

KLEPTOMANIA.

Inherited Tendencies, and Their Proper Treatment.

WE SHOULD STUDY CAUSES, NOT
EFFECTS.

To the Editor:—Much has been in the secular press in regard to Mrs. Walter Castle being an incurable kleptomaniac, etc. I would ask, do not others inherit tendencies in that, and other directions? This woman, having wealth and wealthy friends, may escape incarceration in prison. I hope so; I also hope that the case will set people to thinking.

If this woman could not help doing as she has, why may it not be the same in the majority of cases where people do wrong? They do not want to—all want to be good, but natural tendencies and circumstances drive them into it. Study the causes not effects. Confine if necessary; but give them your sympathy; reason with and bring out the God (good) within them.

To read of how our sailors are treated and the inmates of our institutions causes one to shudder, and exclaim "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." And by those, often, who, if their secret lives were revealed, are far more sinning than those they domineer over, insult, abuse, and injure for life.

One may have the most lovable nature, be a universal favorite, as was Mrs. Castle when a girl, and probably is now, yet inherit some tendency they are not to blame for, that blasts their whole life.

Though many a child is born a thief, and through parsimoniousness of the fatherhood. Women husband very little money; and after the husband has retired, the wife, who has no right, goes on robbing the pockets of his purse. What is the result? This is the most general cause for thievish children, especially among the middle and working classes. Our murders are made while in embryony. Two-thirds of our children are unwelcome. Where the attempt at infanticide fails, the child is born with a bad earth existence, what else can we expect? The only wonder is that children, small and large, are as good as they are. We are all children in knowledge: in an infantile condition. Instead of being created perfect, and fallible, we are born imperfect, and grow wiser, struggling into a father, growing into the animal, and growing into knowledge of our latent spiritual nature. When we realize this, we should have an incentive to live to a higher

If our teachers in and out of the pulpit, would teach people how to live here; the future would take care of itself. Give the immortal soul a healthy physical to live in; practice the Golden rule. "Do ye unto others as ye would have the future would take care of. In paradise this beautiful world would be.

Let me say to you, think; look into the causes of the effects we see; learn where you do not know of these vital questions; then agitate, agitate, agitate, until people will drop vain, trifling things and seek to become the grand men, women and children that was intended.

SCOTT BRIGGS.

THE OHIO SPIRITUALISTS' ASSOCIATION

By the time this reaches the eyes of the public it is quite probable that the Ohio Spiritualists' Association will have been duly incorporated under the laws of the State. It is proposed "get to work" at once. Lines have been and are being, laid for a grand and effective campaign which will be carried forward in the most accessible. The Executive Board of the Association have provided headquarters and established the State Secretary in a very pleasant office at 1843 1/2 S. High street, Columbus. From these headquarters the proposed State movement is being established and directed. Spiritualists when in Columbus are cordially invited to make these headquarters their headquarters. It is expected that this will be the rendezvous of the SPIRITUALISTS.

Missionaries that will be employed will be men and women consecrated to the Cause of Spiritualism and capable of doing the work.

Perhaps the most important thing just now is the membership. Every Spiritualist in the State should become an active member of the State Association. Said membership entitles one to all the rights and privileges of the association and pays but one dollar a year. It is hoped that the Spiritualists will respond liberally to the call for active members.

Some one has said "Onio will be the banner State in the Cause of Spiritualism." It is not an empty prophecy. There have faith in it. Certainly no State has a better opportunity. It is the termination of the Ohio State Association to "do something." The men and women at the helm of this new enterprise launched barque" intended to "win the laurels" in the race for a better Organized Society. They are men and women who have already manifested their appreciation and good sense in their zeal for the success of the State Association; and will further manifest their true spiritual nature by becoming active members.

Several localities have already made application for instruction in securing charters. A meeting under the auspices of the State Association will be held at Springfield Sunday evening (May 2). The principal speaker on that occasion will be Mr. Willard J. Hall, Dayton, Lima, Toledo, Kenton, Zanesville, etc., and many other localities have been asked for meetings and will be visited as soon as possible.

Spiritualists, arouse to action! Never before has there been a better opportunity for effectual work and substantial progress. Send in your name for an active membership to the Ohio State Association and thereby add your mite to the movement.

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OTHER WORLDS.

CENTURY'S PROGRESS IN ASTRONOMY—THE ARITHMETIC OF ETERNITY—BILLIONS ARE THE UNITS, AS SET FORTH BY THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.

An article in the March issue of Harper's Monthly by Dr. Henry Smith Williams entitled "Astronomical Progress of the Century" makes the relative physical insignificance of the earth so conspicuous that theories which attribute any special distinction to our petty little planet seem ridiculous. Dr. Crane's suggestion that the earth may be a breeding spot to populate the universe and other suggestions of a similar nature become almost grotesque when the magnitude of the universe and the infinitesimal smallness of the earth are compared.

