for what revenue he can contribute, upon the principle that "every little helps." "There is no open pew to a moneyless

man." I don't suppose that any suggestions from me will be received by the church, thankfully or otherwise, but it occurs to me that a better way to raise revenue, far better than the methods usually pursued, would be to adopt a system of fines, as practiced by the Society of "Elks." Fine every member for everything until the treasury is full. For instance, fine a member for going to bed late or going to bed early; for stepping out or stepping in; for whistling, winking, coughing, chewing, drinking coffee, tea, water or beer; for singing, laughing or crying; for skating, sleighing, etc. The Elks have no trouble whatever in thus raising an all-sufficient revenue.

Of course you would not thus hold the moneyless man any great length of time, but you don't anyhow. He has long since learned that he has no business with you save to drop his nickels and pennies into the contribution-box.

Bro. D. L. Carpenter has just handed me a few lines of poetry he picked up somewhere, which will not inappropriately close these few scattered remarks:

Well, wife, I've been to church to day, Been to a stylish one, And seeing you can't go from home I'll tell you what was done. You would have been surprised to see

What I saw there to-day: The people were dressed up so fine
They hardly bowed to pray.

"I had on these coarse clothes of mine, Not much the worse for weer, But fet they knew I was not one

They call the millionaire.

Away back by the door;

They led the old man to a seat

Twas bookless and uncushioned-A 'reserve seat' for the poor. 'As I sat there looking around Upon the rich and great, kept thinking of the rich man And the beggar at his gate.

How, by all but dogs forsaken, The poor beggar's form grew cold, And the angels bore his spirit To a mansion built of gold.

"How at last the rich man perished, And his soul, it took its flight

From the purple and fine linen To a home of endless night. "Then he thought, as he stood gazing At the beggar in the sky, It is not all of life to live,

Nor all of death to die. "Pretty soon in came a stranger With gold ring and clothing fine; They took him to a cushioned seat Far in advance of mine.

"I thought 'twasn't exactly right To seat him up so near: While he was young, I was old And very hard to hear. "There's no accounting now

For what some people do: The finest clothing nowadays Oft gets the finest pew. "But when we reach that golden home

All undefiled by sin, We'll see wealth begging at the gate While poverty goes in. "Out, out with such professions: They are doing more to-day "The world does not need the

To stop the weary sinner In the gospel's shining way, "Than all the books of infidels, Than all that has been tried Since Christ was born in Bethlehem-Since Christ was crucified." I have no doubt, Brother Francis, that some of your readers may ques-

tion my taste poetically, in reproducing the foregoing lines, but however inelegant they may appear to cultured criticism, they at least illustrate the fact that even "doggerel" may "point a moral and adorn a tale."

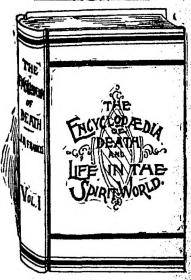
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Bear in mind, please, that we cannot publish weekly reports of meetings. Whenever a change is made in speak ers, or anything of special interest, send us a brief item, please. A great deal long reports will not be used. Meetings are of local interest only. We extend cordial invitation to all speakers to send in their appointments to lecture, and general movements, which will be reah by at least 40,000. We go to press early Monday morning, and items must reacd us as early as Friday or Saturday in order to have immediate insertion

Walter Hydo writes from Alameda City, Cal.: "We have what is caneu Mrs. F. A. Logan's Circle of Harmony, "We have what is called at 20 Eddy street, San Francisco, every Sunday from 11 a. m. to 4 p. m., a long session, but the people linger, quite un-willing to have the meeting break up. It could properly be called a conference meeting wherein anybody can speak, but it is always understood that if a spirit manifests a desire to speak, the person occupying the platform will pause until the communication is given. Spirit-friends, understanding this deference to thein, take advantage and occupy most of the time. Tests are not called for, but the manner and matter are suf ficient tests in themselves, and thus it is that while wisdom-thoughts are being given, substantial conviction is realized Right in the midst of the session, Mrs. Logan, who always presides with motherly care and grace, calls attention to the fact that the dear little lady, Mrs. Cook, is present with copies of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, etc., and all are requested to subscribe."

Mrs. M. S. writes from Wellington, O.: "Materializations are generally so material that they are real flesh and blood. A so-called test seance was held in this place some time ago, and reported in THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER. The medium was sewn to the chair with double thread, his coat-sleeves to the chair arms, his coat sewn at the neck, tight. The thread broke as the lady sewed the last few stitches at the arm so that the thread was single. After the sitting the medium was found in the chair, but the thread was double all the way. The lady who sewed him in remarked this. The assistant replied: 'That could be easily explained.' Yes. indeed! Such performances can only disgust thinking persons. A lady and gen-tleman who had gone to this seance expecting to find spirits airy, vapory, etc., found them flesh and blood—and on the face of one of the 'sprites' the pecullarly shaped nose of the medium! And yet some thought it genuine!'

Madame Parcells is still at Jackson, Mich., and is open for engagements after the first of March to lecture, give tests and hold services for societies at reasonable prices. References cheerfully furnished. Her work at Jackson has been a decided success.

A friend writing under the pseudonym f "No Goggles," thinks Spiritualists and Christians should cease to denounce each other's views; he sees nothing wrong in Spiritualism except the fraud. and nothing wrong on the other side but hours, comparing the three old Poison the fraud and failure. His Bible is full Bugs as follows: First, Judas Iscariot; of Spiritualism, and Spiritualism is full the next, Drunken Old Noah, and the of Bible, and if the goggles were removed from all of us, we would come together and the world would flow into

The Elgin Daily Courier says: "Mrs. Scovell pleased her large audience, last evening, by choosing as her subject 'Books and Their Authors.' The audience was deeply interested, and many remained after the lecture to question Mrs. Scovell, and learn more of her wiews of spirit influence over mortal, She claimed that the undercurrent of mysticism in the work of our leading She claimed that the undercurrent of Dakota, that my orthodox belief waverauthors was a direct inspiration from the unseen world and its inhabitants, and that many authors sent forth their offerings to the world through papers, THINKER, a little later on." and that many authors sent forth their books and pamphlets only to have them sneered at and condemned, but in another age they are read and understood. worth, Leon Lewis and numerous other writers are and were ahead of their age which are to come to understand in the light of a new dispensation of knowledge. A few to-day who investigate Sunday afternoon at 3. Sunday evening service at 7:30 as usual."

Frank T. Ripley goes to Watseka, Ill. for February; to Brooklyn, N. Y., for March. He would like dates for week

L. H. writes from Lemati, Oregon, Mrs. Georgia Cooley, of Portland, Oregon, has been with us for two weeks. She is an inspirational speaker and test medium, and gave good satisfaction in both. She is also an honest, conscientious woman, doing all in her power to uplift and enlighten humanity. There are a few families of earnest Spirituallsts in this place, and we would make welcome any good, reliable medium, should they stop off here. This is a new to m and is not on many of the maps, bu is on the direct line of railroad betw3 1 Portland and San Francisco, one had red and forty miles south of the

