

pany of New Haven ministers who had been invited especially for the occasion. The usual operating room is a small, cell-like place, fitted with electric lights and double padded doors. This room was discarded for these experiments in favor of the large lecture room of Professor Scripture, head of the department of experimental psychology.

MANY VOLUNTEERS ATTEND.

Two subjects had been provided before hand, but even if they had not been there need have been no delay. Several times during the morning the demonstrator was interrupted by the arrival of persons who besought him to accept them as patients. One man who had read of Mr. Cutten's wonderful hypnotic cures had come from Bridgeport. hoping that he might induce the clergyman to try to cure chronic neuralgia by hypnotism.

None of the volunteers, however, was accepted, the two subjects selected al ready being deemed sufficient. Both were incbriates, one middle-aged, the other somewhat younger. The latter had used liquor since he was 14 and had chewed and smoked tobacco for about the same length of time. He was hypnotized first on August 10, and now is nauseated by tobacco, though he still has a slight taste for liquor. Both patients looked what they were said to be-physical wrecks-but each declared he felt better than for years. "You men are warm and perspiring from your walk, but after your sleep

you'll be refreshed. Now J-, take this chair," said Mr. Cutten. The elder man, lame and weak mounted the platform and seated himself in a cushioned chair. The experi-

menter held a watch in one hand and with the other stroked the eyelids of the patient gently.

"Go to sleep: that's right; you're pretty tired, I guess. One! Two! Three! You're dozing. Now, then, don't wake up until you're called," was repeated several times, and in less than thirty seconds the man sat sleeping in the chair.

"Move to this chair by the wall," was the next command," obeyed as speedily as the patient could. Mr. Cutten guiding him.

SERMON OF THE HYPNOTIST.

The younger man was next summoned to the seat where he had seen his companion doze off. It took only a few more seconds to put him to sleep. The sermon began thus:

"You men have seen the seamy side of life. You are tired of the life of sin and dissipation. You want to turn from it and be clean men. There must be no

The other patient, who saw no sunflower, looked at his companion in amazement. Leaning over to me he about? He's got no sunflower.' The men were dismissed with the ad-

monition that they were expected to return on Saturday morning.

Mr. Cutten was asked by a spectator why he used the same method of inducing the hypnotic spell on both men and what were other methods. He replied: "These men are comparatively easy to work with now. It took forty minutes with the younger man the first time and briefer periods at each successive trial. "I try to study the patient's mental and physical makeup at first. Now. with you, for instance, I should try the bright bead methods." There is no end to the application of

the Rev. Mr. Cutten's theories if they are successful. Though confining his attention to inebriates and victims of the tobacco habit, the Rev. Mr. Cutten admits the possibilities of his treatment state." in athletics.

POSSIBLE USE ON ATHLETES.

"Supposing it was the night before a big college athletic event," he said. "The athletes are keyed up and perhaps overtrained. A hypnotic sleep would do what no power has been able to do for them heretofore. But I do not care for this feature of the work. I want to know if hypnotism is a cure for moral allments, evil temper, vicious beliefs. Then I can use it as an adjunct to my church work. I have everything to encourage me. Out of all my cases I have

lost but one, you might say. He was an epileptic. "All the slaves of liquor and tobacco I have tried have stopped. I cannot vet say they are cured. Ken, the acknowledged authority on the subject, has made some experiments. He says a | Christianity. When life sheds one body

years. I think two years sufficient. One of my patients, who smoked tobacco for twenty-two years, has not used the weed since I treated him on August 10. Before that he would pick up cigar butts in the street and smoke them. After I discourse to them in the hyp-

of tobacco or liquor on the next trial." Asked to analyze the power and how said:

"I cannot. It is by suggestion. When hypnotized I tell them not to smoke or drink. When the subject returns to the normal state the desire is gone. That is of his continued personal identity. He all I can tell you.

knows himself to be himself. The dead attack upon the tottering ruins of that "I have so far treated about twenty are therefore recognizable by one blood saturated law-structure of bymen, some for the tobacco, others for another and by the living, if ever comgone primitive ages. munication is established. This follows the alcohol habit. All have stopped their indulgences. It is too early yet to | inevitably from the continuation of persay that complete cures have been effect- | sonal identity. Death ushers us into no ed. Authorities say that it takes five foreign world. We will be at home in the hereafter as we are at home here. mand action. "One of my patients used tobacco for | The activities of our being on earth will twenty-two years. He was so much a be the activities of our being in heaven. victim of the habit that he would pick | Life's finest joys and highest ecstasies up old cigar stumps and smoke them. | would be stolen from us in a heaven He has not used tobacco since I first where there is no play for these powers. The occupations of earth must there-"The boy I took from the Calvary fore shadow and type the occupations Baptist Home has not smoked cigarets of heaven. In higher and nobler forms since March. His reformation seems to we must go on doing there what we are be complete. The other cases are much | doing here. If homes are necessary here homes are necessary there-the centers of family life without which bacco or liquor, and the sight or smell of | the truest bonds of man would be broken. The associations that group themselves naturally here must in higher and nobler forms group themselves in the hereafter. Death makes no break-in the continuity of character. It works no miracle. A man is the same here and hereafter. He is the same intellectually before and after death. The thoughtful, studious man upon earth will be the thoughtful, stup dious man in the heavens. He that is silly and superficial here will be silly damage to the nervous system may be and superficial as he starts again in given. But chloroform and ether may life there. The wise man before death will be wise after death. There are fools over there as here. The fingers that have been busy handling the croupler of our American Monte Carlo "I have been studying psychology at | (Wall street, Dr. Newton means), which faces Trinity Church, cannot turn at a moment's notice to play harps in the New Jerusalem. There must be rewards and punishments in the life beof Doctor of Psychology I chose the yond if it is a real life. A man carries subject. "The Psychology of Inebriates," his heaven with him through death into mer camps? the hereafter. A man-carries his own hell with him through death into the hereafter. Heaven and hell are not located in space, they are located in mind. Heaven and hell are not shut off from each other as we traditionally conceive of them. Heaven and hell can mingle upon earth. Men living in times, based on the savage instinct of heaven and in hell can jostle each other | revenge, and cannot claim a place in the along Fifth avenue and crowd one code of laws in any progressive country. another on Broadway. Hell then is no When a country is well-governed, pov- | finality in the worlds beyond our earthly | low surroundings, creatures of existing erty and mean conditions are things to hells any more than in the world here social conditions; and society owes them he ashamed of: when a country is ill- and now. We have not yet learned to a chance to improve. Imprisonment for governed, riches and honor are things to | deal with sin, but we are beginning to | life, with an opportunity for moral delearn." This is only a portion of Dr. Newton's | spark of a human soul, slumbering even article, and shows how we are progress- | in the most depraved. ing when such able thinkers come out | And last, not least, one reason from | and wars, in which millions of Wal- | But other experiences, and counter | have lived similar lives contradict each and take the stand they do. What (Continued on page 1) (Continued on page 2)

ment, no resurrection of the body. In And as for witnesses, who can look his opening paragraphs Dr. Newton into the heart of man? The perpetrator asked: "Say, mister, what's he talking | says that from the time of Jesus to our | of a crime will not hesitate to add perown day there has been little or no de- jury, if by so doing he can save his own velopment in man's faith concerning skin.

immortality. He credits Swedenborg with evolving the first really new conception of immortality, and the Spiritualists with keeping it alive. He describes the orthodox conception of immortality, and declares the language of this traditional conception still drawls in our hymns, still drones from our pulpits, still whines in our prayers. In presenting his convictions on the unseen

world, he says immortal life must be trine of evolution. He continues: "The his time? Who has a right to spill anlife that is beyond is one and the same life that is here. There are not two lives, a present and a future, there are not two worlds, seen and unseen, there are not two states, a here and a here-

after-there is one life, one world, one box." "Alas that we conservative churchmen, holding our venerable prayer-book in our hands, in the last sacred offices of the dead, should ever fancy ourselves obligated to repeat language that is archaic, obsolete and untrue, words ringing false upon our consciousness, offending our judgment and belying our faith. Death is no real break in life. the story of being. It is a steppingstone from one stage of existence to Death is not a divorce between the soul and the body, needing to be annulled by the soul's reunion with the body. The belief in the resurrection of the physical body as a necessity for the clothing of the spirit is a pagan superstition that has lingered too long in cure cannot be effected in less than five it is but to grow another. The body always grows around the life. Each cell is an embodiment of mind, and is grown by that mind. The intelligence that grew it can grow it again in a higher form. Death then is the true resurrection. No other resurrection is conceivable. The body that we dwell notic sleep they are sickened by the use | in on the earth decomposes, and its materials pass into other structures innumerable. The archangel's trumpet. it operated to cure, the Rev. Mr. Cutten | at the sound of which we are all to be changed in a moment, that is the splendid imagery of the apostle. He who dies awakens into consciousness-the same being as of old. He is conscious

Suppose that "monster" Durrant was indeed the indocent man he claimed to be, even at the moment when the hangman's noose already touched his neck!

What a horrible supposition! Some cold-blooded egotist-styling himself philosopher-might say in the vein of Socrates: "Would you rather die guilty than innocent?" "No," I answer, "a thousand times no!" But why should anybody be deconceived in accordance with the doc- liberately sent out of this world before

other man's blood, even though be be a criminal? Can murder be atoned for by committing another murder? "Ah," you say, "this is done in the name of justice and in the name of

God, whose representatives are sitting on the judge's bench and in the juror's

Alas for crude and savage humanity! A man may seem excused for walling in self-defense, for he may indeed have a right to fight for his own life; but executing a murderer does not bring to life his victim; it is "legal munder" nure and simple, based on the savage instinct of revenge. It is a remnint of barbaric It is a conjunction, not a disjunction, in | times, stored up in the Old Testament. among a heap of similar remnants. On what else, for instance, can we another. It is a birth into the hereafter. | base that wild craze for lynching, that bloody stain on our much boasted of civilization, if not on man's instinct of revenge, on his lust of seing blood, firing his passions to such a degree, that he wrenches the criminal (and often perhaps the wrong one) from the hands of justice that would at least-grant him a trial. So-called justice is foo slow and lenient for savage, revengeful man; he is in a frenzy to dip his brutish hands in the blood of some miscrable victim. Ah! Do we march at the head of the world's civilization? Numerous other practices of wholesale violence might be mentioned as belonging unto the same category of eruption of man's brutish nature; but it would carry us too far. We cannot fight all the foes of civilization at once, but must attack one at a time, and the best to approach first will be the one that is shaky already. Capital punishment has already been abolished in different countries, and also in some of our own states; and Spiritualism should be eager for the honor to inaugurate a general vigorous

there will be no general day of judg- apparently impossible seem possible. portunity to extend their ambitious views. The clerical form of church gov- my definition of mediumship includes ernment still wanted an imperial Lord all that she claims for psychic, for evover all, instead of Jesus Christ; and by ery medium is a psyche, with some medium bowed with all the infirmities promoting divisions, by encouraging functions available, which are not yet of age. I inquired if that were her conunwearied struggles with the bishops of Constantinople, the Romish bishops had long and earnestly contended for the

> supremacy. "About A. D. 606 or 608, Phocas, an absolute monster of trenchery, cruelty, and everything horrid, had, by the inhuman murder of his worthy master Mauritius and family, become the emperor of the East. It seems the bishop of Constantinople disdained the friendship of this infernal wretch. But (Pope) Boniface III, of Rome, by his fulsome flatteries obtained his imperial appointcousness. ment to be the Universal Bishop of the

Christian Church. Deputies were immediately despatched throughout the Western churches to introduce the new Gregorian superstition, and to procure a formal submission to the Roman pope. The missionaries being extremely ignorant [just as they are to-day] of everything, or at least incapable of officiating in the language of the places to which they were sent, it is said Pope Vitalian, about A. D. 666, appointed their public worship to be everywhere performed in the now long disused Lutin tongue. This at once concealed the ignorance of his missionaries, and became a standing badge of the church's subjection to Rome." [Just as it is in the 19th century.]

"Just five prophetic months, or 150 years, after the pope had obtained his spiritual supremacy, and 666 years after John had received his revelations in Patmos, Pope Stephen III., assisted by | means, "of or pertaining to the human | who being an "old-fashioned" Scotch-Pepin, King of France, who by the help of a former pope had treacherously usurped his master's throne, rendered himself a Civil Lord of the states of Rome, Ravenna, and Pentapolis; in consequence of which his cardinals, or privy counsellors, dressed themselves in purple and scarlet. [Just as they do to-day.] Several of the succeeding popes claimed an absolute power to dispose of, not only the Christian kingdoms and empires, but even of what belonged to heathens, everywhere in the world. [Just as they are doing in and mediumship is, and ever must be, such a character. But in all my inves-China, even while I am acting the role | an indispensable factor in its evolution. | tigations although the intelligence vaof a "scribble."] By deceiving or ter- | But there are many pitfalls for unwary rifying princes with their excommunications and interdicts, by decoying or probabilities are that if 99 per cent of forcing them to the holy war in Canaan, all-lunatics are obsessed, it is because and by raising up traitors against them, | they were not disciplined in the lessons they caused them to submit to their of mediumship, as reputable mediums

slavery. empire, all submitted to the idolatry. Rome. [What else could they do, we a class, they are much less liable to in- ter of it. ask?]

sense in which the majority use it. But appeals to themselves from the eastern developed in the masses. It is not a dition in the spirit world. The answer and other bishops, by pretended deeds new idea that mediums may gain much | was: "I don't know, but I think she is of councils in their own favor, and by by self-culture, and the assertion of in- only taking on the conditions temdividuality, when it does not antagonize porarily of her late physical life." I spiritual help. In fact, self-dependence, and the guidance of reason and moral | the real status of that dear spirit in the sense, rather than abject submission to decarnate world. She could not, T the dictates and control of any foreign | could not but reflect that if this were agent, has been the pivotal idea in her real spiritual condition modern Modern Spiritualism from the first. It | Spiritualism forces upon me the most the platform, in the circle room, in our literature for over fifty years, but many are slow to heed the lesson. The old

has been taught and emphasized from lamentable intelligence possible. We are all in spite of every discouragement urged by irrepressible desire, by the "god within" to seek the fountain of 'rot" of superstition clings to human immortal youth and if there be no renature long after the new gospel has bejuvenating forces at work, be it ever so come the professed standard of rightslowly, that shall restore to her the vivacity, the energy, the capacity of ac-

istence

In my early investigations a spirit de-

scribed as my grandmother came to a

asked the medium if she could find out

Mrs. Lincoln claimed that 99 per cent tive enjoyment equivalent to a renewal of the lunatics in the asylums are sim- of youth, better a thousand times to ply victims of obsession! But she negsink into dreamless oblivion. After I lected to impress her audience, made up | had become somewhat mediumistic myof a heterogeneous mixture of Spirit- self a spirit materialized in a public seualists, church people, skeptics, and un- | ance and both by the appearance and cultured creedists of all sorts, who by private corroborating testimony the have little idea of Spiritualism and its spirit was very probably that of teachings, that these lunatics are not, "Granny." But here also were the same and never were Spiritualists, nor ever disabilities to prohibit much intelligence knew anything of mediumship. But or the greatest satisfaction. I now she did impress them with the notion | censed to wonder at the "shell" of thethat mediums are special objects of ob- osophy, although then as now I regard session, and that four-fifths of all me- the shell theory as a very misleading diums are in imminent peril, because interpretation of such phenomena. But they are mediums, and therefore open here was a spirit in what is described to obsessing lunatics and excarnate as the intermediate state or just near scalawags. To escape this horror, she the boundary line between that and the would have the world outgrow medium- physical. It is worthy of consideration ship and substitute the "psychic." But | that while many relatives (presumably) what is a "psychic?" According to the materialized with other mediums, she latest lexicons, it is an adjective, and never appeared but through this one,

soul, spirit, or mind; psychological." Irishman would be naturally congenial Prof. Wm. Crookes in 1871 gave the to her nature. At another place where name of "psychic force" to "what he be- I was a stranger a female form gasned lieved to be a certain hitherto unrecog- my first name. I took her trembling nized force, which produced the phe- hand for a moment. She said, "God nomena of Spiritualism." From this, bless you." I asked if she could identify probably a medium was called a psyherself. She seemed dazed by the conchic. If the word is to be used as a ditions and only said. "I'm so connoun, and does not signify mediumship, fused." I am thoroughly satisfied of what different is a "psychic" from any her identity and that she appeared deand all other persons? Are we not all lightfully strong through another mesouls? To cultivate the soul is one of dium and another circle where the magthe important missions of Spiritualism; netic atmosphere was better suited to feet, whether mediums or not, and the

ried with the magnetic conditions and sensitiveness of the medium, there has ever been what may excuse the shell theory and call for the assumption of an intermediate or purgatorial state.