The real progress in astronomical research made since the century opened has been more in the line of amplifying what was already known or guessed at and modifying former theories by the knowledge gained through more effective scientific instruments. The refracting telescope, the application of the photographic film, and the use of the spectroscopic have cleared up many of the mysteries of the heavens and have revealed the presence of untold millions of stars whose existence was only a matter of conjecture before the century began. Even the very extent of these revelations—the knowledge of the exact form and extent of our universe seems more unattainable than it seemed a century ago. Perhaps one of the interesting results of the absolute discoveries of the century, especially those made possible by the magic power of the spectroscopic, "that marvelous instrument which by revealing the tell-tale lines scattered across a prismatic spectrum discloses the chemical nature and physical condition of any substance whose light is submitted to it"—has been the cosmogonic theory of J. N. Lockyer of London based on these discoveries. He attempts by it to explain all the great phenomena of the universe and his hypothesis, known as the "nebular hypothesis," is certainly more plausible and convincing than any other ever proposed. He declares with tangible evidence to support him what was only boldly imagined in the nebular hypothesis of Laplace—stars were formed from the condensation of the particles which existed previously as nebulae or vast cometary clouds and that continued condensation changed the stars to planets or dark stars. Here the nebular hypothesis stops. Lockyer, carrying out logically his theory that nebulae (including comets, stars of all types, and planets) are but varying stages in the life-history of a single race or type of cosmic organisms, does not "abandon the dark star to its fate" by assuming that this is the "final stage of cosmic existence," but declares that sooner or later "in its ceaseless flight through space the dark star must collide with some other stellar body," both being shattered into vapor combined with meteoric fragments by the mutual impact. "Thus the dark star, which is the last turn of one series of cosmic changes, becomes the first turn of another," as Mr. Lockyer adds:

"Thus may the cosmic race, whose aggregate census makes up the stellar universe, be perpetuated—individual solar systems, such as ours, being born, and growing old, and dying to live again in their descendants, while the universe as a whole maintains its unified integrity throughout all these internal mutations—passing on, it may be, by infinitesimal stages, to a culmination hopelessly beyond human comprehension. This theory in its general features is accepted by the dominant thought of the time as highly probable, although some of the correlations between successive stages of meteoric condensation are combated by scientists. Dr. Williams' explanation of this condensation idea of Lockyer's theory, however, there may be room for such difference:

"Nebulae are vast cometary clouds, with particles more or less widely separated, giving off gases through molecular collisions. Internal or external and perhaps glowing also with electrical or phosphorescent light. Gravity eventually brings the particles into closer aggregations, and increased collisions finally vaporize the entire mass, forming planetary nebulae and gaseous stars. Continued condensation may make the stellar mass hotter and more luminous for a time, but eventually leads to its liquefaction and ultimate consolidation—the aforetime nebula becoming in the end a dark or planetary star.

The probability of this theory is supported by the discoveries that the stars and planets are almost identical in substance, although widely diverse in actual physical condition; and that the nebulae are in fact composed of nothing more substantial than the particles of the stars. Coincident with this, therefore, is the theory that different stars are in varying stages of cooling, that all which are now burning must eventually become cool and lusterless, and that our own sun must share this common fate. But no estimate of this culmination of our sun's usefulness plus it nearer than six million years, and it may be six billion for all we know, so that possibly our planet may have had its collision and returned to star dust before that time and started in again in its cycle of making a new world.

Aside from the purely mathematical features of the progress of astronomical research in the century which, owing to improved instruments and methods, have been extensive, the most notable positive material discoveries have been the general one that the actual number of stellar bodies is beyond all human estimate or comprehension, and the discovery of a few thousand minor planets which for purposes of distinction, have been called asteroids. The first of the asteroids came within the telescope vision of man on the first day of the new century and was christened Ceres. It created a profound surprise at the time, but later on the location of these little fragmentary planets became so frequent that they were barely worth chronicling. Later on, in 1841, Neptune was unearthed through accurate scientific calculation because it had been disturbing the orbit of Uranus, and scientists set out to find the body which was interfering with their predictions and succeeded. Astronomy has been subjected to similar perturbations, showing the presence of an inferior planet, but the scientists have named the intruder Vulcan, although it has not yet gone beyond the hypothetical stage. The discovery of the inner or escape ring of Saturn and that all the rings of Saturn were composed of meteoric particles, each circulating as if it were an independent planet, followed about 1850, and then came the wonderful revelations through the spectroscopic which have been adding such marvels to astronomical knowledge yearly, and the photographic film by which a chart of the heavens is now being prepared, various observatories prepping the various sections, on which chart will be located about sixty millions of stars.

It disarms the human mind, and especially one untrained to astronomical thought and in the "arithmetical of eternity," of which "billions are the units," to ponder on these wonders of the universe.

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MRS. D. E. HOUGHTON,
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MRS. E. E. MOTT,
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But go forty or fifty miles back from the coast, among the mountains. The scene has changed. It is New England in topography and climate—snows and ice in winter, and in the spring or fall there is an occasional typical eastern thunder-storm, with its rumbling peals and jagged lightning.

Go a little farther east in the same country and you will find yourself upon the Mojave desert, or the "desert of death." Scarcely a year passes that the papers do not report the death of some bold miner who has ventured too far from the borders of the desert, and no living thing can survive upon it for more than a few hours. This heat rises high in the air, falls upon the ocean and rolls in with the land breeze, thus tempering what would otherwise be the cold sea-winds common to the northern part of the State.

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San Francisco, Cal.

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