B. F. Schmid writes from Indianapolis. "The Indianapolis Association of Spiritualists were served by Mrs. Wil- | Mich .: widely known as a fire test medium. and on two different occasions gave fire test Ind., for one week. Her lectures arc inseances in our hall. This part of her work always attracted a good audience. On these occasions committees were chosen by the audience, and every possible opportunity given them to make such test conditions as suggested themselves at the time. During these seances many parts of her body were exposed to the full flame of a large lamp, and such articles as linen and silk handkerto the full flame of a large lamp, and such articles as linen and silk handker-chiefs, silk ties, celluloid cuffs and five land ten dollar bills (naner money) were manifestations are wonderful, hence we and ten dollar bills (paper money) were passed through the flame, without being singed in the least. January, 1896, finds this organization with a new name, and we are to be known hereafter as 'The to conform with our State laws, governing religious bodies, to whom the laws grant so many advantages as church orinizations, hence why should not we as

reach our understanding, and many were the beautiful gems she gave us ful harvest for the future. Address while here. Her personality also attracted many. Her pure and unselfish character, and her earnest and conscientious work, endeared her to our people. A true woman, a good worker and loyal to the cause, she well deserves years of usefulness is the earnest wish of our society, who fully appreciate the

good she can and will do our cause." Dr. V. Fell writes from Nashville, 'enn.: "The president of the National Spiritual Association, H. D. Barrett, paid us two visits within the last few days. His addresses were of a high order, and confirmed the high impression we had of the man. The Association made no mistake in selecting him for this responsible position. From frequent ailusions to him for years past I had got the idea that he was well advanced in years. Judge of my surprise, then, to be introduced to an active, wide-awake man, in the prime of life. In this inceptive condition of the organization, when so much depends on wisdom, vigor and prudence, it seems to me the choice could not have fallen on a better man, and I feel like exclaiming to the Spirit-ualists all over the country, 'All hail!' and especially so when we reflect that in the knotty legal questions that will environ him, he has at his right hand such an able coadjurer as L. V. Moulton. I am greatly pleased with the wonderful success 'The Encyclopædia of Death' has met with. Considering the superstitious dread of death that we all carry about us from early training, and an unnatural theology, and that we have almost nothing extant to correct it, it ought to be in every family, for many make life a living death for want of information herein contained." A subscriber writes: "The 'Students

of Nature,' under the leadership of Mrs. M. Summers, are flourishing at Mun-son's Hall, 1052 Milwaukee avenue, in this city. Memberships increasing and prospects brightening. Varied talent is constantly employed. Dr. R. Greer delivered a lecture last Sunday evening, which was well received. This is a good place now for genuine mediums to exercise their gifts."

Mrs. Jennie Hagan-Jackson lately officiated at a child's funeral at Lockport, N. Y. She is now holding forth at the Spiritual Temple, Buffalo, N. Y. She speaks there each Sunday and Wednes-day evening during February. She will visit other towns if desired. Address her at 248 N. Division street.

Dr. P. S. George writes from Stroms-ourg, Neb.: "Three of the doctors of burg, Neb.: "Three of the doctors of this town had me placed under arrest on the 3d inst., for violating the medical laws of this State, and I demanded an immediate trial, and proceeded with the case at once, conducting my own case; appearing in court as my own attorney, examining witnesses and making my own plea as against the county attorney, but, being a stranger, but not altogether in a strange land, they pronounced me guilty of the infraction; but kind friends came to my assistance with ample bail, and then the business men hired the opera house, last night, and invited me to give a free lecture, which I did to a large audience, and from the public platform I talked incessantly for two

C. E. Place writes from Hot Springs, South Dakota : "No. 324 of THE PRO-GRESSIVE THINKER just at hand, and is a royal good number. I was particularly pleased with the article on Rev. Miss Bartlett's People's Church, it being the fullest report I have seen; also, as it recalls the fact that it was while listened and expired, leaving my mind open and receptive to the clearer and bright-

T. D. Kayner writes from 624 Wabasha street, St. Paul, Minn.: "Mrs. Kayner and myself arrived here safely last Thomas Paine, Carlyle, Ruskin, Sir Edwin Arnold, Fannie Fern, Mrs. Southday afternoon and evening, giving some day afternoon and evening, giving some remarkable tests of spirit presence, taking some who had never been in a meetand it is left for the ages following ing of free thought before. Her power for seeing clearly seems to be growing stronger as she progresses in the work. On Monday some of the friends called on psoyhic truths understand inspiration-ally the inspired thoughts expressed by writing, if possible. We had hardly the authors and the power of the Spirit-placed the slates in position when there world as touched upon by Sir Bulwer was a response, and our friends received Lytton in 'Zanohi.' The author of a number of communications, there be-'Karma' and 'A Strange Story.' 'She' ing no pencil in the room. After a contains occult truths which only the while I asked if there was anyone pres initiated may understand and use for ent that I knew, that they would give good. Rider Haggard may not, but me a word. Immediately the writing some of his readers do. The Spiritual commenced, and this was the message, commenced, and this was the message, ists have secured Town's hall perma- the name of the person not having been nently and will hold a young people's spoken in the house where we were, and question class and children's lyceum at the time not in our thoughts, and I had not seen the party in over twenty years before he passed away. This is what he wrote: 'Oh, the light of truth! I, who was living, am dead: yet dead, am living. -Dr. L. Juckett, Elgin, Ill. nights en route to Brooklyn, N. Y. Ad-dress him at Oxford Ohio, P. O. Box so that there was no guesswork about This message was written very plainly, it. This phase of development is seemingly becoming more strong as Mrs. Kayuer and I sit together. Last evening she gave a seance here to the press of St. Paul, there being two of the papers, Pioneer Press and Globe, represented: and although they make some light remarks, yet there is some good in the article. We have started out to work together in the field, and find that there is room for good workers in the vineyard. We hope to have truth shine so clear in our pathway that we

may be able to raise many a drooping mortal to the consciousness that they are immortal, and that those they have loved and lost are not gone forever. Would like to hear from towns within fifty miles of St. Paul, for meetings or weekday evenings." "Secretary" writes from South Haven, "The Progressive Spiritual Soson-Porter-Kayner, of Chicago, during the month of December. This lady is the lecturer on mental and occult selthe lecturer on mental, and occult science, Mrs. L. J. Curtis, of Mishawaka,

teresting and instructive, and are deliv-

ered in a manner that impresses her

hearers and inspires them with a desire

to know more of the science." L. H. Z. writes from Red. Key, Ind.: "Mr. George White, of Fiat, Ind.: has been giving seances in this place ever since last June, and under strictly test no longer have trouble to get skeptics to investigate, and can conscientiously rec-

ommend to our fraternity at large. A. Norman writes: "Mr. C. E. Win-First Spiritualists Church of Indianapo-ite, Ind. This change has been made closed a two weeks engagement with closed a two weeks' engagement with the friends of this city, and will leave for Rock Springs, Wyoming, after a short stop at Council Bluffs, Ia., and all busy here with Sunday services, ciecles, busy

Sheets, of Grand Ledge, Mich. This deessed as before to Edinsburg, Ind. I lady is very talented and, most highly gifted inspirational speaker. Much is yet in store for this well-attuned instrument, if her health permits, and our liberal platform may well be proud of her as a worker. Her talks are such as pared and ready to receive the seed of the receive the seed of the receive spiritual thought, and mature a bountiful harvest for the future. Address

> "Nomo," of Detroit, Mich., writes: "The First National Spiritual Society is showing up grandly, and greater interest is being continually awakened, and every meeting shows a large number of new faces of those who are just commencing to investigate the grand truths of Spiritualism, and at every meeting they go away with greater interest, vowing that they are going to investigate and see what there is in it, anyway; and nine times out of ten, after attending meetings, they become so much interested that they will take out membership cards, so that they may get all the benefit that is possible. Mrs. Carpenter, our pastor, in giving her tests and psychometric readings, tries to give them only to investigators, by such means starting them in their investigations. On Monday evening, January 20, there was a social and party given at the parlors of Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Burrows, at which a most enjoyable time was had, about 150 people being in attendance, which filled their beautiful parlors, Mrs. Carpenter gave a large number of tests, and then gave way to Mr. John D. Boyle, who gave a great many of his great prophecies. After an hour and a half of grand work, the tables were set and all sat down to a grand treat, after which dancing and card-playing took place. The members of the First National Society extend a hearty invitation to attend their meetings at any time, and they will always be welcomed." G. H. Brooks is speaking this month

for the Unity Society, Milwaukee, Wis. He can be addressed there for engage-ments at No. 388 Van Buren street.