With a considerable knowledge of are! In fact, well conditioned medi- Spiritualism as it is filtered through va-"The ten kingdoms which had been | umship is a cure for insanity, as it is for | rious mediums and private experiences formed out of the ruins of the Western | many other evils that afflict humanity. | that I am sure are uncommon, as the I do not deny obsession, nor claim that | saying is "What I don't know would superstition and clerical tyranny of all mediums are exempt, but I think, as make a big book." Let me write a chap-Spirits as they manifest in various ways tell sometimes of living over and over again for an indefinite time the old earth life, and some think this experience a necessary atonement for the errors they committed in the flesh. A materialized spirit claiming to be Mary session. I have heard of a goodly num- Stuart, told me of a long experience of this kind and being so attracted to the scenes of her earth life, but was happy crees of popes or their councils; in the evil is yet an open question. It may in being released from that state and founding the authority of his oracles on | furnish conditions for it; but the cause | finding something better to exercise her mind. We may as well call this purgatory as not. No spirit in free possession of his or her powers is going to be thus Mrs. Lincoln claimed to know, by chained to the past. They shall when some psychic processes, superior to me- | fully awake or "resurrected" do as we diumship(?) that there are yet seven | do here, use the objective realities of years of probation, during which medi- their sphere to break the chain of unums may quietly pursue their calling, pleasant memories and choose what and-if they will-improve themselves, memory shall dwell upon. They are his law; and by pardoning men's sin, or and become "psychics," occupying a bound by no law of karma or retribuindulging them in it, and cancelling the table-land of spiritual exaltation that tion, but by an undeveloped state of the will be a protection against all the evils, spiritual body to live in the past, and one of two great reasons why spirits so urge us to develop here is that we may shorten our stay or avoid altogether this intermedite state where the will is nullified because the undeveloped spiritlike locusts, till, by their delusions and | tures, and soul-harrowing conflicts with | ual senses cannot appreciate the oboppressive exactions, they everywhere obsessing demons, and insane maraud- jective features of a refined etherealized universe of vibrating matter. At death the undeveloped spirit becomes unconscious, relapses into coma. permanent, or only temporal. I did not | From this they pass into the intermelearn; or whether it is to annihilate me- | diate state of somnambulism or what is diumship, and establish a reign of often described now as the subjective "psychics," or raise Theosophy to the state. Here they remain for a time his abominations. In the Benedictine | throne of spiritual aristocracy, and sub- | varying, in length according to the unstitute its metaphysical guesses for the developed condition of the spiritual organism, but it is not a permanent state. only comparing with that of the liber-1,000 archbishops, 4,000 bishops, 15,700 | tality. I cannot say. But I can say that | ated or resurrected spirit as a picture abbots, who had been authors, and I have confidence in the sincerity of the may represent a reality. Gradually 156, 000 deified saints. While the pope | speaker who made these hair-raising | they emerge from that dream state into and his clergy wallowed in every fleshly | predictions. She unquestionably be- | a clear consciousness and here is the abomination and everywhere spread the lieves what she teaches. /She thinks second great reason why they want us to develop-they develop with us and we aid them while they assist us. Now permanent happiness depends upon the recognition of principles eternal and unchangeable, but spirits from they pleased. By inhumanly excluding | Psychics are often deceived by their the intermediate state confuse us with from trade, or even from their habita- own experiences. Even our senses often | contradictions regarding the necessary tions, such as dissented from them; and | fool us. I have had experiences that | thing. In this subjective state the earth by murderous inquisitions, massacres, seemed to point to but one conclusion. life is reflected and two spirits who the standpoint of Spirkunlism. Each denses and Protestants were slain; they facts, with my reason compelled me to other. One does not suffer from the

more drinking, no more using of tobacco.

"Do you hear that (calling each man by name), and do you realize what it means? Stop! Stop it! You're not the men I take you for, you're not men at all-unless you cut off the terribly destructive habit.

"Now, if you stop using it, the fumes of whisky and beer will make you ill. the smell of tobacco will cause you nausea.

"You are through with whisky and rum for good! They'll make you sick. sure," said the athlete preacher, with emphasis, repeating and repeating it. Addressing the older man, Mr. Cut-

ten asked. "How did you get along yesterday? Did von take strong drink?"

"No. sir; not once." "Did you see me?" "Once; on the street only." "Did you have any invitation to

drink?" "An old tool-maker who used to work

with me asked me in." "Did you drink anything at all yes-

terday?" "Yes: I went to the pump on the green

several times for water." The responses were given in nearly inaudible whispers. One needed to be

close to the platform to understand. The other patient went through a course of questioning also. He said he had no strong craving for liquor to-day,

and that tobacco nauseated him. A photographer touched off a flashlight during the conversation between Mr. Cutten and the sleeping men. The flash aroused the younger man, as Mr. Cutten had said it would, but he was promptly put to sleep again.

CALLS FLASHLIGHT LIGHTNING.

As neither of the men had seen the photographic apparatus, nor had known that a photographer was to be present, the experimenter was asked to question. the man on what awakened him, to determine the genuineness of the surprise. "A flash of lightning," was the reply.

To make sure that the men would not wake up while Mr. Cutten convinced the victim of neuralgia, who had come from Bridgeport, that he could not treat him, Mr. Cutten stroked both men's eves again, telling them to "sleep soundly." The spectators in the room were cautioned to keep quiet.

In order to demonstrate how powerfully the men were under the hypnotic spell, upon his return to the room, Mr. Ontten bade them in succession to ma'->

years to establish a cure.

hypnotized him, on August 10.

the same. The treatment acts similarly upon all. They do not care for the to-

either makes them sick. USE BY PHYSICIANS.

"Physicians understand that the ap-

plication of the placebo in medicine is really a form of hypnotism. Hypnotism is really therapeutic suggestion: the inducing of a state of hypersensibility. "One grave danger of hypnotism in the hands of a quack or evil-doer is that bad impressions, frightful, hideous, and tormenting ideas, and shocks that do

also be abused.". Asked to tell how he came to take up the investigations, and particularly to phoose inchriates as subjects, he said: Yale for four years, under Professors George T. Ladd, E. Hershey Sneath. George M. Duncan, and Edward W. Scripture. For my thesis for the degree

having become deeply interested in men whom I met in my pastoral work. Previously to this I had but infre-

quently used hypnotism. The first time was to try a classmate who was ill with a peculiar malady.' I cannot state further what that was. Never have I made use of hypnotism for any purpose save to benefit some one physically or as a matter of scientific research."

he ashamed of .-- Confucius.

The morning of life is like the dawn of the day, full of purity, of imagery and harmony.-- Chateaubrland.

His eyes have all the seeming of a demon that is dreaming .- Poe.

More than one eloquent plea in this direction has graced the columns of The Progressive Thinker; but why confine ourselves to words? Such questions de-

Some months ago, in the city of Syracuse, N. Y., one lady tried to interest several influential members of society to bring into circulation appetition for the abolition of capital punishment in the state of New York: but she soon found out that "society" had few-sympathizers in that direction; and therefore contemplated dropping the matter, when the spirit voice of a well-known champion of human rights and progress urged her to appeal to- Spiritualists. Just then there happened to be at Syracuse the convention of the New York State Spiritualists. She hurrledly wrote an appeal to that convention, asking every member to start each a petition against capital punishment in their respective towns or cities.' This paper she timidly presented to the officers of said convention, urging them to have it read; but they passed it overtin silence.

And will the timid woman' be silent also? Not as long as she can wield the pen and have her appeals printed by leading papers. She hopes cheerfully, that some prominent Spiritualists will summon energy enough to start a successful petition, be it only in one single state; every step counts in the march of progress. Spiritualist societies may form the nucleus of theimovement, but if directed by the right persons, signatures would surely be gathered all over the country, as the movement is dis-

tinctly a humanitarian affair. Why not begin at the different sum

Allow me to wind up with a summary of unrefutable reasons why capital punishment ought to be abolished:

The law of capital - nunishment has never and nowhere prevented murder. It is a remnant of primitive barbaric Criminals are mostly icreatures of

velopment, may yet fan to life the weak

to command the angels, whether good or bad, to do what they pleased: nav. they claimed an authority over Jehovah | fessionals occupying public positions, himself; in empowering their priests to and I have have never seen a single create or divide the glorified body of his Son at their pleasure; in adding to his standard of faith and practice apocry- ber, and I credit the testimony, but phal tracts, human traditions, and dethe will of their church, and contrary to | (?)-well let facts and reason decide. his express command, debarring all but

their clergy from the free perusal of them; in altering, reversing, or confirming his laws as they pleased; in making multitudes of persons and things his partners in worship, and in protection of the world; in appointing multitudes of holidays, in opposition to obligations of oaths, etc.

"Most dreadful were the scenes of wickedness against God and man which | horrors that beset the lives of mediums. prevailed in the whole Anti-Christian body, but especially among their clergy. These, regular and secular, multiplied | are to suffer the most excruciating tordestroyed the souls of the people, en- | ers from the lower world of spiritual slaved their bodies, and ruined their | darkness and disorder. estates. Under the different denominations of Augustinians, Benedictines. Franciscans, Dominicans, Carmelites, Jesuits, etc., huge armies of monks zealously supported the Romish bishop and order alone, before the Reformation, it is said there had been above 15,000 demonstrations that have done so much monasteries, 24 popes, 200 cardinals, to establish a scientific basis for immormost pernicious errors, gross idolatry, she knows that these things are true. and superstition; by pretences to un. She says she knows that she has lived common sanctity, and by magical won- in a former embodiment, and that reinders and pretended visions, they made | carnation is a fact in nature. I feel their ignorant votaries believe what equally sure that she does not know.

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sanity, and evil obsessions, than others The haughty pontiffs even pretended are, all other things being equal. I have known many hundreds of mediums in private life, besides many procase of well-defined, unmistakable obthat mediumship was the real cause of

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obsessions, insanity, and lower world But after 1907 mediums are to pass through (or into) a fiery furnace. They Whether this is to be perpetual and

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In answer to the first clause of the above question, submit the following concrete statement as a comprehen-sive definition of Modern Spiritualism, viz: SPIRITUALISM IS THE SCIENCE AND PHILOS-OPHY OF LIFE,

With rare, if any exceptions, all intelligent Spiritualista will endorse this proposition. But it is one thing to submit positions and another to demonstrate their correctness. In making this proof, I will pursue the scientific method.

At the outset, Spiritualism meets us with phenomena -with facts, which constitute the bed-rock of science, and that is the basis of all true philosophy.

The spiritistic phenomena are sometimes classified as physical and mental. This is not strictly correct, as both mental and physical elements are embodied in all forms of the manifestations. The primary physical phenomena were the concussive sounds, termed rappings, the movements of tables, chairs, stoves, elevating things and per sons in the air, and many other uses of physical substances. And all these happenings are produced entirely independent of any muscular or mechanical energy. No mallet or hammer makes the raps, and no muscular force lifts the tables or moves other objects. It is in invisible force. The same is true when slates are written on, or pictures painted. And when we advance a step farther, where flowers, hands, and even some sort of a body is created temporarily, we are brought in contact with a force using a higher form of chemical combination than we have heretofore known. And in the various aspects of the so-called mental, embracing psychometry, clairvoy-ance and telepathy, we have all the weird and wonderful revelations of the trance state.

THE ONE GRAND FACT.

In carefully examining all these strange and varying phenomena, we perceive in the foreground of the numerous forms of manifestation, one ever-present fact-A Medium! Without the medium, none of these manifestations ever do, or can occur. Hence, the first thing which science must accomplish is an analysis of mediumship. Not a step can be taken toward a comprehension of Spiritualism only through the door of mediumship. It is the to do with it. The vaso-motor, a branch of the organic sphynx to be interpreted. Are we equal to the task? I nerves, keeps all those vital organs in motion. think we are, so far as the main features of the case are in- heart is the most powerful muscle in the body, but all the volved. Witnessing the physical phenomena, we are at tion is due to a form of force which we have not heretofore comprehended. Careful observation discloses the by this nerve, keeps up the blood circulation. additional fact that this force or energy issues from the organism of the medium. We have found its source, and the next step is to ascertain its character. A glance at its the saliva is mixed with the food. Then the gastric, bile workings shows it to be one of the imponderable forces; but it is neither electricity nor magnetism though somewhat analogous to both these agents. It may be a distinctly different agent, or it may be only another instance of the transformation of energy. After protracted experiment scientists have made the following discoveries: 1. The human muscles, in violent use, develop a very slight electrical current.