"Secretary" writes from Pueblo, Col.: "Rev. C. Murray and wife have been in our midst for the past two months, holding public service each Sunday. Mr. Murray ranks high as a test medium, while his wife is a speaker of note, and we recommend them to societies wishing such services. They leave us now for other fields, where we wish them every success. While with us they were the means of our organizing the First Spiritualistic Society of Pueblo, and we expect soon to become a member of the National Association. Mediums passing through Colorado will be given a hearty

Mrs. Emma N. Warne was at New Boston, Ill., last Saturday, to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. Jacob Looser. D. L. C. writes from Ft. Wayne, Ind.: "Dr. H. V. Sweringen was invited to deliver a lecture at Huntington, Ind., before the occult society, February 2, and judging from the daily papers of that place he filled their expectations. His subject was Spiritualism the Religion of Humanity, taking one hour and thirty minutes. Here is what the Herald says: The lecture of Dr. H. V. Sweringen, of Ft. Wayne, before the psychic society of this city, at G. A. R. hall Sunday afternoon, was listened to by an audience which occupied every available foot of space in the hall. It was not only a many professional gentlemen were present on that occasion.' I learned to-day that Zion Lutheran Church calls for missionary worker to preach against Spiritualism. One of its members has accepted Spiritualism, and is president of the occult society at present. Let the good work go on. Brother Sprague is filling an engagement here for the months of February and March, and doing good work, starting from where Mrs. Hillgoss left off. The question of a new temple is being agitated both here and at Huntington, at present, which I think will be a success. I am

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Perkins will iness, and other callers daily at 480 W. Madison street, and entertain propositions for Sunday or week-day appointments, at reasonable terms.

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Mrs. M. G. Hulburt writes from Cleveland, Ohio: "This has been the 'banner' winter for Spiritualism in Cleveland. We have been favored with a number of good mediums, and they have done excellent work, and have been the means of many learning the great truth of Spiritualism. No mediums have given more satisfaction than Mr. and Mrs. George D. Lindsey of New York. They sit under test conditions in the light, and the manifestations are of a remarkable order, combining both the mental and physical. I have been a Spiritualist for fifteen years, and have been a constant attendant at seances during that time, and have never seen the fact of spirit return more strongly demonstrated than at the seances of these mediums. Hands are shown, several at once, and the same time; faces are seen, instruments are played upon: messages written; pictures produced upon handkerchiefs, often recognized; independent slate-writing; messages are given through the trumpet, it being in plain view, and all manifestations produced in a bright light and under strict test conditions. While sitting with Mrs. Lindsey and holding her hands, invisible hands play about your face and head; independent voices talk with you, and messages from loved ones that have gone before are given. I have had these mediums at my own home, holding se ances for my friends, and I can vouch for the trnth and honesty of their mediumship, as well as their private life."

M. F. Hammond is now lecturing at for the month of February is 178 North Ionia street. He is open for engagements for Sundays, and also to speak at funerals.

Prof. G. G. W. Van Horn, the healer, speaker and platform test medium, has removed to the first flat, 480 W. Madison street. His services can be secured to engage in missionary labors around Chicago and vicinity. Letters of inquiry must contain stamps for prompt replies. Terms moderate; references exchanged.

J. C. F. Grumbine has returned to his home, Geneseo, Illinois, after a very successful work in the East. Very nearly all the months of 1896 and 1897 are engaged. He will be open for September, October and November, 1896, for Western societies, and May and June, 1897. He will minister to the Lake Pleasant Camp the first three Sundays of July by special invitation. Western camps that may wish his services are requested to write at once for dates. He will be in Boston and New York from December,

1896, to May, i897. George W. Walrond, of Hamilton, Canada, inspirational and trance lecturer, will locate permanently in the States at an early date. He is open for engagements, beginning in April. cieties desirous of the services of a firstclass platform speaker of twelve years' experience will please write him to Drawer 18, Hamilton, Canada.

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MOSES AT THE HUB.

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EDITOR PROGRESSIVE THINKER:-A long time ago I received the questions quoted in this, and promised to answer them; but they were laid aside and entirely forgotten. Now, before submitting the questions and the answers, I want to take the opportunity to say I like Hudson Tuttle's answers to questions better than any others I ever read. They are pointed, full of information and concise as they can well be, and contain real and thorough answers. I think Mr. Tuttle, or you, Mr. Editor, would do well to take a few hundred of those questions and answers and make a book of them. Such a book would be full of instruction on a variety of themes, and so handy for the busy man or woman to pick up when they chance to have a moment or two to spare. I do not regard Hudson Tuttle as "mine adversary," but I will express the same wish concerning him that Job did for his adversary when he said: "O, that mine adversary had written a book.' I will change it a little and say: "O, that Hudson Tuttle would write another book."

But to the questions; here they are. copy them exactly as written, except that I put figures in brackets before each question and change the paragraphing to suit the answers.

Among the accounts of spirit phenomena of from 4,000 to 1,800 years

ago are the following:
[1] The killing of one hundred and eighty-five thousand Assyrian soldiers [2] The dividing of the Red Sea so the children of Israel could pass

through dry shod. [3] Mount Singi, with its fire and thunders.

[4] Jesus materializing at the Sea of Tiberius, in the open air, with no cabinet, and no conditions, and cooking a mess of fish, and eating with his disciples; all of which could not have occupied less than two hours. To-day, after hundreds of years have passed, spirit phenomena consist of such comparatively simple things as speakroom, writing upon slates, the moving of small tables, and materialization, but occurring in circles where the strictest conditions are observed and

in partial darkness." the rate of sixty miles an hour. The given place to the electric lamp, which gives as much light as sixty thousand by whom the fish were broiled, we are allow candles. Even man himself has advanced from a half-naked bar-Death; have read it and given it to a friend; I would like to see it in the hands of every Spiritualist." barian to an intelligent and partially civilized human being.

[6] Why is it that while eve else has progressed, in this particular the laws of nature have apparently been reversed and retrogression has become the rule?

Before attempting a direct auswer to these questions, I will say that in that age and country hyperbolical language was in common use. It is found in all the writings of that day. One or two instances of it in the Bible must suffice to illustrate the case. In Matt. iii:5,6, we read: "Then went out to him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about Jordan, and were baptized of him in Jordan, confessing their sins."

This does not mean that the whole city, or even all the people of the city and country, were baptized; it only means that a great number of people were baptized. The Bible, in another place, tells of many of these same people "rejecting the counsel of God against themselves, being not baptized of him."

Again, in John xxi:35, the writer says: "And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written, every one, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that should be written." Now, I have not the least doubt but that if they were all written I could find plenty of room for them in my grip-sack, and even then I would find room for a half dozen other books twice as large.

As an appropriate illustration of how overdrawn semie of these stories were, take the miracle of feeding five thousand persons, on five loaves of bread and two small fishes. The story is recorded in each of the four gospels. Those who partook did not believe it, and now no sensible, person who will allow himself to think can believe the story is true as told. In the first place it says, in three places, this meeting was in a "desert place:" one of the evangelists says it was in the wilderness. In this country, and in these days, it is hard work to get an audience of five thousand men, besides women and children (See Matt., xiv:21), in a popular resort, and it would be about impossible to assemble even fifty in a wilderness.

In those days they had no railroads or steamboats to carry the people to and from the meeting, and no printing-press with which to advertise the meetings. How did Jesus work it to to get such an assembly as is reported to have been in that wilderness.

How improvident those five thou-sand men were to take their women and children into that wilderness without taking as much as a sandwich or a cookie for them to eat. It would be hard to find five thousand such imbeciles now. The boy who was thoughtful enough to take five loaves of bread and two small fishes (see John, vi:9) had more business in him

than was combined in all the five thousand men, "besides women and children." The fact is, the most of these stories, large at first, grew as they went from mouth to mouth, and by the time they were written out, not by the evangelists, but "according to"

Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, they had grown to mammoth proportions. [1] The story of the slaughter of one hundred and eighty-five thousand Assyrian soldiers in a single night, is found in II. Kings, xix:35, and Isaiah, xxxvii:36. This slaughter was said to have occurred at least sixteen years before the death of Hezekiah, and was passed down from mouth to mouth until long after the Babylonish captivity, before it was written; whatever foundation there was originally for the story, it lost nothing by being handed down for three or four gen erations.

We have reason to suspect that there were originally only one hundred and eighty-five thousand of these Assyrian soldiers, and there were enough of them left after this great slaughter by this angel to conquer the Hebrews. [2] The dividing of the Red Sea

was nothing strange. There are a series of bars where they are said to have crossed, and the tide sometimes so thoroughly leaves them that they are dry. Napoleon Bonaparte led his army across at the same place.

[8] The manifestations at Mount Sinai were recorded several hundred years after they occurred, and grew with age, as the stories did before and since. In dark seances we often have the flashing of lights and the voices. In Skiwaukee's seances, with Mrs. Hollis-Billing as medium, I have several times heard mutterings that could have been mistaken for distant thun-

[4] In the case of the materialization at the Sea of Tiberius, I do not think it was done in daylight, nor that Jesus was there more than a few moments, The record is found in John, xxi:1-14. The book of John was the last of the gospels, if not the last book of the New Testament, written. ing through trumpets, in a small The story had time to assume huge proportions after John may have told it. and before the gospel was written "according to St. John." It was early in the morning, and must have been dark when this event occurred: it was [5] In any direction, and in any light enough to see that there was department of life, we see the law of someone on the shore, but not light evolution or progress in force. The enough for them to recognize him. stage-coach has become a cannon-ball | They recognized him by his voice, or express, moving across the country at by what he said. See verses 4-7. When they came to the shore the fire tallow candle of our ancestors has and the fish were already there. By whom the fire was made, or when, or

> It will be remembered that when Jesus appeared to Mary, one of his particular friends, it was so dark that she could not recognize him. She supposing him to be the gardener, asked him where he had concealed her dead friend. (See John, xx:15.) The truth is, all these manifestations, the feeding of the multitude, the transfiguration, and the various appearances of Jesus, were in the dark.

not told.

[5] Yes, we see progress everywhere except in these matters; and possibly we have not fallen back in these as much as the writer of these queries supposes Hyperbole may account for some of the apparently great manifestations of that country and age. Again, there may have been reasons for -greater manifestations there than can obtain in this age and country. The climate, the hills, and every condition there united, so we are told, to make the conditions better for manifestations there than here and now.

We have become a nation of students-readers and thinkers; they were not. They had more time, and, perhaps, sought more for development than we do. Our intellectuality enables us to reach out more for the mental, and not so much for the physical, as they did; hence their superior development in that direction. Who knows but that our progress in the direction mentioned by this correspondent may be, in part, the very things which keep us from progressing in the line of physical mediumship? I believe it.

I am now reading a discussion held between S. B. Brittan and Dr. Richmond, in 1852. In that book both of them tell of manifestations more won-all things else, more potent than all derful than any occurring now. May the victories of science—the only proof not these wonderful physical manifestations have been a kind of scaffolding built up around the structure of Spiritualism until it gets cohesive

power enough to stand without them? Possibly, as we grow to see with our understanding, we will not need to see so much with our eyes: then the more physical of the spiritual phenomena may be nearly or entirely withdrawn and a more esoteric Spiritualism will take its place.

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Among those who draw full houses,

and justly, too, are J. J. Morse, J.

veterans in the cause.

Clegg Wright, C. Fannie Allyn, Mrs. Mary Steers, and many others. Of course I cannot name myself, but my old friends seem to love me just the same on my return from the mountains, and Angels' Camp, Calaveras county, where Mr. Drake has valuable mining interests, and where I have been resting for three or four months. Not resting because weary of the work, or because, perchance, the Spiritualists require so much more of the old workers than the skeptical world, but resting my eyes, from which the sight has failed me in some mysterious way, without exhibiting any external evidence of loss of sight. I am still partially blind, but happy and cheerful, and so busy in the work. If anything, greater Spiritual light comes to compensate me for the loss of the sight of the thousands of grand, gorgeous and surpassingly beautiful scenes that greet the Eastern visitor here; by day, and even by night, one seems nearer the celestial glories—so near and bright seem God's many worlds above. Why should I not be bound up in our great work-needed now more than ever when so many are counterfeiting-bound up, heart and soul, in the cause, as though blindness had not touched mine eves. I have visited many of the societies,

and spoken and given tests to large and enthusiastic audiences, who exhibited such appreciation that my spirit rejoiced and I was exceedingly glad to be once again among my California friends. It seems to me San Francisco is the greatest center for mediums and Spiritual societies that I have ever visited, with a better attendance than you would imagine for the number of halls opened, many of them every night in the week and Sunday mornings and afternoons included. Newly-developed mediums are everywhere in the audience, and on the platform; and not a few are well equipped for public work, and vet some of them made my heart faint and falter when they arose to entertain and interest an intelligent audience of thinking people. Their guides surely ought not to place or encourage them before an audience for test mediumship. They were entire failures, even at guessing. Such presentations only injure and harm the cause, and cast odium and ridicule upon its advocates. I am sometimes utterly disgusted and disheartened at the frauds foisted upon Spiritualism and applauded by our old Spiritualists. who accept anything in the name of mediumship, whether spurious or otherwise. If Spiritualists and those who pose as managers of hall societies would only weigh their mediums; and, if found wanting, treat them according to merit, no genuine medium can or should object to this winnowing process.

So much do I love this work-this, to me, the greatest and grandest cause that ever came to the rescue of humanity-that I would call it the keynote of liberty and redemption—the only demonstration of the faith taught by the churches-the living truth of immortality. The touch of a hand not vanquished by death-the whisper of a voice not stilled and silenced forever-is God's greatest pledge to his doubting, unbelieving people. This spirit phenomena, these messages from over the border line, are greater than positive of immortality.

How we should strive to lift, elevate and enlarge the standard of mediumship, and hold the bright banner of grand spirit control gloriously aloft, up and beyond the cheap, canting, ignorant frauds and evil-doers in the field of our work, that the master may have pleasure, and the people profit thereby.

Let all Spiritualists so act that the charlatans and mountebanks shall not find profit in counterfeiting our glorious, demonstrable phenomena and philosophy, and the new year will add to our ranks the thinkers and workers from other schools of thought and philosophy. Yours truly,

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C. F. C., Dowagiac, Mich.: Q. Will you please inform the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER whether there are any beings in the Spirit-world who vore the mortal form.

(2) How are we to understand the following:"And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven."

What did Paul mean when he "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness, spiritual wickedness in heavenly places." Eph.