2. The nervous organization evolves an agentanalogous to electricity. It has polarity-attracts and repels.

3. That under certain conditions physical substances are moved by it with great force.

4. This agent is evolved not only by the nervous system but by magnets, crystals, the sun, stars and chemical action.

5. It radiates from the human system something as rays of light from a luminous body, and has been photomolecular entity and may properly be termed a force-substance.

to and from me. When the pendulum motion is well established, I mentally command the watch to take up a transverse swing. At first, the watch seems confused, but presently commences the transverse motion. Then, I or-der it to swing in a circle and it obeys. I am master, to a certain extent, of the automatic energies of my organism. We discover here a force producing motion of physical substances without muscular or mechanical agencies.

History furnishes many instances of this form of motion, but they have always been regarded as manifestations of supernatural power; or the sleight-of-hand performances of the conjurer. We have found them to be neither. The producing energy inheres in the human organism. scientists we are interested in the mode of its evolution in the human system. As one form of its evolution is chemical action, we are led to the conclusion that vital chemistry is the evolving agent. Hence, physiology becomes a most important branch of science in this investigation. As this energy is, in man, a strictly nervous one, the perquiescence, our attention must be directed especially to nerves pertaining to the special senses, and the sensor and mental functions of the subject. motor functions of muscular action have nothing to do Pure mesmerism is always aut with our search so far as their action is concerned, for our phenomena is dependent upon their partial or total non-action. These nerves get tired and are compelled to rest, requiring from six to eight hours each day.

But there is another immense system of nerves, usually called the great sympathetic system, but I prefer the term organic, because its functions pertain specially to the organic life of the human system both physical and mental. These nerves never rest-never cease their action till artery an organic nerve is its inseparable attendant.

The efferent nerves of the other system are termed of the will. But the nerves of organic life produce continuous motion. The heart, liver, stomach, lungs, kidneys, etc., never rest. Cessation of their motion is death. The intellect and will have nothing to do directly with those motions. But the organic nerves have everything The willing and thinking in the universe could not produce a beating. The action of the heart and arteries, controlled

There are two main forms of chemical action in the human system. The first commences in the mouth when and pancreatic secretions complete the process of digestion, and the finer portions are absorbed and emptied into when the dark venous blood yields up a portion of its carbon, producing carbon dioxide, which is expelled by respiration, and absorbing oxygen (and perhaps something else from the atmosphere, inducing a chemical change, body. But when it has reached the extremities another change has occurred. It has lost something. It has

stance and energy itself. And the energy evolved by this work of the outer ones. It is found that the thought of process is the acting power by which all the mysterious the operator is read by the entranced just as readily as functions of our physical life are carried on. And that the spoken word. But the exercise of the inner senses in AND WHAT ARE THE DUTIES IT IMPOSES? same energy, which causes the heart to beat, the blood to the trance usually so develops them that eventually the sleep is not necessary for their use. A. J. Davis, in givtheir various functions, is what produces raps, tilts the ing "Nature's Divine Revelations," was mesmerized by tables and performs all the other motions which make up Dr. Lyon, but the Great Harmonia and other books were the physical manifestations. It may be objected that all the action in the human organism is purely automatic, while in the spirit phenomena it is demonstrably con-are awake without the outer ones being entirely asleep. trolled by volition. This is conceded, but I have shown, in my experiments, that it is controllable by will. The falling into a trance with their eyes open. And the numcontention between the Spiritist and the non-Spiritist is ber is constantly increasing.

simply this: Is the directing mind, which controls the motions in or out of a physical body? The determination of tions: this point, settles, he question. But it is not necessary to 1. 7 my argument to settle it now.

MENTAL MEDIUMSHIP.

Passing from the physical to the mental manifestations. the question is, are they connected with this nerve sub-stance as palpably as in the material phases? The answer is emphatically in the affirmative, and the proof is, if possible, more demonstrative than in the materialistic phase. Its use, or mental control, we are not now discussing. As | It is conceded without dispute that the mediumistic trance and the mesmeric are identical, so far as the physiological condition is concerned. Hypnotism is the term to that of night or sleep condition evolves an interior now commonly used instead of mesmerism, and some form of sensation by which knowledge can be gained inthink there is a wide difference between them. The dif- dependent of the common method. ference is this; the mesmeric trance is sleep plus rapport or sympathy with the mesmerizer; the mediumistic trance fection of its action being just in proportion to muscular is sleep plus rapport or sympathy with a decarnate spirit; while the hypnotic trance is the mesmeric condition plus the nerves systems of man. The vast ramification of the will power of the operator to control the physical and ing an atomic or molecular constitution. nerves pertaining to the special senses, and the sensor and mental functions of the subject.

is exercised there is hypnotism, and real or attempted con- to be sure necessitates the assumption of the great fact trol of one by another. It is subjugation. Both are le and law of vibration. But this is so generally admitted gitimate and right when knowledge and moral upright- and understood that I need not repeat the demonstration ness are possessed by the operator, and both are wrong here, but simply present the respective positions of the when used by the bad and ignorant.

But what is sleep? What causes it? I answer, changed nerve circulation. During the day, the special controls the motion of this imponderable energy which is senses and their organs absorb and use, in connection with liberated in the organism of the medium? A simple ilmental and muscular action, the larger share of the nerve lustration will place the matter in the clearest possible death terminates physical life. They are distributed to energy. During this period of wakefulness and mental light. The medium is a telegraphic Machine. Who every minute portion of the body. Wherever there is an and physical effort, there is a constant waste of energy, fingers the keys at the other end of the line? That is and wearing out of the living tissue of the body. Hence the question to be settled. We can't see the operator of when night comes on the outer senses, muscles and menmotor, as they induce motion of the muscles at command tal brain are tired. They gradually cease to attract the one at New York or Boston. We are compelled to reach nerve energy which retires into the organic nerves and the our conclusion from the nature of the message and the person is asleep. Repairing the wastes of the day is now the natural work of the automatic force of the nerves.

In all conditions of sleep, the nerve energy is mostly transferred to the ganglionic plexi; and the nerves of special sense and of sensation and motion are in a state of prove that a message does or does not come from the partial insensibility. In the most profound mesmeric spirit world through the trance. But if, in the case of sleep they are entirely so. Teeth can be extracted, limbs amputated with no sensation of pain. Dreaming is one of York, which we know, or ascertain to be correct, and of once struck with the self-evident fact that their produc- single pulsation. But the vaso-motor keeps up its tireless the conditions of sleep. And, in many instances, there is which we know the telegraphic operator here to be ena peculiar kind of dreaming. Some persons dream of tirely ignorant; or if things, of which all present are igwhat has happened, or is about to happen of which they norant, but which are verified afterward, are communihave no knowledge whatever. They see the persons involved in the events and their relation thereto. These dreamers are the prophets of their neighborhoods.

But there is mother sleep condition more wonderful than that of prophetic dreaming. It is where the person the blood. The next process is completed in the lungs apparently is both asleep and awake at the same time. ceive communications, of which, at the time of giving, no We term it somnambulism. Persons perform the most wonderful feats, when in this state, with no subsequent ing persons had any knowledge. For instance, here is a memory whatever. The most intricate and delicate work message signed by a person who died before the medium is done in gomplete darkness, and the most dangerous which makes the blood a bright, cherry red color, which is places are traversed in perfect safety. There is sight but not be found in some public records over fifty years old. A sent bounding through the arteries to every part of the that of the eyes! This phase of sleep approximates very search among old documents, which had not been disnearly that of the trance. But this sleep, as well as the clairvoyant and prophetic dream sleep, has never been ex- that message and signed the name thereto, if not the one been robbed in two ways. It has left material for repair-ing the waste in the tissues, and it has had abstracted the dreams of the entranced medium explicable by those through the rappings? Who controlled and directed the substance which constitutes the nerve energy. This methods. Science must furnish a new method, the result nerve energy of the medium, if not the man-the spirit energy is as real a circulation through the nerves as is that of new discoveries. The old philosophy taught us truly who possessed all the facts? Who manipulated the keys? of the blood through the arteries and veins. The nerve that there can be no perception, no knowledge without a The non-Spiritist, so far has been unable to answer the energy of heart and arteries is from the vaso motor nerves prior sensation. But in the trance sleep the five senses question. The argument is in favor of the Spiritist's congraphed in several instances. Hence it is an atomic or and they abstract that energy from the arterial blood, and are completely dormant, and yet the sleeper perceives, tention. He admits that there are many psychometric carry it back to the solar plexus, and other centres of the acquires and communicates knowledge, of which there and telepathic manifestations which may or may not have organic nerves. They are the storehouses of the energy. was total ignorance prior to the trance. Nothing can be personal spirit action behind them, but there are so many 6. Although primarily automatic in its motions, as They supply the entire nerve systems of the body. The more perfectly demonstrated than that the trance sleeper clear-cut manifestations like the one here given that no much so as electricity or magnetism, its motions can be chemical action of the digestive, and the circulatory sys- does not use the five physical senses. What then? Sim- room is left for reasonable doubt in the case.

YOUR Our analyses have developed the following proposi-

1. There is an energy evolved in the human organism capable, under certain conditions, of producing motion in plysical substance. 2. This motion can be controlled by thought or will.

3. It also controls the functions and organs of organic life.

4. The mediumistic and mesmeric trance is the result of the secession of this nerve energy from the motor and sensor nerves, and its accumulation in the plexi and ganglions of the great sympathetic system.

5. That this reversal of the day system of nerve action

6. The thoughts and feelings of one person can be recognized by another without any outer sign. 7. The nerve system radiates an atmosphere of nerve

aura, which is sensitive and has been photographed show

Pure mesmerism is always automatic. Wherever will for psychometry, clairvoyance and telepathy. The latter, Spiritist and non-Spiritist in the light of the foregoing

exposition. In the vast mass of phenomena, who or what the medium battery any more than we can the telegraphic conditions of its delivery so far as we can understand them. Our total ignorance of the power and possible uses of electricity would be no evidence pro or con. Nor does ignorance of the potencies and laws of the trance the telegraph, persons and things are described in New cated, we are compelled to admit that there is a way of communicating with distant places very different from the old-fashioned mail coach.

The Spiritist submits his case thusly: In mediumsship, we have a telegraphic apparatus, through which we reone had the slightest knowledge. In some cases no livwas born. It states that the proof of its statements can turbed for years, brings the proof to light. Who sent

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covery nearly fifty years ago. I suspend, with a thread, a lution as well as for all the mental and muscular work of are in the germ state with most of us, but are partially at gold watch from the end of my index finger. I hold it man.

controlled by thought or will power. I made this dis- tems evolves it, and it supplies the power for its own evo- ply this: We have more than five senses. Part of them least developed in the trance and other conditions of sleep,

gold watch from the end of my index finger. I hold it man. over the head of a woman. I am physically and mentally quiet. Any disturbance or excitement is fatal to the ex-periment. In a few moments, the watch begins to swing the most occult of all the processes of life. It is life sub-

COMING OUR WAY.

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seems strange to me is, Why don't such men as Dr. Newton and Dr. Hillis, of Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, step down and out from their evangelical pulpits and form liberal churches of their own. There would not be one single doubt but they would have enormous follow ing. There is one class of gentlemen that I am sorry for at the present day, and they are the orthodox clergymen in our little towns and even cities through the country that really in their own soul and heart believe just as Dr. Savage and Dr. Newton, but they do not dare express their views because the bread and butter of their wives and children stand in the way. They have my pity. Spiritualists ought to feel very glad to see how things are coming our way very fast. New York. J. OSBORNE LUNT.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. (Continued from page 1.)

criminal we hurl into eternity is free to come back to earth and impress his un-mitigated brutish desires upon morally weak, defenseless mortal minds. What a harvest of crime may follow in the wake of just one execution! We speak of "epidemics of crime;" how do we ac count for them? . Where are the bacilli? En avant, Spiritualists! Let us be foremost in the battle! Let us demonstrate to the world our advanced principles not in speech alone, but in deed. HENRIETTA STRAUB.

Zealand, N. Y.

ROMANISM. (Continued from page 1.)

terrified others into a blind submission. Dan.' 7, 8, 20-25; and 11, 36-39; 2 Thes-2, 3-12; 1 Tim. 4, 1-3; 2 Tim. 8, 1-7, 13; and 4, 3, 4; Rev. 9, 1-11; 11, 2; 13, 17,

1-14, 17, 18; and 18, 12, 13." The clergyman who drew up this indictment against the church, doubtless knew what he was writing about, and the scriptural references are intended, I suppose, to substantiate his assertions. Little wonder that Martin Luther startled the world with the Reformation. Is there not room for another step forward at the beginning of the 20th century now so near at hand? May it not usher in a new spiritual era; and is not the great American continent, it was very wicked. In the subjective with its expanded territorial acquisitions, fit soil in which to nurture the he either develops out of that hades or tree of Civil and Religious Liberty "for the bealing of the nations."

While the allied armies of Christian soldiery were battering down the walls of the sacred city of Peking, methinks Tage:

founts of blood, to gush in foaming torrents on our heads! Look on yon towers! What can men do who groan beneath the lash of tyranny, and feel the strength of madness?

'Have we not swords? 'Are there not myriads of high-hearted Mongolians who only need a leader to be free? 'Even now we stand within the shadow

of the Inquisition and tremble for the future of our race!"

Is not history repeating itself in China, in South Africa, and in the Philippines to-day? Yes. "Like children in the dark we dare not face the shades that gather round

us in the future." In conclusion: If the Christian world, so-called, can gather any satisfaction from the situation, as it appears to-day, after all their "Christian Endeavors" in the last 1900 years, I do not envy them. Let them enjoy it to their heart's content. I cannot, however, submit with-out protesting against such gross in-justice on the part of the "Christian world." C. H. MATHEWS.

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

MEDIUM VS. PSYCHIC. (Continued from page 1.)

discount the first conclusion. I have never yet heard or read a single evidence of reincarnation, that seemed to me adequate to justify a conclusion. I

know of no reason for thinking the may yet find evidence to reverse my present belief. When I do-If I do-I shall accept the truth, whether agreeable to my predilections or not. But I hope this fearful prophecy of mediums will not fulfill. LYMAN C. HOWE.

CONSCIOUSNESS.

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"worm" of scripture, because never taught that such a course was evil or offensive to God. In a thousand matters their conditions differ. but we will consider the simple act of dancing. Both have been dancers. One never thought it wrong and in the subjective state derives pleasure from the memory state he suffers the "pangs of hell" until

sinks again into coma. Bising out of that subjective state, that is developing an intelligent consciousness of the objective spirit world. they learn that in all the universe the I hear the venerable Li Hung Chang defying the iconoclasts in smothered int and the way to avoid suffering in rage: "The Spiritualism of Nature." By Prof. W. M. Lockwood. Price 15 cents. That state, if you must go into it, is to For sale at this office.