A. (1) If the theory of evolution is accepted as the scheme of creation, and spiritual intelligences as the last term of that process, then it logically follows and is the unavoidable sequence that there are no spiritual beings, nor can there be, except those which are thus evolved. We are not speaking for others, but believe this to be a general expression of spirit communications, and entertained by at least the great majority of Spiritualists. It forms the basis of the philosophy as given by various controlling spirits in my publications, beginning with the physical world in "Arcana of Nature," in the second volume, arising to the philosophy of spirit, in "Studies in Psychic Science," and "The Religion of Man.". All rest on this proposition: "All spiritual beings been evolved through physical

(2) I answer the 2nd and 3rd ques tions in the spirit with which they are asked. If we take the Bible as authority, then the precise meaning of its texts is of vital importance. This is exactly what the questioner desires to know. The seventy disciples return with rejoic ing at their success, "even the devils" were subject to them, and Jesus became clated with their enthusiasm, and said to them: "I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven," that is, not only were they to control the inferior powers of evil, but the supremacy of the chief already had fallen in ruins. The swift ess of the destruction being compared to lightning.
(3) It was not this mortal that Paul

feared. It counted as nothing against the spiritual forces against which the great struggle for righteous conduct of life. Paul believed in the Prince of Evil, who is meant by "Principalities," and "powers." Satan was ever the great adversary, antagonizing through spiritual forces, and through the agency of earthly rules. There is something in-describably weird and terrible in the belief in "Principalities and Powers" with unknown energy, and invincible desire for evil; and against this mysterious kingdom, over whose swift messengers Satan presided, Paul exhorts his followers to "gird their loins about with truth," and put on "the breastplate of righteousness.

Donald Cameron, Chicago, Ill.: Q. (1) What is the difference between the unconscious state of a medium and of one

(2) I read how at Dunning an insane patient had his life crushed out by his attendants, yet on autopsy every organ, brain included, was in a perfect and healthy state. What was the cause of this mental derangement?

A. (1) The state of modiumship implies an exaltation of the intellectual faculties, and a sensitiveness enabling the mind to receive impressions from another mind. Insanity is the result of in part. Hence the difference between these two states is too great to admit of

(2) If the autopsy of an insane person exhibited no indication of disordered action, it was because those who made it did not complete their investigation, a very minute lesion in the brain, the presure of a minute tumor may so impede the connection between that organ and the mind, as to produce distortion, which is insunity.

In many cases the cause lies in the

nerve cells or fibres, and no scalpel or microscope is able to reveal what it may be. Dissection would no more reveal the cause than it would if applied to the vocal cords of a bird to show why its voice was one of song, or a harsh note

W. H. Murphy: Q. Has Col. Ingersoll ever expressed any opinion about Spirit-

A. Col. Ingersoll has never more than expressed a hope that it be true. His busy life has not allowed him to investigate, and his more intimate family ties have not been broken, calling him to seek the consolation, when those we most love are taken from us, the spiritual philosophy of the future life only can give. Yet he has always been favorably inclined, and made no opposition. He lectured at the Lake Pleasant Campmeeting to delighted thousands, and gave expression to no thought or word which found disfavor from the most zealous Spiritualist. His work of pulverizing the old creeds and monstrous forms of belief are necessary for the growth of the new science of life, here and hereafter.

Investigator: Q. In a discussion on the miracle of the parting of the waters of the Red Sea, it was claimed that the waters of the Niagara were once driven back so that the rocks were all bare. Never having heard this wonderful statement before, I thought fit to call it in question. Was I right?

A. March 29, 1848, it is recorded that

the ice became so gorged in the upper part of the Niagara river that a perfect dam was formed, and the river-bed below for several hours was dry, and the thunders of the Falls ceased. For several hours those on the banks were enabled to see what none had ever witnessed before, and probably will not again. The ingorge then suddenly gave way, and was borne onward with terrible uproar.

Prof. D. M. King, Mantua Station, O.: I have read your answer on the antiquity of man, and it has rung in my ears over since. I have re-read it this morning, and have been reading it for the third time. Now, the questions arise

in my mind: If he is found with the extinct animals, how do we know that he did not begin his career when they did theirs? and would not this conflict with evolulution? I ask this because, as my religion necessarily has an account of the origin of man, Spiritualism ought to

have the same, only demonstrated. A. Because in the rocky strata, immediately below, and consequently of an earlier age, we find the remains of animal forms, from which man, and the animals whose remains are found with his, both sprang; man is in one branch on the great life-tree, a topmost, leading

branch, but when traced downward soon loses itself in the main trunk, In tracing his evolution to the savage, and from the savage to the higher forms of quadrumans (apes), forms much higher in the tertiary age than in the present, we are descending to the animal realm. It is not maintained that man came from the highest ape, but that man and ape are branches converging in that vastly remote time in a common stock.

In the same way we do not claim that the English, German and Hindoo races sprang from each other. It would be impossible for a Germanic people to become Hindoos, or Hindoos English. Yet no one who has studied the origin of races, doubts that these then great families were all united in that India race that spoke the ancient Sanskrit. They spoke a common language, and were a common race before they separated. Changing conditions have wrought the diverse character and language of each. They now could no more unite than two branches thrown off from a tree could coalesce at their extremities; yet below near the trunk they form a single stem and are nourlshed by the same sap.

Progressive Thinker, Merlden, Ct.: Q. A progressive thinker who does not believe all that is told him, asks: Are animals immortal? and are they immortal as animals? If so, what use are they to immortal man? Does the animal merge into the human or does man pull

the animals up after him?

A. There is great hope for the man who does not believe all that is told him. The world has been cursed with too much believing, and too little knowing. These questions have been answered at length in preceding numbers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER, and are extensively treated in "The Philosophy of Spirit.' just published in London. To those readers who have not read the previous answers, it may be said that the animal world is the means by and through which man is evolved, and that through man comes the evolution of an immortal spirit. Until a certain degree of progress has been reached there is no continuous existence.

Man may, by cultivation, influence the animals with which he comes in contact, but nothing he can do can effect their continuous life after their death. It is for those who believe in the immortality of animals to show what use they are to the spirit of man. Spirits have taught this as true, and consciously, for it is possible for them to so earnestly desire the presence of a favorite pet an imal, that the subjective thought, to them takes on the objective form as in a dream, and is accepted as reality.

SUMMERLAND, CALIFORNIA.

Tidings from the West-A Seaside Home.

To the readers of THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER I would say something of this resort, the home of several hundred

Spiritualists. Summerland lies north of Los Angeles, and within six miles of Santa

Needing rest from mental taxation, came to this genial Mecca of Spiritualists who are here for the balance of their days. True, tried and gray, many came here and built snug cottages for

their homes and rest.

This is a lovely climate, where frost is unknown. Fresh tomatoes and other vegetables, as also many flowers, are gathered daily. Boys out barefooted as in July down East.

The town site lies on the ocean and the gentle roar of water sings the weary

to sleep. They are better residences than I expected to find, which shows that Spiritualists of means came here and have kept up appearances.

Liberty Hall is large and commodious; while it does not compare with the Spiritual Temple at Boston, it is one that membership. Many lectures, entertainments, dinners, dances, etc., are given in it for the enjoyment of old and young. It has a reading-room and library, which is kept open each afternoon.

The president of the Summerland Spiritual Association, Mrs. M.A.Spring, is a most genial and accomplished lady. W. P. Allen, the secretary, is a cu tured, quiet gentleman, a man of legal knowledge, but the Spiritualists having so little use for law, his legal lore is

liable to grow rusty.

Another society of Spiritualists owns
New Liberty Hall, and it is a compliment to the climate here to say that while its roof is canvas, they hold meetings throughout the year.

This society has a fine library, and a good membership of excellent souls. H. L. Williams has been a leading spirit in it, while Prof. J. S. Loveland belongs to the first one named, These two gentlemen have fine homes, and both are toiling for Summerland. It is hoped they may grow more charitable toward each other and friendly as years roll by.

Since the oil-wells have been in operation here, now about two dozen of them, the financial outlook is better. Engines on the Southern Pacific Railway in this locality are run with the oil, so it has come to pass that Spiritualist oil warms and carries magnates of the soulless Octopus, with Catholic, Methodist and Presbyterian souls included, and yet they don't pray for Spiritualism, except to have it damned-but God con-

tinues his refusal.

There is not a saloon nor brothel in Summerland, hence no church, of course. Woman suffrage and populism are intrenched here, but neither the preachers nor the W. C. T. U. are needed. All are saved, sober and law-abiding, determined to keep all evil elements out. The spiritual papers are plentiful, and I think some good angelic guides interest themselves in souls here

I have given several public lectures here during January, and taught a class of twenty-five good souls in science, with some magnetism and mental-science

The post-office, ticket office, stores, hotel and restaurants, are all conducted

in good style. As a veteran, Brother Beals was in luck, for the wife he recently took here was a charming widow with a lovely home, a good heart and plenty of means. As he doesn't need now to scratch for a living, I am wondering if the rostrum at large has lost his silvery tongue.

When I presented THE PROGRESSIVE

THINKER for takers, I easily added to Galen Clark, of Yosemite, the agent for the government, in charge of the Yosemite park, is having two more nice cottages constructed in addition to one

he has had here for some time.

Last, but not least, is the beautiful home of Mrs. Anna Daniels and other inintelgent associates, some eight of them by themselves, and represent-ing here the "Sun Angel Order." Their reserve, orderly, spiritual lives have won for them here the name of "Angels," and the "Angel Home." They keep much to themselves, but our class door in Liberty Hall opened wide enough for seven of them to fly in and join, and we are proud of them.
Summerland has met hardships, but I

am sure it has a future.
A. J. SWARTS, Ph. D.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Political.

As Viewed by Our Special Correspondent.

When one finds one's self in the Capitol waiting for a matter of public business to transpire, the best thing one can do is to look around and "see what one

can see, and hear what one can hear."

There is no difficulty in compassing sightseeing, and when the public build-ings, monument, Capitol, White House, etc., are viewed, there are the surrounding hills that forover invite one, even in winter. Especially the grounds of the Soldiers' Home, and Arlington, and other places of historic note. The atmosphere and trees are already prophetic of spring.

THINGS SPIRITUAL. But spiritual things are not lacking at the Capital: At the headquarters of the National Spiritualists' Association, the ganial secretary, Mr. Woodbury, seems always ready to receive and enlighten anyone interested in the purposes of the Association. I understood there was a quarterly meeting of the board, the first week in this month, when much important business was transacted in carrying out the instructions of the annual convention held here last October.

The Sunday services of the First Spiritualist Society of Washington are held in Metzgerott's Hall, the finest in the eity, and this month Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, pastor of the First Spiritual Church of Chicago, has been here officiating morning and evening at the regu-

MRS. RICHMOND'S DISCOURSES.

lar Sunday services. Her discourses include the following subjects: "The Spiritual Outlook," "The Present Situation of England and America," "The Afflicted Human Race, a Spiritual Diagnosis," "The Little Cloud in the West," "Spiritual Unfoldment—Its True Meaning," "The Future Humanity," "Practical Spiritualism," and "The His-

tory of a Soul."

Synopses of "The Little Cloud in the West," and "The History of a Soul," were published in the Sunday editions of the Washington Times. The services were attended by large and appreciative

On the last Sunday evening a letter to the president of the society, signed by a number of the members, requesting him to use his influence with the board of trustees, to secure Mrs. Richmond's services some time during the season of 1896-97, was sent to the platform, and, being read by the chairman, received the hearty and unanimous approval of the large audience present.

SOCIAL ITEMS. Numerous private receptions, among the elite of the Capital, have been tendered Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, and al-ways there has been the greatest interst manifested in the utterances of Mrs. Richmond, under the inspiration of her guides, and in the poetic delineations of

Duina, who reads character from a different standpoint than that of mortals, when judging of each other. She tells us of our best instead of our worst qualities. Your correspondent also has received an invitation to attend a reception by Adelaide Johnson to view the bust (in clay) of Mrs. Richmond, on which she has been working while Mrs. Richmond has been here this month; and also to

meet Mr. and Mrs. Richmond and Messrs. A. F. Jenkins-Johnson and Chas. Johnson, brother of Miss Johnson. The bust is not considered finished, but only ready for the criticisms of Mrs. Rich mond's friends and those of the artist. Judging from its present appearance the gifted sculptor will succeed in this, as gifted sculptor will succeed in this, as she has in all her portraits in clay and marble, of noted women and men, in made any investigation along its lines, and instead of contributing likeness." which

This reception, by the way, also intro-duced to the friends of the young sculptor, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, for the first name on the card after that of Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, is the name of the one to whom Miss Johnson gave her heart and hand in marriage the evening before the reception, Miss Cora L. V. Richmond officiating. Nothing could have been more unique (your correspondent is informed) than this wedding; for, excepting the actual participants, and the brother of the bride and one lady friend, no one knew what the "white

evening" was to be, to which they were summoned to appear in evening dress. Diana herself might have been the bride—the daintily draped studio, with its white hangings and "silent witnesses," the work of the bride's own hand. In fact, from the bride's own self to the last song that enraptured the

guests, everything was like "white lilies set in chalices of light." The services, conducted by Mrs. Richmond, were eminently in keeping with the romance of the occasion, and the announcement that the groom had taken legally the same family name as that of the bride—"a royal gift, the tribute of love to genius" (as Mrs. Richmond said)—was not the least interesting feature of the occasion. In fact, it was an even-ing where the "beloved of the gods" seemed to see those "shining ones" walk in human guise and dwell for an hour

among mortals. The art reception, before mentioned, to Mr. and Mrs. Richmond, on Thursday, from 3 to 6, was to view the portrait (in clay, and not yet finished) of Mrs. Richmond, and formed a fitting occasion for the bride and groom to receive the congratulations of their friends. Over one hundred and fifty invitations were sent out, and, judging by the throngs that entered the studio, all must have responded. The names of the bride and groom are Mrs. Adelaide Johnson and Mr. Alexander F. Johnson.

May all the favoring winds of heaven waft their bark upon life's voyage to the haven of Love's Ideal.

POLITICAL MATTERS.

The political atmosphere has been portentious for two weeks. The Venezuelan question again cropped out, and there has been opportunity for much patriotic eloquence. But this "war with England" has been eclipsed by the de-bate on the gold bonds issued by Mr. Cleveland. The debate, still pending in the Senate, will reach a vote to-night, and will decide much that many millions are waiting to learn: Whether this "tribute to Cæsar" is to receive the sanction of our patriots and statesmen. Upon the results of this debate and vote will hang the next presidential election; the re-election of Cleveland, if it is con templated, and the fate of the nation's finances. No Republican candidate is confidently named as yet, but neutralizing Reed with McKinley, and letting Morton take his chances, there is a thought that Harrison's friends are "laying low" and waiting for events. It is likely that the political horizon will not clear for sometime, and it is more than likely that there will be still more portentious clouds before the session closes. Pre-eminently this is a "campaign congress," and the members thereof are

talking and voting to their constituents for the next presidential election. Yet,

there will be such a or throughout the land as has not been heard for years.

JUSTIFIA.

Matters Spiritual, Social and J. Frank Baxters Excellent Work in Lima, Ohio.