"Look on yon gloomy towers! | cease here polluting with an evil imag-"Resistance now will but ope new | ination the natural expression of human cease here polluting with an evil imagnature. You will surely find that it is "evil to him who evil thinks." The fall of man is from the sweet and pure innocence of childhood to the perverted religious condition of Imagining 'every-

thing natural to be iniquitous. But "we shall not all sleep." There are some developed sufficiently to pass immediately at death to the celestial that intercourse with those from the celestial world is a very different thing from those in the subjective or interme-

diary world. A world-famous seer tells of witnessing at a deathbed the bright and joyous spiritual body of a young girl emerge from the withered and decrepit physical form of an aged woman. I can easily believe this possible in a particular case. Even these coarse and unwieldly physical bodies respond to the will in some degree under very unfavorable conditions, and reflect the cherished ideal of healthy manhood and womanhood. Much more will the plastic spir-itual body or instrument respond. As two twigs bent and released will spring back to the original form with varying promptness so will two spiritual bodies emancipated from physical restraints

respond with varying alacrity to the common ideal of fresh and vigorous youth according as it has been cher-ished in this life. Continual intercourse with subjected spirits tends to establish an idea of the unreality of the things of the spirit

world and make of it little else than a boundless lunatic asylum where each hugs delusions and yet knows the dedogma of reincarnation true. But I lusions of every other to be what they know very little of all that is, and I are. You ask an authority are their houses real-are the animals, the trees. the flowers, the music real? He tells you no, they seem to be the spirit real but are only mental pictures that they create with intense desire and so imagine to have subbstantiality. This would be pure lunacy. On this road we return to the conception of spirits as intelligent nothings floating in a vacuum, talking without mouths, walking with-out feet, playing on golden harps with-

out gold or any other substance out of which to construct a harp or fingers to manipulate them; thinking without brains, hearing without ears, etc., until all the spiritual realms dissolve "and like the baseless fabric of a vision like the baseless fabric of a vision If so. I'll have to forfeit Faith's reward.

leave not a rack behind." J. T. MACDONALD. Vancouver, B. C.

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Wisconsin Missionary Work. At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association held in Stevens Point, August

30, Mrs. Clara L. Stewart, president of the Association, was engaged at a salary and expenses by the association to prosecute the missionary work for the fall and winter months. She will solicit individual membership and local societies for charter, etc., and all moneys paid her are turned into the association

treasury. She will begin work about the 15th of the month, going from Stevens Point to Milwaukee, to Madison, to LaCrosse, to Eau Claire. Localities desiring her serices will please correspond at once with the secretary of the association, A. A. McIntyre, Junction, Wis., for assign-ment of dates, etc. This route will occupy about one month and localities that can be reached easily from any point along the route will be assured of assignments if they get their corre-

spondence in early. Mediums within the state who have open dates will confer a favor by filing same with the secretary as soon as pos sible. And societies or localities desir ing mediums can find engagements also

It is hoped that in this way the state association will become an aid to the workers as well as to the laymen. It can only be done by thorough and sys-

Let us hear from you quickly, that engagements may be arranged at least ex-pense for railway fare and traveling ex-

penses. Fräternafly, Junction Wis. d. A. M'INTYRE. Sec'y. Wis. State Spir. Asso.

CAN MORTAL MAN HELP GOD?]

If you behold a sinner sad and lone, Assist him, not for God's sake, but his

God does bot need your help however

And worthy you appear in your own eyes. 20

The thought of heip denotes some sort

of need; <u>f</u> Can mortal man help Deity, indeed?

If so, I'll have to forfeit Faith's reward He's not the Delfy I've long adored; My God needs not a parasite's support To help him make or ornament His

court. He asks no help of heaven, earth or

heil, He's all in all, and doeth all things

well-Go help some sad-eyed scraph in disguise,

guise, You cannot help the Sovereign of the skies. H. A. SMITH, M. D. Seattle, Wash.

PACIFIC COAST.

Notes from Los Angeles, Cal.

of Spiritualistic influence of the Pacific Coast in the not far distant future. No less than eight Spiritualist meetings were held in this city Sunday, August want of a local Spiritualistic paper, ed-It was a big day with the Harmo- lited by some one who knows something 26. nial Association, the largest and strong- about Spiritualism and less about the est society in Southern California, if not materialistic theories of the ancients in the State. It was the last Sunday of and the agnostic tyrolstic speculations Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie's engagement with the Harmonials, and the occasion

of the return of Mrs. Maude L. von Freitag to her charge after a vacation of nearly four months. The Harmonial hall was packed to overflowing. The following testimonial was unanimously adopted, which sufficiently but accurately describes the work of Mrs. Gillespie while among us:

"At the close of an engagement of fif. teen weeks, with the Harmonial Association, by Sister Anna L. Robinson-Gillespie, it is befitting as well as a pleasure for the members of this Assoclation, and congregation, to give expression of their appreciation of the valuable services rendered by her, as acting pastor of this society. Her services have been very acceptable, because they have been earnest, efficient and merito tematic effort on the part of local rious, in every department of the work. friends and mediums as well. In the Children's Progressive Lyceum, In the Children's Progressive Lyceum, Mrs. Gillesple has proven herself to be an adept—a specialist. As a lecturer she is pleasing and instructive. Her tests and spirit messages are convincing, and of a sympathetic and spiritual trend, instantly subduing the spirit of frivolity and cavil. Socially she has been uniformly affable, cheerful, circumspect and conscientious, and

would emphasize the fact, that at the close of her ministrations, this society is in a very harmonious social condition, and when Mrs. Gillesple leaves Los Angeles, which will not take place until after her camp-meeting engagement is over, she can feel assured that our united good wishes will follow her as a rise in the price of wrint paper, it has benediction, and she will ever find a gracious welcome by the Harmonials,

Mrs. Freitag, co-operating for the suc- turning to them. Just think of the cess of the meeting, and both at their Seven Fremium Books being sent out to best, made the meeting one to be long our subscribers for \$2.35. After paying remembered.

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course Mrs. von Freitag and Mrs. Gillespie will be much in evidence at the camp, as a glance at the programme shows, and many other prominent speakers and mediums have signified

their determination to be here during

of modern times. Oh! the trash that is palmed off now-a-days as spiritual phi-losophy! J/D. GRIFFITH. Los Angeles, Cal.

MYSTIC CURTAIN.

(Air: "Rock of Ages.") Mystic curtain, raise for me,

Lift it high so I can see. Shining spirit give me light; Mingle with me here to-night; Help my efforts, be my guide; Teach me of the other side. While in bondage here I dwell, Held for time in Mortal hell;

Give me hope, remove all fear, Make the future to me clear; Such is now my daily prayer, To my loved ones over there.

When my spirit takes its flight, From the darkness to the light. Come and meet me at the brink, Help me weld the mystic link, Open wide the portal door To contentment evermore. DB. HENRY COOK.

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and all others who have met her, when-ever she comes this way again." The presence of Mrs. Gillespie and portion of the profits of the office rethe postage of these seven books, and The Harmonials and the Truth Seek-ers' Society hold no meetings during September. The Southern California camp-meet-ing season begins September 2, at Syca-more Grove. Los Angeles. Several we have left is \$1.50. You can readily see that we are furnishing them for less, by far, than the actual cost to us. We do this work in accordance with The Divine Plan, in order to assist

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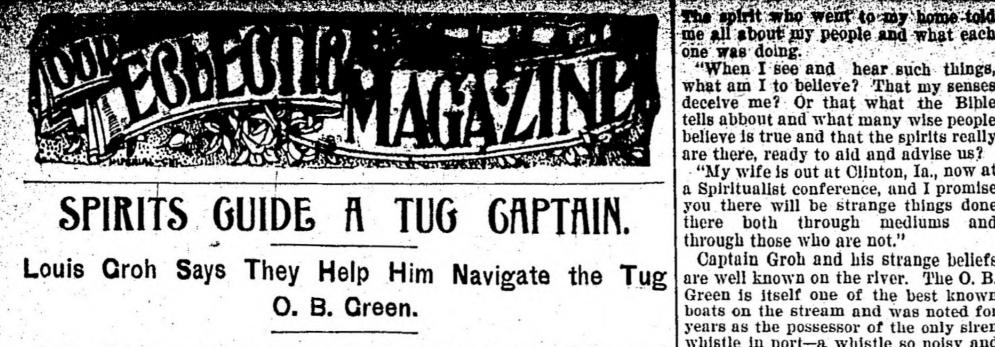
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Los Angeles is destined to be the Hub some portion of the camp season.



In the pilot house of the last brown- tracing the burning letters. I am used coated Dunham tug that plies up and to these things and they do not seem at down the Chicago River day after day, all strange to me, though they might to as set forth in the Chicago Tribune, another."

rides a man who carries with him as While telling these tales of strange passengers the spirits of his dead visitations Captain Groh was engaged friends, and other departed mariners in guiding his tug and its heavy tow whose mortal bodies he never knew. through the narrow bridge draws of the The tug is the O. B. Green, the man her | South Branch. There was an earnestcaptain, Louis Groh. As he stands ness, a conviction in his voice and manduring the long hours with one hand on | ner that left no doubt as to his absolute the straight steel lever that guides tug sincerity. The listener was moved to and tow he converses with these old cast an apprehensive look over either and new friends as freely as with the shoulder and turn quickly around lest members of the crew, and from them he one of the visiting spirits should be

obtains both information and advice peeking over his shoulder.

about the river and the lake. For more DEAD ALWAYS NEAR HIM. than a quarter of a century he has been "There is really little popularly known a master of tug boats on the river, and during that time has acted often on the about spirits and Spiritualism," conadvice of his spirit friends-advice so tinued Captain Groh. "As a matter of good that there are few men on this fact, the dead are all about us and are river or about the lakes with clearer ready and willing to render us any pos-

sible service. My niece, who lives at records as careful navigators. He is a short, thick set man, with my house, sometimes sees whole dozens steel-gray eyes and a pleasant face, of them in the room about her. These browned and weatherbeaten by many spirits she consults on every personal years of exposure. Standing at the lever matter. Why, the largest dry goods in the pilot-house of his tug recently he merchant on State street is a Spiritualtold of many strange experiences with list, and always consults his spirit guide before undertaking any enterprise. Like the spirits.

"To begin with I am a Spiritualist many well-known society women he has from the ground up," he said. "And a cabinet in his own home at which he why wouldn't I be? I have seen many holds private seances. Queen Victoria spirits as plain as I now see you, and is a Spiritualist, and has a regular meso have my wife and my boy. Why, dium always in attendance, through right here in this pilot-house I have whom she consults the dead Prince Conseen them. It is many years since my sort whenever anything of moment is uncle died. One night some one woke on foot. "George Washington was a Spiritual-

me up, telling me the tug was wanted. I saw a shadowy form in the door and ist. His writings show it. So was ran to see who is was and there was no Abraham Lincoln and so has been every one to be seen. A few minutes later a other great man. The Bible is full of call came from the office that I was to stories of Spiritualists. So it is not go out after a tow. A little later, while strange to me that I am able to see I was at home, my uncle appeared to these things." me and told me it was he who called me. He has often done it since, coming tain?"

in a few minutes before the tug is to be "What do you mean?"

"Can a ship have a spirit, too, Cap-

SPIRITS OF SHIPS.

"Then here on our own coast the lost

one was doing. "When I see and hear such things, what am I to believe? That my senses deceive me? Or that what the Bible tells abbout and what many wise people believe is true and that the spirits really are there, ready to aid and advise us? "My wife is out at Clinton, Ia., now at a Spiritualist conference, and I promise you there will be strange things done

there both through mediums and through those who are not." Captain Groh and his strange beliefs are well known on the river. The O. B.

Green is itself one of the best known boats on the stream and was noted for years as the possessor of the only siren whistle in port-a whistle so noisy and notorious that other sirens, as they were installed, received the generic title of

"O. B. Greens." Whenever the tug moves along the river other captains point Groh out as the "ghost master." They lean from their pilot-house doors and watch curiously to see if any shadowy forms can be detected lingering about his boat. All their side remarks, however, cannot influence him to renounce his faith. Has he not the evidence of his senses? And with that he is satisfied and is always ready to argue for his spirit friends.

A Remarkable Manifestation.

When Queen Ulrike, of Sweden, was on her deathbed, her last moments were embittered by regret at the absence of her favorite, the Countess Steenbock, between whom and the queen there existed the most tender and affectionate attachment. Unfortunately, and by a most singular coincidence, the Countess Steenbock, at the same moment lay dangerously ill, at Stockholm, and at too great a distance from the dying queen to be carried to her presence.

After Ulrike had breathed her last, the royal corpse, as is customary in that country, was placed in an open coffin, upon an elevated frame, in an apartment of the palace brilliantly illuminated with wax candles. A detachment of Royal Life Guards was stationed in the chamber as a funeral watch. During the afternoon, the outside door of the ante-chamber opened and the Countess Steenbock appeared in deep grief. The soldiers of the guard immediately formed into two lines and presented arms as a mark of respect to the first dame of the palace, who was received and escorted by the commander of the guard into the chamber where lay the

body of her dear friend. The officers them. were surprised at her unexpected arrival, and attributing her silence to the



Summarily Ordered to Leave Camp.

HIS SLEIGHT-OF-HAND METHODS FOUND NO FAVOR AMONG THE PROMINENT SPIRITUALISTS AT CHESTERFIELD CAMP.

Anderson, Ind., August 27,-The convention of the Indiana State Spiritualist Association ended this evening, after the most successful meeting in its history. The association is about \$4,000 ahead financially and is now entirely out of debt. The total attendance was about 50,000. The directors_this afternoon decided to make some extensive

> improvements for next year, and several cottages will be erected for rental purposes.

Prof. W. L. Brown, of Cleveland, was summarily ordered to leave the camp yesterday by the officers of the association. Brown and his wife were engaged to be present and give a series of seances. Brown responded, but was not accompanied by his wife. He soon appeared with a woman from Marion, Ind., but the board would not tolerate him upon the grounds. This is the only

unpleasant feature that has marred the state meeting .- Indianapolis Journal, Aug. 28, 1900.

To the Editor :- In regard to the latter part of the above clipping, I wish to say that the man Brown, above mentioned, was not invited to our camp either by the committee on mediums or by the association, and therefore, of course, he was not offered the sum of two hundred dollars as reported by a

leading daily, or any other sum: He came here at the request of Charles Barnes and wife, mediums who were on the grounds and who had recently come from Lake Brady, where Brown was holding forth.

Brown came here and held two seances at which it was clearly demonstrated that he was an adept at sleightof-hand, and plans were laid to expose the gentleman's practices, but on account of his hurried and sensational departure from Chesterfield camp, we were forced to forego the pleasure of a thorough exposure of his methods. Brown's sleight-of-hand practices are very simple and it is one of the peculiar problems of human existence how any intelligent person could be duped by

up to inspect the cabinet.