In the fall of 1895, Mesers, C. W. Taylor, E. M. Hale, S. M. Pinch and certain others in Lims. Ohio desired to hear Mr. Moses Hull on the subject of Spiritualism, and as several had become interested in the phenomena, they decided to sond for that gentleman. He came, and in the court-chamber delivered two fine lectures and enlisted the attention of gentlemen from quarters the manage ment little had expected.

Enthusiasm in the subject was aroused and it was believed the time in Lima was at hand for the dissemination of the Spiritual Philosophy right there. Heretofore a trip to Columbus, Cincinnati, or other point, had been necessary if one desired spiritual food. So it was decided to effect an organization. The result was that the Religio-Philosophical Society of Lima, O., was formed.
This society at once began negotia-

tions with lecturers, and particularly with Mr. J. Frank Baxter, of Boston. He could not come at once, but by a lit-tle adjustment could offer one or two Sundays. Through the sudden death of one under whose engagement he was, he was thereby at liberty to add other time in his offer (to the Lima society), and it secured him for a time beginning in Jan-

uary, this year.
Mr. Baxter came and opened his series in Mitchell Hall, seating about three hundred, the morning audience being less than one hundred, and the evening over two hundred. The lectures were well received, and his hearers so enthusiastic they became good advertisers. A large assembly was out the next Sunday, and in the evening, notwith-

standing extra provision was made, every available seat was taken—anteroom, entry-way and gallery; stairs were taxed beyond capacity, and hundreds went away. The management saw another hall was

necessity, and also saw some place should be announced at once for the coming Sunday. Hurried negotiations were made, and the capacious Faurot Opera House was secured for that Sunday evening. And it proved well, for Lima was well aroused by Mr. Baxter's lectures and mediumship, so interested, in fact, that on this next Sunday a large day audience assembled in Mitchell Hall, and in the evening, at 7 o'clock, the opera house, of 2,000 capacity, was filled, and when Mr. Baxter came upon the stage, the prosenicum boxes were full, the balcony stairway freighted, and a hundred or more stood in the fover. The theater was packed from orchestra rail to uppermost gallery, and remained as if riveted for over two and one-half hours intent upon listening and witnessing the exercises.
We will not quote in extenso from the

secular press, but as best'showing the interest, the worth of Mr. Baxter's work, and the consideration, given in a conservative center, a word or two from the two principal dailies will be timely and valuable.

valuable.

The Times-Democratusaid in part:
"The Opera house was exceeded to hear Mr. J. Frank Baxter's lecture on 'Spirit-ualism, its Facts and Philosophy,' and he delighted the excellent audience, with a very interesting lecture. Alhis subject was an unpopular one to most in this community, yet, in the pleasing manner in which he presented his arguments, he captured the admiration and held the closest attention of all his hearers throughout."

The Republican Gazette remarked, among other things, that: "A splendid sudience filled the Opera House, Sunday night, to hear the lecture on Spiritualism. Many were the bright and argumentative points put forth by Mr. J. Frank Buxter, in a manner not only pleasing, but, as well, apparently concertainly, from this source, is quite a

concession. The society has been able to get released from its contract for Mitchell Hall, which it had made in good faith, thinking it commodious enough for its purposes, and has secured a lease for one vear of Wheeler Hall, a new and large hall, centrally located and well lighted and ventilated. If it can be furnished and in readiness the next Sunday's meeting will be there; but if not, then the

Opera House will be used again. Mr. Baxter has been desired by the society to continue his work here as ong as can be, but this is impossible. He has, however, so arranged and adjusted matters that he will continue throughout this month, but it is hardly probable that he can remain into March. However, of this later when definite ar-

rangements are made. Whether Mr. Baxter remains into spring or not, he is anticipated another neason, and it is hoped for extended service. His coming now is proving a wonderful success, and the society's work thus far has found great encouragement, not in a financial sense just yet, though that is ensured, but in a spiritual, influential and social sense. The results for good even thus far are phenomenal and auspicious.

A Distinguished Thinker and Writer Passed On.

TO THE EDITOR:-It pains me to be compelled to announce the transition of. Mrs. Retta S. Anderson, of Concordia, Kan. Mrs. Anderson passed away on the morning of January 28, from a com-plication of diseases, said to arise from heart failure. Mrs. Afwasa a true Spiritualist in theory and practice, a genuine friend and reader of The PROGRES-SIVE THINKER. It might be interesting to her many friends in various parts of the country to know that in this strong-hold of orthodoxy we live a able to give her what here is a unique funeral—exclusively spiritual. it de About 300 persons were present at Mrs. Anderson's home, where the services commenced. The opening was by a

quartette singing "Nearer My God to Thee," accompanied by the organist. Then Mr. J. E. Wood, of our city, stepped forward and read in a fine and effective manner "The Religious Beliefs" of Mrs Anderson, which was simply a clear exponential setting out of the beautiful tenets of Spiritualism. Then Passed to the celestial home, from that beautiful discourse on death by Hudson Tuttle was followed by singing Shall We Gather at the River?" minister, no order to God what to do on the occasion. At the cemetery, after lowering of the casket, Mrs. Esther Wood, a well-known Spiritualist and friend to the deceased, read, "Service at the Grave," written by Hudson Tuttle A Quartette sang "Sweet Bye and Bye." Mr. J. E. Wood came forward, holding a twig of evergreen, saying- 'In com-memoration of that eternal light, of which our sister died in full faith and assurance, we drop upon the casket the evergreen twig, fit emblem of life everlasting." Of course you will see at once that this ceremony shocked the good orthodox people, but this could not be helped. Mrs. Anderson's loving disposi-

THE RESURRECTION.

As Taught by the Church, the Doctrine is Most Absurd.

Earth to Earth-Ashes to Ashes -Dust to Dust."

BY HUDSON TUTTLE.

While the resurrection of the body cannot be maintained for a moment as a scientific statement, and is opposed to reason and common sense, it is still retained as a part of the church creed, and there has never been a resolution passed in any orthodox church assembly denying or offering any other belief. In fact, to do so would be heresy. Whenever doctrines are brought forward, the literal resurrection of the body is confor the airing of this antiquated dogma, as well as making the dead, if not sound in the faith, examples for the benefit of the living.

The Egyptians preserved the bodies

of their dead, because they believed that after a thousand years the spirits would return and re-enter them, thus being reclothed in flesh. If the body was allowed to decay the spirit could never return, and hence the most terrible punishment possible to inflict was for the judges of the dead to refuse embalmment.

The Hebrews transferred this doctrine to their peculiar and composite theology, and it has come down to us in the form of the resurrection of the body at the judgment day. That which the Egyptians regarded as impossible, the resurrection of the body when allowed to decay, has been accepted as truth, and its absurdity met with the repetition that all things are possible with

The description of the resurrection day, when bones, arms and detached atoms, although separated by the sphere of the world, fly together, engages the lurid oratory of the zealot, but the calm eye of science recognizes its impossi-

There is only one evidence, and that is the resurrection of Christ, which is taken as conclusive. It is said that his mission was to prove immortality. If Christ was a man like other men, and we admit that he was dead, and after three days came to life, it would be in evidence, but if this be admitted, what becomes of the claim that he was the on of God, a God-man? If a God-man, how does his resurrection prove that of common men? The resurrection of a thousand God-men would not prove that of man more than of an animal

There are many objections, some of which are insurmountable. The changes going on in the body are so rapid that it s estimated that with the exception of the harder parts, such as the bones and teeth, there is a complete change of every atom-a new one from the food taking the place of the old-at least once in two months. That means that our bodies are changed six times a year, or at the age of fifty years we have had three hundred different bodies. Which one of these is to be resurrected? it be the one we had in our youth, or the diseased and worn-out one we had at

last? There is only a limited quantity of matter capable of entering into animal bodies. This is used over and over again, and the same material has belonged to countless individuals. At the resurrection there would be thousands claiming the same atoms. Although it is said all things are possible with God, it would not be possible for Him to give the same material to different individ-uals. However omnipotent, He cannot transcend the laws of the world.

while it does not compare with the Spiritual Temple at Boston, it is one that Spiritualists in many large cities would be pleased to own. It is under a judible lead to own. It is under a judible and the spiritual that Mrs. Richmond's most ardent admirers could desire.

making a "speaking likeness," which will be all that Mrs. Richmond's most tainly contains some very strange things, challenging attention." This will that missionary get his body that will that missionary get his body that has become a part of the cannibals? or if he does, how will that of the cannibal be completed so he can experience the punishment he deserves for his relish for the missionary?