Then he locks little fingers with the one

on his left and takes hold of the little

finger of the one on his right. Then

when the curtain is being adjusted it is

only the work of an instant to bring his

knees together, slip the little finger of

ery which makes up his show.

cuffs and appear above the curtain.

Franklin Camp, Neb. tion shown by the officers of Franklin Camp, Neb., I present herewith a few of the most prominent features worthy of A List of His Noted Works. recognition:

Among those who were on the For Sale at the Office of The Progrounds before my wife and I arrived were James Campbell, Havelock, Neb., president of the State Spiritualist Asso-

clation; O. H. Moody, Otego, Kans., lec-Gathered from the Highways, By-ways and Hedges of Life. By MATTIE E. HULL. This is a marvelously peat book of selections from Mrs. Hulls best peems. turer; H. Davis, Franklin, Neb., a rapidly rising young speaker; Mrs. Laura sermons and essays, and contains a splendid portrais of the author, also a portrait of Moses Hull. Price, neatly bound in English cloth, \$1. Payne, of Topeka, Kansas, was a great acquisition to the faculty, more than being a speaker she is also a composing | The Spiritual Alps musician, many of her ballads are very sweet and touching. Mr. W. E. Bonney, of Blair, Neb., delivered a number of scholarly addresses, showing that peculiar scholarship arising out of intui-

tion rather than reading. Mrs. Annie Gillette, being exclusively under the employ of Franklin Camp as

platform test medium, did splendid work in the morning circles and benefit seances held in the interest of the camp. Many of her tests were of remarkable character, especially those given to a family of the name of Graff; the father was totally blind and the expressions of

joy and sadness that swept his face during a description of his daughter's death by lightning were pathetic to the extreme. All were eminently satisfied with Mrs. Gillette's work on the camp's rostrum.

During the same seance Mrs. C. L. Ferris was doing very fine work among others present. Her work on the platform was remarkably correct and brought much favorable comment. Mrs. Mary J. Bonney rendered faith-

ful service at the circles and as a speaker on the platform. C. H. Simpson, secretary of the camp,

delivered a very worthy address on Biblical Spiritualism; it had the scholarly character of freedom from abuse. The Reeves family furnished splendid

music for all occasions.

This camp has stirred up such an interest in Spiritualism that the aversion which at first stood in the road is now swept away and the young people come 10 cents. for miles around to hear the lectures and tests and enjoy the dances that held three times a week during the camp. The story is told that in the first year of the camp the boys stood outside and shouted at the campers, either in derision or fear, but it now follows that where the orthodox churches have been turned into dwelling houses or deeply encumbered with debts, the cause of Spiritualism has thrived and enlisted

the respect of the whole community. In his light seances he sits in front of Much credit is due to its founder and or \$6 per hundred. the cabinet and has one person sit with | devoted supporter, Father D. L. Haines, **PSYGHOGRAPHY.** him on either side who are supposed to a true old Quaker. hold his hands. Then all three are cov-When leaving I saw the familiar face ered over with a black cloth, leaving of D. W. Hull, an able exponent/from only their heads and one hand of each Norton, Kans. Mr. Hull is widely Marvelous Manifestations of Psychic member of the committee exposed. known, he needs no introduction as he Power Given Through the Then the tambourine begins to jingle, a has announced himself boldly like a bell is rung, and a chair in the cabinet brave old pioneer in the cause he loves FRED. P. EVANS. bounces around as if it were alive and so well.



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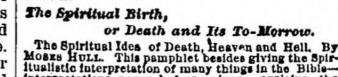
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EXPECTS TO FIND CHICORA.

"Maybe you'll believe all this when I locate the Chicora for you. Yes, sir, now you look startled, and well you may. But I'll find it yet. I was visited one day by John Ericson. Didn't know It was abreast of a vessel the breeze him at first, for I hadn't seen him since would die out. A chill would come over he was killed in 1896. Knew him in a minute, though.

"'I'm a-goin' to find the Chicora for you,' he said.

"'How'll I know?' I asked. rest until avenged.' The schooner "'Well, I'm coming back to see you Ethel Merriam came into Booth Bay again and locate it on paper. But if you harbor white all over, though it had pass over the spot before that I'll strike gone out black, and Captain John Newyou with a chill and throw you to the man could not be induced to take it out floor of the pilot-house so you'll know for weeks because he said he had seen it's the place.

the ghost of the Maine. "We talked a bit longer and then he said Captain Johnny Ferguson wanted to talk to me, so he went away. That was at a trumpet seance, and I expect Chicora has often been descried on a to go to another soon and hear from storm wind driving down the sea, with him again."

white ice all about'it even in midsum-As all river men know, John Ericson mer, and with the iceclad form of Capwas fireman in the tug T. T. Morford | tain Stines upon the bridge. Years ago when the boiler of that vessel exploded the Thomas Hume sailed out of port in 1896. At that time the captain of the one evening, and since then not a tug was blown clear over a bridge and vestige of it has been found. Annually, dropped, still living, in the river. The however, on the date of its disappearengineer, Charles Dick, was blown to ance a specter schooner glides from unthe deck of the steamer Ionia and der the lee of the northeast breakwater killed; the fireman, Ericson, was killed and moves off down the lake, regardless and blown into the river, and John Fer- of wind. Once a tug captain followed it guson, standing as Captain Groh stood to find where it was going, but when it at the steering gear of the O. B. Green, was off Grosse Point and about ten was killed by a fragment of the burst miles from shore suddenly the masts boiler which fell on the tug's pilot- and sails tottered and fell and the hull house.

lurched and disappeared beneath the The steamer Chicora left Milwaukee glassy sea, while a terrible wail from in January, 1895, for St. Joseph, since the crew came across the water. Do when nothing has been heard or seen of you believe that these are really the it, save battered fragments of its upper ghosts of the ships, captain?" works. Ed Stines was in command of Captain Groh looked with dreamy it and had about twenty-four men under eyes out through the window of the

him. pilot-house. He seemed hardly to see "That isn't the first we have seen of the bridge through which he was skill-Ericson since he died, either," said Cap- fully guiding his craft. He shifted the tain Groh, "though the other time it steering bar almost mechanically, now was my niece that saw him, and not I. to port, now to starboard, now to thoughts were sent out. Evening, D. We couldn't find his body, until he came steady. He seemed to be in communion R. Daniels, of New York, gave one of to her and told her he was in air-line with his "guiding spirit" at the moment. his scientific lectures. slip and would come to the top if a His visitor looked expectantly at the steamer's wheel churned up the water. open air, thinking to see an answer

I backed the Chemung into the slip and there in "letters of fire" written by a sure enough its wheel brought Ericson's spirit hand. If such there was none but as well as the camps. body to the top. the captain saw it. He spoke at last. "From John Ferguson I have heard without shifting his gaze.

little, though he often calls upon me to "I should say rather spirit ships than for his text "Reason and Belief." Fripass a greeting. How do all these men spirits of ships. There's a vast differday evening was our closing dance of appear? Why, just as they did in life. ence. A vessel is not like a person. You the season. Masquerade was the pleas-Often I'd scarcely know they were think of it as alive, and yet it is not. ure of the people. There were sold one spirits if I did not know they had died. When it perishes it perishes entirely. hundred and fifteen tickets at the door. Just the other day I was coming up the But if the spirits of mariners desired to It was the largest party ever given at river, and as I passed the Goodrich do so, I see no reason why they should this camp. The hall was filled to its utwharf there was old Captain Gilman not build or call into being a spirit ship most capacity. standing there as natural as life, direct- exactly like it. It would be as real to | Saturday afternoon we had a dising affairs. Dave Cockran was there, them as the original was to us. On such course on "War and Its Workings." too. Now Gilman has been dead since a ship they could cruise at will. I can-Saturday evening we all gathered at the last winter and Dave has been super- not believe the Maine's crew would be hall for a love feast and good time genintendent in his place, yet there was the unable to rest until avenged, but I think | erally. old man, as real as ever. When I see a it probable that they might have taken Sunday was the closing of the camp. man with my eyes and hear him with that means of urging the people on to People came in early and eager to get my ears, why should I doubt he is war against the Spaniards who had dethe last words given. Brother Tisdale there? I stood here in the pilot-house stroyed them. So with Stines. He may came to the front and took for his disdoor and watched Gilman until we were be showing how he and his crew went course "The Building up of Humanity," through Rush street brindge. to their death. I have often heard of | which was a lesson each and all can these ships, and yet, strange as it may profit by. He spoke two hours to an au-TABLE RAISES IN AIR. seem, I have never seen them myself. dience of some three or four hundred. "It isn't only here on the tug I see It was said to be one of the best dis-TAKES SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHS. these things, but at home as well. My courses ever given. wife, my niece, my boy, and I all see "A thing I have seen, though, and Our camp has been the pleasantest; them and hear them. Sometimes when which proves that there really are all have enjoyed themselves to the highwe are sitting at table or near it it will spirits all about us, is spirit photoest. We had with us Mrs. Ruddick, of it. suddenly lift two or three feet in the air graphs. Some time ago when my wife Franklin, Ind., slate-writing and trumand move around. Often this happens was out in Iowa she took a number of pet medium, who is one of the best. during a conversation, and then we photographs. When she came home and Her slate-writing is given in the light know the spirits want to say something. developed and printed these we found | and on top of the table.

"Well, when the Maine was blown up | intensity of her grief, conducted her to t was said by New England fishermen the side of the corpse, and then retired, that the specter of the destroyed vessel leaving her alone, not choosing to dismanned by a spirit crew was often seen turb the expression of her deep emotion. cruising up and down the coast from The officers waited outside for a consid-'Quoddy Head to Boone Island light. It erable time, and the Countess not yet used to come along in a fog, and when returning, they feared some accident had befallen her. The highest officer in rank now opened the door, but imthe water and the vessel passed would mediately fell back in the utmost conseem to shiver as its sails hung idle. sternation. The other officers present The specter crew stood at the guns and then hastened into the room, and there the fog-horn was moaning. From the they all beheld the queen standing upmasthead flew the signal, 'We cannot

right in her coffin and tenderly embracing the countess! This was observed by all the officers and soldiers of the guard. Presently the apparition seemed to waver, and resolved itself into a dense mist. When this had disappeared the corpse of the queen was seen reposing in its former position on the bed of state. But the countess was nowhere to he found. In vain they searched the

chamber and the adjoining rooms-not a trace of her could be discovered. A courier was at once dispatched to Stockholm with an account of this extraordinary occurrence; and there is was learned that the countess Steebock | top of the curtain, ring, the bells, write had not left the capital, but that she had died at precisely the same moment when she was seen in the arms of the deceased queen. An extraordinary, protocol of this occurrence was immediately ordered to be taken by the officers of the government, and which was countersigned by all present. This document is still preserved in the archives. -Translated from a German work. "Existender Geister und ihr Einfluss ouf die Sinnerwelt," by Fr. Nork.

Haslett Park Camp, Mich.

Tuesday morning conference was conducted by Brother Claman; the subject, "Obsession." Afternoon, song by Mrs. Claman. Then our speaker A. E. Tisdave, was introduced to the friends for

the first time at Haslett Park. Wednesday, as usual, morning debate. "Truth and Its Realities." Some solid one just closed; and the policy of this Thursday, conference. "Is Spiritual-

ism Worth Supporting," which was decided yes, and to support it in the home Friday brought the friends to the hall

to again listen to our speaker. He took

Brown was an intimate friend of Benny Foster, one of the sleekest sleight-of-

immediately the curtain is raised and E. F. Barrows and myself are among all three walk forth with hands still the uncelebrities of the occasion. He clasped, and the spectators are invited did good work, mostly in a private way, diagnosing disease by mail, and giving The way this trick is done is very simtests on the spur of the mement as they ple. The medium selects his own comcame to him. I delivered three lectures, mittee and he places the "easiest" mem-1, "The Progress of Spiritualism"; 2, ber on his right hand and the other on "Character Sketches"; 3, "The Philoshis left, then he instructs each of ophy of Mediumship.' them to place their hand on his knee. We hope to see another and greater

camp next year.

PAUL S. GILLETTE. Omaha, Neb.



the person on his right into the free The second edition of this book, fingers and thumb of his left hand, thus "Death Defeated, or the Psychic Secret leaving his right hand to show at the of How to Keep Young," has just appeared on fine cream-colored paper, rethe messages and do the other tom-foolvised and enlarged with Dr. Peebles' famous fifteen commandments-Moses In the latter part of his "seance" he had but ten.

sits alone and his hands are supposed to This volume going to the foundation be securely fastened with a pair of of things treats of heredity, conception, handcuffs. But the handcuffs are his gestation, marriage, divorce, health, hyown and are the common trick kind glene, the foods, vegetarianism, the which can be opened without a key, and foods of Pythagoras, Herodotus, Hehe is no sooner in position, the lights slod, Homer, Shelley, Graham, Thoreau turned down and the singing comand others, as well as revealing the semenced, than his bands are out of the cret of how to keep young. The press, secular, religious and spiritual, of one In the first part of his "seance" when accord sound the praises of this all-imhis hands are supposed to be held by a portant book. committee, only one hand ever appears;

The Banner of Light in reviewing it, that is, it is either all right hands or all said: "This volume of the venerable left hands, depending upon whether the youthful 'Spiritual Pilgrim' is rich in "easy" person is on the right or left facts, in historical references, and hand; but in the latter part of his show gives no end of valuable information when he sits alone both hands are used. upon psychic subjects. It is written in I desire to say in conclusion that

the author's usually clear, concise style, there has never been held a more prosattracting the reader by its logic, its perous, harmonious and successful solid arguments and sometimes startmeeting on Chesterfield camp than the ling statements." Dr. Peebles has a message to give to

camp in reference to phenomenal medithe world and he has given it in the happiest possible manner, thus adding another star to his literary sky. The book is incisive, outspoken, helpful. soulful and hopeful. Price of the same is \$1. For sale by Dr. Peebles, Battle Creek, Mich., the Banner of Light, Bosat Chesterfield camp-but let fakirs beton, The Progressive Thinker, Chicago: ware! the very atmosphere of this camp the Light of Truth, Columbus, O.; the Religio-Philosophical Journal, San Fran-F. J. MACOMBER. cisco, Cal., and the liberal press generally.

We have been informed that this man A SONG OF THE DEPARTED.

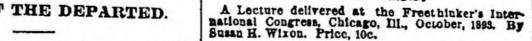
This song was sung to me while

asleep in bed, and was set to the sweet-

est music I think I ever heard. It was

girl) who died eighteen years ago in

sung by my two children (a boy and a



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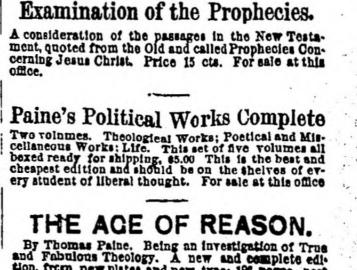
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1900.

The Church Has a Flag of Its Own. By every possible device the church is pushing its claims in every conceivable manner, and in its arrogance has no respect for the rights of those who oppose it. As a forerunner of putting "God in the Constitution," a church flag has been adopted. It is the invention of Bishop Coleman of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware. The flag the Bishop has unfurled is over nine feet square, purple in color, and has a white cross emblazoned on its broad field. Of his flag the Bishop says:

"We all know the power of a flag. How it appeals to our better nature, and bestirs us to a lively remembrance and to heroic deeds. For ages the state all over the world has its flag of various hues and designs, according to race and nationality. Indeed, it is one of the first things which a new government adopts.

"Why should the church be without a flag? For some time I have been thinking over the matter, and at last, with the valued aid of two friends, who are experts in heraldry, determined upon a design which has been thoroughly well executed in bunting by a widely-known Philadelphia firm.

"I wanted something which, while it had a relation to our national flag, should have something essentially ec-clesiastical. The cross in the white field is in shape what is known as a bishop's cross, its arms florented."

Is not the splendid National flag good enough for these preachers? It has given liberty to these churchmen, which enables them to plot the overthrow of the principles it represents.

Think of the petty churches flying their petty flags from the top of their steeples, or from a flagstaff in front of their doors? Yet why not? Is it not the "church militant," the fighting church? Has it not been a fighting church through the ages? Give it the power, will it not be a fighting church, which will as remorselessly, as in the past, strike down the free thinker? There is no law against anybody so disposed adopting a bit of colored rag as an emblem, as long as they do not mutilate the national Stars and Stripes it is a matter of personal taste. Yet few American would prefer any other than the glorious banner, which stands throughout the world for liberty and justice; for all that makes for the highest civilization.

The War-Oloud Enlarging. Every breeze from whatever quarter brings accounts of war and bloodshed. National strife is no longer sectional, nor is it limited to the islands of the seas, but it is common to every continent, and every country is somewhat involved. Worse than all, the gloom is constantly becoming more profound. Down there in South Africa the Boers, defeated in battles and overborne by numbers, their capital in possession of of souls have had their faith confirmed the enemy, and their president "in the

by the authenticated story of how a brush," yet the fight goes on. young girl saved her father from death In the interior and along the West while she was at a distance from him, coast of Africa the British are trying to while many of those who have placed whip the natives into submission. no faith whatever in occult things have The latest news from Italy shows been compelled to assume a more toler-

there is a state of unrest between the ant attitude toward believers in the Vatican and the young king which may cult. The established facts in this case, eventuate in bloodshed at any time. The Pope is ambitious, old as he is, to which is attracting so much attention regain lost power. The Catholic world among the seekers after the mysterious sympathizes with him and will gladly | and the occult, are as follows: lend him aid.

Just before 10 o'clock last Saturday The Kurds are again represented at night the protective gates at the Washwar with the Armenians and the Sulington street railroad crossing in Havtan is ambitious to preserve peace; but erhill were lowered to allow of the passage of a shifting engine backing up antagonistic elements are against him. The Armenians are aggressive, and with three cars. Coincident with the lowering of the gates there arrived at backed by Christians of other countries, the crossing James Snee and George they are unwilling to submit to Mohammedan rule. The Kurds covet strife, so Jennings, of Haverhill! The gateman collisions and slaughter are inevitable. shouted at these men as they stooped and passed under the gates and started Our troubles with China have only just begun. It is now apparent the eneto cross the tracks.

It

Those who have hitherto believed

partially in telepathy or the communion

The time at which this fatality oc

curred was correctly noted, both by the raifroad men and the police, who came

after the body with a patrol wagon. It

The house where Mr. Jennings lives

with his wife and children, is a mile

and a quarter from the scene of the ac-

cident. One of his children is a girl 15

years old. She has been seriously ill for

some time, requiring the constant atten-

tion of her parents and the daily at-tendance of a physician. The girl was

apparently getting better, and was not

conisdered in any danger, but her moth-er was with her in her room Saturday

night, sitting by her bedside. The girl

was apparently half asleep, but she sud-denly drew herself to a sitting posture

in the bed, her eyes stared as though she

was greatly frightened, and immediate-ly she appeared to lose consciounsness,

Her condition alarmed her mother,

who felt that her daughter was dying,

and she called the other members of the

family at once, one running for the fam-

ily physician, Dr. George E. Goodwin.

The doctor says that it was 20 minutes

of 10 when he was called and three min-

utes later he was at the bedside of the

sick girl, who had then returned to con-

sciousness, and had several times cried

"Papa, do not cross the tracks. One is

The doctor gave the girl oplates and

gradually she became quiet, falling

Mrs. Jennings regarded the cries of

her daughter as having been occasioned by her illness, which had affected her

brain, and this belief was shared by the

physician, who however, considering the allment of his patient, had not an-

out in a terrified tone of voice:

enough. You will be killed."

asleep.

sinking down to the bed.

was 9:42 p. m.

my retired before the allied powers in The shifting engine and the cars were their march on Pekin, to collect their on the third track from the gate under forces, with the intention of attacking which the men had passed, and nearing them in front and rear, and overwhelmthe crossing at a speed of 10 miles an hour. Jennings crossed the first two tracks, then suddenly turned and ran back. Snee reached the third track and ing them if possible with numbers. The destruction and looting of the Chinese northern capital has aroused a was run down and horribly mangled by the engine and cars. Mr. Jennings was spirit it will be difficult to crush. But the great strife will come when not injured.

the allied armies are no longer bound together by a common interest. Already there are heartburnings which cannot be suppressed. A few weeks and they may take form. We are in hopes our own government will stand aloof,

and allow distant nations to settle their contention as best they can. But oh, the horrors of war! Very few other than those engaged in it have any just conception of its debasing character. A duel in which two brave but misguided men meet in deadly encounter aud deliberately murder each other, is terrible to contemplate. That between Burr and Hamilton, in which the latter, a nation's favorite, fell, was sad beyond expression, and will be memor-able while the nation lasts; while that In 1838, fought between the two Congressmen, Cilley of Maine, and Graves

of Kentucky, with rifles, in which the former was killed, shocked the world; but when powerful pations fall upon each other, in which the lives of perhaps hundreds of thousands are involved, and the resources of populous empires are wasted, no pen can describe, no tongue can express, no imagination can conceive the horrors of the event. The consequences, the pains, and agonies, and heart-aches are not limited to the battle field, or the hospit-

al, but they extend to every house whence brave warriors come to do and dare, and die. It was hoped the great conference of the so-called Christian powers, in late session at The Hague, looking to arbitration of national disputes, would eventuate in a long period of profound peace. Instead of that hope being realized, it only brought the parties together so they could war the more suc-

cessfully against nations not represent-

ed on that commission. To intensify the hate for war and vous and shaken up by the tragedy he had witnessed, and from which he had scenes of slaughter we beg leave to make a brief extract from a letter from escaped by the narrowest of margins, arrived at his home. John McGregor Carlisle, of the 9th In-In part he explained, as the believers fantry, who was engaged with his regiin the occult assert, the cause of his ment in the capture of Tien Tsin, and who wrote his parents at length at Grand Rapids, Mich. It was published daughter's outcry. He told in detail of his having approached the railroad crossing in company with Snee, and of in the Chicago Journal, of the 28th ult. The writer closes his account of that de structive contest by saying: "We ran out of ammunition, every man having fired 300 shots. Our guns would get wet, and when we kept them from touching the water they would become redhot. Our shoulders were also very lame from so much shooting. "During the night we advanced with the Japs to the wall and blew-it up with guncotton, and on the morning of the 14th the Stars and Stripes floated with the Japanese flag over old Tien Tsin. With fixed bayonets we slaughtered them. The streets are blocked with the dead and the river is filled with floating bodies.

Warned by a Spirit Volce. appears from the Philadelphia IONS OF CREATIVE FORCE, (Pa.) Record that Boston students of telepathy, theosophy and other occult sciences are deeply interested in and making a close examination of mysterious happenings in the household of Mr. Experiments With Chemicals in Propagatand Mrs. George Jennings, of Temple street, Mount Washington, Haverhill.

ing Marine Animals.

BELIEVES' SAME PRINCIPLE CAN BE USED WITH MAMMALS-SCIENTISTS ARE IN-TENSELY INTERESTED IN CHICAGO MAN'S clusion that by making two changes in the constituents of DISCOVERY.

To the Editor: As set forth in the Chicago Chronicle, wonderful discoveries are being brought to the surface. A Chicago man of science has just demonstrated to the scientific world that the theory of parthenogenesis is applicable to more than one form of animal life. To any one but a person thoroughly versed in the minutiae of biology the statement does not mean much, but the explanation contains revelations little short of startling.

It means that a persistent professor of physiology has thenogenetic origin of embryos in mammalians. It is not discovered a mystifying process of producing young from the ovum or egg of female animals by making a combinaimpossible that a transitory change in the ions may allow a complete parthenogenesis." tion of chemicals take the place of the male parent. The early experiments were with animals of a lower order of life, but the scientists declare they will prove the principle applicable to all animal kind, including mammalians, this Mecca of American scientists. The village is at the exbeing the generic term under which come human beings. treme end of the neck of land extending from the south-The assertion contains an announcement of generation east shore of Buzzard's bay. The marine biological laboand production that is almost revolutionary, as the simratory was established there in 1888, the idea of such an plest reader can see the possibilities it involves. institution having been first proposed and carried for-

PROFESSOR LOEB'S EXPERIMENT.

siz, in 1873. The theory of parthenogenesis, or the production of young by a single parent, has been a theme of lively intering in all parts of the United States hold a rendezvous est for a good many years. Professor Loeb, head of the department of physiology and experimental biology For the last two years Professor Loeb has been the center at the Chicago University, has been the first to offer actual proof of its truth. Last year Professor Loeb conof attraction, because his experiments with the chemicals ducted a series of experiments in the famous laboratory at Wood's Hall, Mass., which resulted in the hatching of unfertilized eggs of the sea urchin. Professor Loeb took the eggs before they were touched by the milt of the male. He applied the chemicals and placed them in sea

water. Young sea urchins were produced.

through the combination, in the course of the evolution of These experiments proved that parthenogenesis holds the world, of chemicals which compose the simple protogood in the case of the sea urchin. They did not, howplasmic cells. They believe that these cells through the ever, indicate that the theory is appleable to all animal long course of countless centuries of growth have been life. This indication was not given until this summer, modified and influenced by circumstances and changes in the world about them and have produced by when Professor Loeb again went to Wood's Hall laboratory and spent many weeks experimenting with a higher natural means all that is alive to-day. They hold that order of animal life. The starfish was the subject under the species has been differentiated by natural means and observation this time, and the result was the same as that that the development from cell to man is but a steady and cal thought of a finite creature. in the case of the sea urchin. Young starfish were as constant growth. readily produced from the unfertilized eggs by the action of the chemicals as had been the young sea urchins.

ELEMENT USED SUCCESSFULLY.

Professor Loeb has just written to his associates at the the power of moving itself, growing and reproducing ituniversity regarding these last experiments, which estab- self step by step until the goal is reached. All the dislish beyond a reasonable doubt that parthenogenesis is coveries involving the creation of life by chemicals are of true not only of all marine animals, but also of the mam- thrilling interest to these savants, and that is why Profesmalians. R. W. Webster of the university biological de- sor Loeb's work has attracted wide-spread attention. partment said yesterday that Professor Loeb has written frequently describing his experiments in a general way this line.

and stating that they have been gratifyingly successful. "Professor Loeb has produced young starfish just as he A STARTLING THEORY, did urchins," Mr. Webster said, "and this fact pretty well determines that the theory will be found capable of gen-eral application. Professor Loeb believes that the young of mammalians car be produced in much the same way as the young of marine animals, according to the same principle, at least.". Professor Loeb's description of the remarkable experi-

ments is intensely interesting. He has written: "In the

course of repeated experiments with concentrated sea

water and the eggs of the sea urchin I came to the con-

the water the eggs might be made to produce perfect em-

bryos without being fertilized. It seemed to me that all

the milt of the male needed to carry to the eggs for fertil-

ization were ions, or elements, to effect these changes.

Actual trial showed this to have been a correct supposi-

tion. I have no doubt that this same principle holds

good in the process of fertilization among many other, if

not all, marine animals, and it is reasonable to suppose

that what is true of the sea urchin is true of mammalians.

"It is possible that only ions of blood prevent the par-

MECCA OF SCIENTISTS. -

Wood's Hall, where Professor Loeb is working, is the

ward by the American pioneer of science, Alexander Agas-

Professors in the pure sciences in institutions of learn-

THEORY OF CREATION.

IS GOD AN IDOL? A Strange Question Asked

and Answered.

"A strange question to ask," says one. "Sacrilegious," says another. That de-pends wholly upon how or from what standpoint the question is considered. I am led to ask the above question from reading a late article in The Progressive Thinker and casual remarks of various writers, both in secular and religious literature. One in The Progressive Thinker writes a very interesting article relative to obtaining information from the imprisoned legations in Pekin. He stops in the middle of his account to write: "I do not abandon my faith in the omnipresence and omniscience of an allwise and overreaching providence in accepting belief in these phenomena." What a mental enslavement to past education is evidenced by this short senence, coupled as it is with an account of getting information from the other side of the globe through the agency of a Spiritual medium. Had the same information been given by the telegraph, no such apology would have been thonght of. Was-this apology given to the writer's conscience, or to his readers, or both?

What fear and timidity human souls display at the least intimation that their fixed ideas regarding God are not in accord with the facts of nature. Why, indeed, should one be so fearful of analyzing his belief concerning God, any more than his belief concerning astronomy, geology, botany, or mineralogy, or con-cerning ether or electricity? Were I to any other and the set of the set of the set of the any other set of the s answer this question, I would say it is because the dead are ruling the living; but I will allow each reader to find his there every summer for the purpose of original research. own answer.

Humanity is hungering and crying, almost in vain, for inspired souls who on the production of young animals are vitally related to the chemical theory of life believed by most of the men who work at the famous laboratory. will step forward boldly, and without doubting laggard, the wily priest and the schemer and enslaver of men's souls to writhe and torture in the slime of These scientists contend that life originated on earth their own ignorance and beastly

stupidity. It matters not who or what an omni-scient power is; it can take no offense by reason of finite beings seeking an analytical knowledge concerning it. On the contrary, the efforts of the finite to learn and KNOW something concerning the Omniscient, if such a power exists, would be welcomed by the higher power; at least such would be the logi-

A well known writer on psychical sub-jects in a very able article in a Spirit-This is the theory. To establish it they have sought to produce artificially that combination which becomes wireless telegraphy, etc., says: "And so instead of a mere combination, a unit, or cell, which has we are face to face with God;" and this writer boasts of being a member of the Episcopal Church. It has not been very long since such an expression would have been pronounced highly profane. It is amusing to many-no doubt confusing to some-to note the devious and almost unintelligible use that is made of this (to orthodox minds) sacred word, God. Throughout all these various expressions, when looked upon in the aggregate, there is a velled or un-expressed sentiment of fear that God In some way is being lost, or left bo-bind, and the name is written as a sort of fortification, when it has no real meaning, and Nature, or some term ers, by a missionary in that far-off Lockport, Ill., in the early days of with a definite meaning, would give far country, China. The following is a Spiritualism. For teaching such senti- greater force and beauty to any literary effort.