Death comes because the physical

body is no longer a fitting instrument for the spirit. To think of that pure celestial being called again to the discelestial being caused again we are us-ease-stricken, corrupted or maimed body is as disgusting as unbelievable. The body perishes. Its particles pass into the microbes which feed on decay. The elements at last take them up. Wind and wave distribute them around the world. The palm rears aloft its coronal of leaves in tropic climes; the moss grows greener on arctio rocks; the erbage is more luxuriant on the plains that swarm with sentient beings, the hunger of man is appeased and the cycle is completed.

To suppose that the spirit will return to the same physical body, or to any physical body, is like supposing that the atoms of water in a certain wave will be again called into the same relation in a future wave. To produce it before an audience is like setting up a mummy from the tombs of Egypt and stripping the bandages from the shrunken face, exposing the hollow eyes and gleaming teeth, and claim it to be living, although

dead three thousand years.

Disgusting such an exhibit would be, and not enviable the fate of that spirit doomed to re-enter that abode! Yet, if such be God's purpose, the Egyptians made it possible, for they kept the body together and thus gave returning spirit its own. It would have only to extract the bitumen and throw off the lines wrappings.

But what prospect have the spirits of

those mummles that were brought to England, ground to powder and spread over the wheat fields, of reclaiming the bodies which have "suffered a sea-ehange," not in something new and strange, but into hot buns, loaves of

bread and plum pudding?
Ah, preachers of the gospel, for the good of the world and your own reputation, it is better that you leave this doctrine in the dust-heap of the past, and not delude yourselves that you are meeting a public want when you exhibit it. You do not believe it; your laity do not believe it. It is sham, pretense and deception with you both. Passed to Spirit-Life.

the residence of his daughter, in Mukwonago, Wis., Julius Mason, at the ripe age of 97 years. He was a believer in the beautiful philosophy of Spiritualism and read with delight THE PROGRES-SIVE THINKER, as it came on its weekly visits to the home of his daughter. Mr Mason was an honorable and useful citizen and during his long life enjoyed gen eral respect and esteem. Up to within a few months he has been in excellent health, both physically and mentally.
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BY PROF. W. M. LOCKWOOD.

Transition of Col. A. O. Babel, the Texas Cowboy Medium.

It is with regret that we read of the death of a rare instrument of the angels, whose work was not completed and whose plans reached on into coming time. He had been before the public only ten years, and was the peer of that mysterious musical prodigy, Blind Tom.

Col. A. O. Babel was widely known and wonderfully gifted. He played the most difficult music from the masters without study, claiming his work was done under inspiration. The most intricate compositions of Hayden, Beethoven, Meyerbeer, Verdi and Wagner were easy as child's play to the inspired cowboy. He never seemed conscious that he was doing anything wonderful. Professors who had spent years in study stood astounded before the uneducated Texas wonder. He used to say: "I don't know A from B, but I could not play any better if I did, so what's the use?"

He appeared in New York, at Steinway Hall, September 12th, 1886, and was pronounced the marvel of the century. He afterwards played before most of the crowned heads of Europe, and was everywhere complimented. The Sultan of Turkev gave him a valuable souvenir and invited him to play before the ladies of his seraglio.

Col. Babel was intending to issue a book of his travels and people he had met. It would have been intensely interesting, and we regret his untimely going hence has prevented it. His strange gift of music was revealed to him through a misfortune, or what to human eyes appeared so. He was commissioned to guide a detachment of soldiers through the Sierra Madre Mountains, in pursuit of some Indians who were on the warpath. While in the vicinity of Fort Sill, in the Indian Territory, Col. Babel was thrown from his broncho, having one arm broken and the other badly sprained. He was taken to the hospital at the fort, where was a long. weary wait for full recovery, old Luke Harris taking on the soldiers in pursuit of the Indians, carrying out Scout Babel's instructions.

While in the hospital he began to experience strange sensations, like electric shocks, passing through brain and body. He at first supposed these sensations some part of his illness. The physician told him they would heretofore a sealed treasure to him, was his! He had found his vocation at last, and felt at rest.

musician. His mother, good-naturedly, pretended to believe him; but they all doubted. The family had no piano, so he could not then demonstrate his new-found gift. But soon a visit was planned to a family who owned the only piano in the county, and there the loving son had a chance to show his mother and family how he could play. He used to say: "Why, I enjoyed the approbation of mother and the rest that evening more than that of any grand assembly I ever played before.

He was very intelligent and most gifted. It is to be regretted that so rare a psychic could not have lived long upon the earth.

EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

OLD JAKEY'S GHOST.

Appears on His Farm and Tells How to Get Rich.

What is believed to be the spirit of the late Jacob E. Stout is wandering around Springside, a suburb of this city, says a Burlington, Vt., special and his family often felt his inexcusaany bank or savings institution.

of spiritual visitation, is thinking about moving next week. Allison said it is a force which moves in vibrations. hat a few evenings ago, while sitting not yet measured or determined, in the house with his wife and family, through the all-pervading ether. an apparition appeared before them. The apparition was "Old Jakey," and after surveying the surroundings he for Psychical Research seem to justify, told them so. He then told Mr. Alli- that phenomena of these kinds are son that if he wanted to get rich he well-established facts, they will arone must plant potatoes in the field beside | that Roentgen's discovery lends great the house. With this the apparition plausibility to their theory. The new disappeared.

Mrs. Allison verifies her husband's story, and both are indignant because their neighbors are skeptical. William | may not be a force more tenuous and Clayton, who lives in a tenement on agile still. We know now that certain the Stout farm, also claims to have pulsations penetrate molecular interseen "Old Jakey." Clayton alleges stices finer than can be penetrated by that he tried to tell him how to raise any other known pulsations. Why, hoge profitably. Mrs. Harry Fasick then, may there not be other pulsaand others claim to have heard mys- tions able to penetrate the bones of serious rappings in the house.

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> Let us have fair play." TO THE EDITOR:-Inclosed find the above displayed circular of Romanists of this county, showing the scheme by which they hope to estrange the ignorant, unthinking masses, and use them in forwarding their unholy, damnable schemes to obtain control of the United States, and, as the priestly circular issued at the Buffalo convention a few years ago says, "Lay them at the feet of the holy vicar of Jesus Christ, that he may put an end to their Godless education and sweep away their impious laws of liberty of conscience, which are an insult to God and man." None but ignorant sycophants can be fooled by such special pleading. R. L. T.

fense? Our faith is openly taught.

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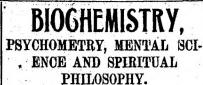
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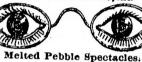
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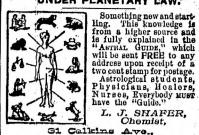
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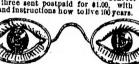
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