Forty years ago any one who ques tioned the divine inspiration of the Bible was anathematized quite as fiercely as one is now who seeks in a logical and analytical manner to know upon the sun and light, and feel the of the alleged existence of omnipresence blessedness of vernal showers-the and omniscience. Now the best theological scholars admit that the infidels to drink dew by the silent starlight, to open its petals to the morning sun, and now all advanced scholars will admit shed moisture and sweet odors in the that the infidels of to-day were right in denying the existence of something impossible, of which scientists have not now, nor can ever hope to have the least

A certain Reverend in Oakland, Cal. These are kind and monitory voices assuring him that the soul is loosing her on "Is Sunday for God, or for Golf?" and he succeeded in getting himself the cynosure of public criticism. It is the same old idea, God cannot take care of his own affairs, he must have a multitude of self-appointed agents, claiming credentials from the Infinite, while every one possessing a molety of reasoning power knows them to be of finite origin. It is a remarkable fact that the class of people who write most and talk loudest about God, omnipotence, supreme intelligence, etc., etc., have the least to say or care for the rights of humanity. How is this? Have they dug a trench for themselves so deep into myth and dogma that humanity and the stern realities of human life are invisible to their vitiated perceptions? It would seem so. There is such a thing as hecoming insanely oblivious to realities, by constant and abnormal study and devotion to the mythical, the unreal and visionary. The entire so-called Christian world was in this unwholesome condition from the second to the eighteenth century, and the large mass of them are in the same condition today; for this reason the whole burden of their thought is duty to and worship of something they name God. Human souls are left to die and rot in their filth of ignorance, and to enslave and crush their fellow-men, while millions of wealth are squandered to extol and worship a mythical and unknown God; and how vast the number of earth's well-meaning souls are bound to the wheels of this unmerciful, selfish, Mythical juggernaut. A writer in a late number of a widely circulated Spiritual paper on "What is Spiritualism?" divides the subject into several articles. The first one reads, "God exists." It seems that people just now are possessed of a sort of Theophobia which is no doubt catching and unavoidable, like measles among chil-dren. What such a statement, or its opposite, minus proof, has to do with Spiritualism, will, I think, prove an enigma to all old time Spiritualists. My contention is this: That man ob-tained all that he possesses, including life here and in the higher spheres, all his faculties and powers, by and through law, and there is no power in the wide universe which can annul these nature-inherited powers, rights or faculties; that the highest expression of intelligence known, or possible of being known, emanates from man, in all the spheres of spiritual life, all human life being spiritual regardless of environment. In a practical sense man is his own creator, his own educator, his own judge, his low condition is not the fault of some imaginary creator, neither is his exalted condition to be credited to any such source. Time, the destroyer of all absurdities, will some day destroy all idols and make meaningless words B. F. FRENCH. obsolete. Tucson, Arizonia.

We shall await with interest further discoveries along JUS TICE.

The Resurrection.

Spiritualism a Fact in Nature. "'Tls true! 'tis certain, man though dead retains

Part of himself; the immortal mind remains.-Homer's Iliad, Book xxiii. Spiritualists build their faith on modern revelations, and cite the reports of character of the present rebellion in against him: so-called mediums as evidence on which China: they base their belief; but if every trace

ticipated any mental disturbance. They were discussing the case to-gether at 10:30 when Mr. Jennings, nerand if the Bible which lends its authority, whatever it may be, to confirm the faith, was lost, still traditionary reports, universal belief, and the concurrent opinion of poets-alias prophets, philosophers, and metaphysicians of all pe-

ject.

BOXER PLACARD NO. III.

A Circular From Li Po.

Protestant churches have deceived the spirits and destroyed the (teachings of) the sages, and are not obedient to the ual soldiers will come in the clouds to Homer, who is generally reputed to sweep out the foreigners from abroad. have lived and wrote between the 8th | Express divination has been made that. before long, swordsmen will come roll-

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III. Liquorice Root 5 mace.

"War Is in the Air.'

Educating the Young.

AN EMPTY PLACE.

II. Euonymus Bark 5 mace.

cific against it:

We quote:

The Borers, The Open Court for September has an

Wealth.

Inasmuch as the Roman Catholic and riods of time, are uniform on this sub- law of Buddha, eighty thousand spirit- arrived at the summer of his years, and upon the house of his outer tabernacle.

The Open Court for September has an Intensely interesting article on the Box-sermon of Mr. Codding, delivered at "Boxer Placard," illustrating the unique ments, church doors were barred

This life, then, is man's chrysalis state, developing wings for celestial flight. It is the germ in the ground preof recent revealments was obliterated, The bestower of happiness, the God of paring to rise above the earth to look swelling bud expanding into the flower. waste and thirsty places of the universe. marks signs of decay and death stealing particle of knowledge.

Blessings That Follow the Flag. "The New Volce." of New York, the recognized organ of the Prohibitionists, makes a woeful showing of affairs in Manila. Reports of the awful inroads of intemperance in our new possessions induced the publishers to send a special commission, in the person of Wm. E. Johnson, to visit the Philippines, study the liquor traffic from personal observa-tion, and report his findings.

Mr. Johnson has just made his report, which is published at length in The New Voice. He says he found 1,100 places where intoxicants are openly and publicly sold in the city of Manila; that this does not include the innumerable resorts situated in alleys, "blind pigs," and other fraudulent devices to avoid publicity.

Says a prominent Republican journal, in quoting the facts which we have greatly condensed: "Such seem to be the blessing of distinguished by the seem to be the lessings' of civilization that follow the flag.'

Banish the Alcohol.

The British government, to increase the soldiers' efficiency, has deprived its army of every species of alcohol. Experiments demonstrated that grog enervates instead of invigorating those who use it. Alcoholic stimulants are more destructive in tropical climates than elsewhere. Temperance societies and workers, instead of making war on canteens should discharge their heaviest datteries at alcohol, then they will be sustained by the intelligence of the age. They should not mistake the vessel for its contents, and war upon the former.

The Pesky Mosquito.

Malarial fevers are traced by recent investigations, to minute parasites which gain access to the corpuscles of the blood through the action of a certain species of mosquito, bred in swamps and marshy districts. Nettings excluding these pestiferous creatures from injecting their spores into the blood is given as the best protection against the action of this little meddler in human affairs.

It has been known for years that the ordinary house-fly is a deadly agent in injecting polsons into the human veins; but the mosquito was not mistrusted as a source of danger until very lately.

"Many Chinese got on their knees and begged, but too late. We would jab the bayonet through them, give it a turn. and kick them off with our feet. When all was over and we had returned to our camp we were a sight to see. We were very tired and could see nothing but that battle. I would have given a world then if I could have been at home. I am truly thankful to God that I am living. We lost in all, killed and wounded,

"I must close, as we are in a hurry. Mother, don't worry.'

175 men.

But there are other mothers, those in Chinese homes, who will "worry," and languish, and die, because of the loss of their dear ones, just as would the mother of this narrater of war's doings had her loved son been pierced by a bayonet and kicked from its point to be be thrust into other hearts. Without regard to our respective re-

ligious prejudices, let us resist this war spirit which is rampant at this time, the young men making a rush to enlist in the army or navy, anxious to partici-pate in the still pending bloody strife.

Women Must Wear Hats.

Rev. J. H. Quinn, rector of Holy Angels' Catholic church, Buffalo, N. Y., has settled the question for his church, which ruling it is presumed will become a precedent for all other churches of all denominations. He did not cite Paul, but struck right out from his own lips with words that burn, thusly: "This is the house of God, and every

respect should be shown to him by those who enter it. From this time on it is forbidden, at any time of day, for women, young or old, to come into the Holy Angels' church without covering on their heads. This applies also to weddings. There is no exception

made. Nature's adornment, a nice covering of hair, will not suffice for women when they go to church; even the kidling with her curls, or the matron with silver locks, is not exempt from this requirement, so lovely woman must "stoop to folly" and wear a hat else be expelled from the church of the Holy Angels. And sensible women will quietly sub-mit to this priestly dictation! But a question right here: Men are required to remove the covering of their heads church, out of re when they enter the church, out of re-spect to God. By what law of ethics is the rule reversed which requires wo man's head to be covered, when a man's head is bare?

attempting to follow him across the third tracks, when he was restrained from doing so by some power that he could not understand.

- He had not seen the engine and cars coming, and he had not heard the cries of the flagman, neither had he heard the voice of his daughter, as the telepathists think he should have heard and been able to certify to, to make the case complete, but something, a force that he did not understand, turned him back from the death which confronted him. The telepathists say it was the guardian influence of his daughter's mind which did it. They say that to even the most confirmed doubter of the theory that mind can bridge all distances and that there are soul waves which travel

unseen and which maintain watch as guardians over those they love, and this incident must be admitted as convincing, for the facts are confirmed by most reliable persons. The Jennings girl is getting better and stronger every day, but she cannot recall what she saw or what she said when she was in her apparently half conscious state screaming out a warning to her father a mile and more away

Prayer Chain for McKinley.

from her bedroom.

Fremont, Ind., Sept. 4.—As a sort of offset to the W. C. T. U. prayer chain a woman of this city suggests a "Presi-dential prayer chain." It is built on the same idea as is the

W. C. T. U. plan and works the same way. Letters pledging the receiver to pray daily for the success of McKinles are sent to women thought to be in accord with the project, and each of them in turn sends out four copies to friends. The proposal has been received with favor and is now being put in operation. A great number of letters will form the

links of the "endless chain." The above is from the Chicago Tribune. Here comes a "tug of war." The W. C. T. U. are praying to God that President McKinley may be relegated to the rear, while others equally as "good" Christians, are praying that he

may be re-elected. One side, of course, will have its prayers answered. The whole thing looks ridiculous in the extreme.

Toughs in a Prize Fight. Rev. J. D. Griffin, an evangelist, has

come to Chicago in the role of "God's prize-fighter." He proposes a contest with the Devil, and expects to whip him in a few rounds. A good psychologist, he is sure to bring the sisters under influence, even if he fails in his principal mission, so forcibly expressed in one of his own songs:

"I can knock out the devil in twenty rounds, Good-by, old devil, good-by.

Knock him down, way out of bounds, Good-by, old devil, good-by. By, devil, by, by, Good-by, old devil, good-by."

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and 9th century before our era, is as clear as any person now living, in the belief that the spirit

"Subsists without the body's aid,"

All along the ages, as common to all people as to those who now accept the Bible as authority, or who build their faith on present spirit communion, this faith of an immortal life was taught and believed. The idea was inherent of decapitation. among Pagan nations as now among Christian nations. Prevailing among savage tribes, and even among Amer ican Indians when the country was first discovered, it seems just to infer the belief has a foundation in Nature.

Whether the Iliad was written so late as the 8th century of our present era as some writers have maintained, or if the entire Bible bears no earlier exist Chicago. Price 10 cents.

ence than from the 10th to the 15th cen tury, as some scholars insist, yet this does not affect the concurrent opinion of the world on this subject. The old Bactrians, the Chaldeans, the Persians the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Egyptians, and the Grecians, held to faith in an immortal life, and it was the central thought in every act pertaining to the disposition of the dead. Zoro aster inculcated this faith as did and do the Brahmans and Buddhists.

The prevailing philosophy of all the tion of conflict. War is in the air. early ages was predicated on this grand thought that modern Spiritualism has

confirmed, not brought to light. It would have survived the accidents of Time if Christianity had never existed, a Jew had never been heard of, or a Spiritualist had never held communication with the emancipated spirit of the loved dead.

We are in "earnest and insistent in these opinions, and are prepared to maintain them as 'truths in Nature which it is idle to controvert. pear this week.

We have credited⁹to modern spirits the discovery of "methods to com-municate with those gret in the flesh, but it is very evident this condition has existed since the very dawn of civilization else the peller would not be so universal.

Each age has brought the two conditions of life hearer each other, and the promise seems to indicate that the race destined to "turn' all to spirit," Milton represents Raphael predicting in his address to Adam.

Carlyle Petersilea.

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ing down, and calamity will be on the assuring him that the soul is loosing her army and the people. The Buddhist hold on the material body and preparing for flight to her spirit home. Volunteer Associated Train-bands are

Nature envelops the body, and the able to pacify the people and defend the empire. Upon sight of this, such perbody the soul, and when she is completed and entire, she is born into a sons as distribute three copies will avert higher sphere where all right and noble calamity from one family, while those who distribute ten copies will avert catendencies shall expand and develope lamity from a whole village. Those under fairer skies and more genial suns. A funeral should be a season of subwho, having met with, refuse to distribute, will be liable to the punishment lued and hallowed joy. It is no time to slt by the streams of Babylon, to hang

Unless the foreigners are subjugated harps upon the willows. Away with the there will be no rain. If any persons have taken poison from cypress, the sad bewallings, the haggard ook, the awful topes and the gloomy words of the ghostly priest. Rule out foreigners, the following recipe is a speof mind the King of Terrors, the cold damp tomb, the desolate feeling that you have lost a treasure.

When a natural body dies from the earth, a spiritual body is born into The Open Court, 324 Dearborn street, heaven. Hang, if you please, the hy menial altar with cypress, bewail i if you will, the nuptials of your first-born; but let joy and gladness rule the hour So said ex-Senator Manderson, of Ne-

braska, in a late speech, while referring Could the father, the mother, the to the failure of The Hague Conference. child, the husband, the wife, the lover, who has lost the dear one and stands freezingly gazing into the cold grave "Sad to say, The Hague conference, just receiving the lifeless form of his that seemed to be the rainbow of promdead, or experiences the horrid thrill of ise, appears to be the signal for inagony as he hears the hollow sound creased armies, instead of disarmament. and renewed activity in preparawhich the clod makes upon the coffin lid-could, I say, the friend have his spiritual eyes unscaled, and could he gaze, just above him, upon the beauteous body of his loved one, his own (but oh, how much more beautiful). Not only educating them, but spirit ualizing them also. Read the article on attended by other celestial beings, and could he at the same time realize that our fifth page. It is well worth \$5 to by cultivating all good and beautiful every thoughtful person, saying noth- affections, the departed shall be able to ing of other splendid articles that ap- communicate to him divine thoughts, sweet solace, pure associations even here, and soon shall lead him through the fields of light and glory, his sweet instructor, how would his sad bewail-ings be turned into a chastened joy? Within the chamber of this soul of Alas! how unbelieving, how unspiritual how earthly we are. Where once the loved and loving used Let me say to the honest poor, strug gle manfully against the frowns of for-Are now the scents of rue and as- tune, learn the truth, do the right, the

battle will soon be over; the wealthy fashion-seekers, whose latchets you are hardly permitted to unloose, will soon The sacred place that once had been all be at your feet, begging for instructions touching the fashions of the spirit land Is empty, now, save for their soothing and how they shall attain your social smell, And only God beyond us e'er can tell Then shall you sweetly and condescend-The lonely thoughts that hover there, ingly instruct them that are teachable.

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mine. to dwell, phodel That round the pillars of my being twine. thine and whine. The place that was your own is empty, love; Yet not in bitterness I drape its bowers

For pure and sweet, it waits God's coming guest, Whose life, far sundered from my own

above. Beyond, beneath, around, through faith

ful hours, seeking me, the Finish of its Quest. Ts BESSIE JOHNSON BELLMAN.

Bow to Spiritualize the Young Children.

HER ADOPTED FATHER AND TEACHER, PRO-FESSOR H. OLERICH, OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

ments of Viola Rosalia Olerich, who is conceded to be by far the most advanced juvenile scholar that ever lived-at least, so far as records on this subject are preserved. I

Viola Rosalia Olerich was born in the city of Des to develop. Moines, Iowa, February 10, 1897. I and my wife adopted her when she was eight months and four days old. At the time of adoption we resided in Lake City, Iowa, where the writer was superintendent of the public schools. On July 25, 1899, we moved to Council Bluffs, Iowa, where Viola has resided with us ever since, and has received all her instruction from us at home.

Our chief object for adopting a child was to test, in a

HOW THE BABY WAS SELECTED.

No attempt was made to select a particular child; on the contrary, we desired to get an average child. Hence, physical health was the only point of pedigree which we regarded as of vital importance, and even of this we knew given her, which she also used for two months in a similar

little or nothing. We keep, perhaps, a more complete daily record of Viola's progress than was ever before kept of a child. The data used in this article are taken from this diary. This affords the reader an assurance that given in this sketch were not jotted down at random mem-ory, as they too often are in such cases, but are as accurate as cautious clerical work can reasonably make them.

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Viola's physical conditions at the time of adoption were not very flattering. She was a pale, an almost sickly looking baby, with a mouth that was a little crooked, and the right side of her face considerably fuller than the left. tences which she learned to speak rapidly. We printed These defects soon began to diminish and disappear. Her cheeks assumed a healthy color and her face grew the sentence method. We then began to use the word symmetrical. Viola's size and weight are about an aver- method also. In this way we used all the methods in an age. At the time of adoption she weighed 14 pounds 10 ounces, and was 2 feet 11 inches high. Now she weighs 30 pounds 8 ounces, and is a little over three feet in in height. Baby is now regarded as a "beautiful blonde with brilliant eyes, soft golden hair and a charming personality."

EARLY CONDUCT

baby," as may be seen from the first picture, which was estimable value, and which every person, young and old,

became continually more jovial and amiable. Viola has always been permitted to eat as much of everything as she desired. Between meals she has always eaten whenever her appetite prompted her to do so. At the age of one year and six months she received her little lunch counter, in which we always keep a supply of bread, large figures on pretty blocks which were hung on the crackers, etc., for her; and whenever she wants to eat be- wall. Each block had also a number of bright tacks in it tween meals she goes to her lunch counter, opens the lid, corresponding to the numerical value of the digits. The and eats as much as she wants. When she has finished colors were taught by fastening colored ribbons to blocks, eating she almost invariably closes the lid and goes on hung up in the same manner as the number blocks. playing. This practice is not only a useful lesson in es- These blocks were called for by number or color whentablishing a healthy appetite, but is also a valuable lesson ever the baby and we felt disposed to play with them. in order. Ever since Viola has been with us she has Baby would go and get the one she thought we had called slept alone and retired alone. The first few months she for. We began with two blocks and gradually increased slept twice during the day. She has never been rocked, the number of them. At twenty-two months she could free, pleasant sleep, and a helpless child should always be numbers as large as octillions. She is also familiar with taken up immediately after it wakes. It should never be quite a number of shades and tints. first compelled to cry for assistance. To compel it thus

MENTS OF VIOLA R. OLERICH, NOT YET FOUR Intelligence, kindness and freedom are no doubt the plex. YEARS OLD-AS TOLD IN THE STRAND BY only factors that can really reform and refine the world. Vio

play. She has never "studied" a lesson in her life; has and fetch any of the thirty-four geometrical forms shown never been asked to take a book. Her whole life has been in this picture. We first set up only three pieces-the

Strand Magazine of the wonderful educational attain- tional apparatus with which her keen interest for learning was awakened, and after surrounding her with this apparatus she has enjoyed complete freedom as to what and when to learn. She has always been the judge in this choice, and not we. All we do is to create an interest in learning and activity in whatever direction we desire her shall endeavor to tell the story of her wonderful life in the choice, and not we. All we do is to create an interest in simplest way in which my words and pictures can do so. learning and activity in whatever direction we desire her

HOW VIOLA LEARNED TO READ.

Partly for the purpose of amusing herself, partly for creating an interest for books, and partly for the purpose of learning to handle books, Viola received her first book when she was thirteen months old. Soon after this we

began to direct her attention to objects in the pictures and told her some interesting facts about them. In a few practical way, a new theory of education, winch we be- days she became inensely interested in these simple exerlieve to be much superior to any educational system which cises. She soon brought her book to us for a lesson very has heretofore been used. The wonderful success with frequently. At the time we gave her this book we also which we have so far met must, we think, stand as evi-dence of its merit. It is briefly outlined in this article. Sitting room, and told her that this little shelf would world. Then she learned to read and locate the names of Bluffs, Pompeii. Mediterranean, etc. make a nice library for her new book, when she was not oceans, lakes, mountains, rivers, capes, etc. She can now

it very readily. This was an important lesson in order. With her first book she played for two months, after nent geographical name and place in a few seconds, when which it was put away and another kind of First Reader the closed geography is given to her for that purpose.

manner. She played with these books very much-perhaps from two to three hours a day. The fore part of the first book is considerably torn; the second is slightly torn in only two places. These simple exercises awakened an early interest for pictures and books, cultivated a taste for observation, strengthened attention, developed caution tures, and learned to recognize them in a short time. and memory, greatly enlarged her vocabulary, and created an appreciation of order and beauty-in fact, they started the development of most of the mental faculties.

She could give one sound to every letter when she was seventeen months old; then she learned to read short senthese sentences on cards, and she learned to read them by attractive way; sometimes one and sometimes another.

When Viola was two years and eleven months old she could read at sight, with force and expression, almost any reading matter in the English language. She could also read German nicely before she was three years old. At

the age of three years and two months she read English, German and French. There is perhaps not a word in the Baldwin series of school readers, from the first, in-At the time Viola came to live with us she was a "cry cluding the sixth, which she cannot readily read at sight.

German and French she learned to read almost ex-clusively by the sentence method. The sentence is the taken two days after her adoption. We immediately be-gan to teach her to amuse herself by playing on the floor unit of thought. We think in terms of sentences, and not year and eleven months old. These lines and angles with her simple toys. She soon learned to like this 50 in terms of words or elementary sounds. For this reason well that she did not want to be held much. She thus the sentence method is the easiest and most attractive for learned early to amuse herself, a knowledge which is of in- little children, and it produces by far the best readers. way as she learned the portraits, etc. A young child should learn to read such sentences as it should possess in the fullest measure. Should possess in the fullest measure. Treadily uses in its daily conversation, rather than learn new sentences by reading. This course makes the read-habit of crying rapidly diminished, and her disposition ing easy, delightful and intelligible. readily uses in its daily conversation, rather than learn

NUMBERS AND COLORS.

At the age of twenty months Viola could read all the digits, and recognize nine colors-white, black and the seven prismatic colors. We taught the digits by printing

Viola has acquired all her knowledge in the form of tained the age of one year and nine months she could name of the list.

The writer has been asked to tell the readers of the vented and constructed much of the attractive educa-added as fast as she learned the former.

When Viola was one year and nine months old she knew the flags of twenty-nine nations. When all the our inclinations. The reader should firmly keep in mind that all Viola's learning was only play, and that she al-ways enjoyed complete freedom on all these educational

subjects.

GEOGRAPHY.

The map we used for this purpose had no names on it. often by sound. In this way she learned to spell readily She could point to any State or Territory and its capital and pleasantly, so that at the age of three she could spell when she was one year and nine months old.

In this way she could soon name, locate and read the using it. She learned the lesson of keeping her book on read almost any geographical name given in Frye's geographies, and upon request she can find almost any promi-

PORTRAITS OF FAMOUS PERSONS.

At the age of one year and ten months Viola knew the portraits of more than a hundred famous men and women, representing nearly all schools of thought, both good and bad. She soon became fond of playing with these pic-

The portraits were set in a cardholder, all in plain view, as shown in the picture; then baby was requested to get a certain one. In the first lesson only two were used, then the number was increased as fast as she learned to recognize them.

Before Viola was one year and eleven months old she knew and could name thirty-two different kinds of seeds and twenty-five kinds of leaves of trees. The seeds were put in little bottles and set in a neat case, so that all the bottles were in plain view at the same time. The leaves were pressed in a large book.

At the age of one year and eleven months she could point to almost all the bones of the human skeleton, and to many organs of the body. She first learned to name and locate the femur, then the humerus, and so on. Now she can name and read the names of all the bones of the human skeleton, and locate nearly all of them. She can also read, name and locate the external parts of the body. Viola knew at sight and could name the twenty-two were drawn on cards about the size of a common envelope, and she learned to recognize and name them in the same

UNITED STATES MONEY.

At twenty-three months she named and recognized all the denominations' of money which is now coined and printed by the United States government, except bills over one hundred dollars. We taught her the money by placing it in a shallow dish, beginning with the penny and the nickel, increasing the denominations as fast as she learned them. Sometimes we asked her to pick out a certain denomination for us; at other times we would pick out a piece and ask her to name it. In this way she learned to discriminate and to name, to observe and to talk, all of which are very useful in the practical affairs of life.

EXAMINATION.

five days old she passed an examination before a disinter- | with the proper system of education, children, before they slept twice during the day. She has never been rocked, the number of them. At twenty-two months she could ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store of the the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store of the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store of the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store of the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and arrive at the age of eight, will have a larger store the second ested committee of examiners (Miss Verna Lumpkin and the second ested ested committee of ested ested committee of ested ested committee of ested ested committee of ested e teachers of the public schools of Lake City, Iowa, the city

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Viola learned form very rapidly. Before she had at- tee compiled a written "record" containing all the words

PUNCTUATION MARKS AND SPELLING.

At two years she knew twenty-two punctuation marks.

They were drawn on cards, and learned in the same way as the portraits, etc. The reader will notice that all Viola's learning is in the line of practical knowledge knowledge which must be learned before we can read intelligently or write correctly.

Shortly after Viola began to read she also began to learn the names of the letters and to spell easy words, which were printed in large letters on cards, and these cards could be slipped into a groove on one face of attractive blocks, which were hung up against the wall and had pieces of peanut in them. Whenever she wanted a peanut we would ask her to get a block (we called these blocks peanut bottles) having a certain word on it. If she In geography she first learned to locate and then to brought the block containing the right word she would names the States and Territories of the United States. first spell the word by sight, then from memory, and also a long list of words, many of them quite difficult, such as vinegar, sugar, insect, Viola, busy, mamma, Rosalia,

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who would succeed in finding a word in either of these books that Viola could not readily pronounce at sight So far no one has succeeded in finding such a word.

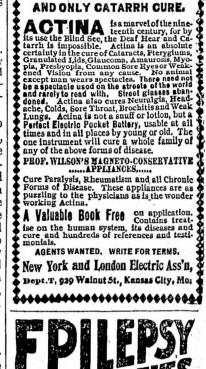
Viola could readily read manuscript before she began to practice writing. Her first writing and also her first drawing exercises were on the blackboard. She never learned to print much, but began with manuscript. The small i was the first letter she learned to make, then e, u, t, j, n, b, etc. O was the first capital letter she made. She now writes both words and capitals quite readily. In order to make the writing exercises pleasant we often in-terspersed them with attractive drawings.

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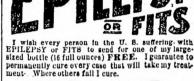
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and they will acquire all this practically without any strain or effort. The truth of this statement may, we 2,500 nouns by having either the pictures or the objects themselves brought before her. The committee esti-mated that she knew at least 500 more nouns which they could not present as shields a picture of the one mentioned above.—The Strand.

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every respect, and war and crime eventually be abolished. This examination was conducted by two distinctly dif-I have always treated Viola with the utmost kindness geometry, all the various kinds of triangles and quadri-and courtesy; have never even spoken a loud or harsh laterals, a sphere, a square and a triangular prism, a pyra-or the pictures of them, were placed before Viola, and itualists generally, and should be filed away for future word to her. It is my opinion that every "bad boy" and mid and cone and their frustrums, leaves of trees and then she was requested to bring them one by one, after reference. INVESTIGATOR.

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By

perience has taught me that critics of Christianity are not usually well acquainted with the matter in hand. They The Dispensation of Love. are generally absolutely ignorant of the Scripture teaching, or at best have only I wish to protest an article in The

> "And this I pray that your love may abound more and more in knowledge

excellent: that ye may be sincere and without offense." Phil. 1:9, 10. Here now is the love of Christianity. I have italicised the words which qualikill only to make alive. Balaam still fy love in the above quotation, that tries to curse Israel and ends with a which controls and governs the "steam blessing. "'Twas ever thus." So we in the boiler." Will Prof. Loveland note

accept Dispensation of Love. He objects to what he calls "blind them? "Knowledge" and "judgment" are to be used. Paul says, in exercising our love, and the happy result will be He adds: "It is like the steam in the boiler which, if properly directed, that we may "approve things that are will run the engine * but if left to itself will produce wide-spread dis-aster." Let me say that I, too, object to "blind love." Mere gush, just a superexcellent," and be "sincere" and "with-out offence." This is one of the favorite texts from which I have been preaching love in the pulpits of the Christian abundance of sentimental feeling, is Church for twenty years past. Not

perfectly useless. No Christian of blind love either, but the kind that is average intelligence holds otherwise. directed by judgment and knowledge Our brother concedes the only possible boint at issue when he likens love to steam in the boiler, needing control only to be useful. Exactly. His illustration is perfect. I accept it delightedly in connection with the beautiful title he confers upon our era. Yes: we object to is needed at present." This remarkable blind love, and we want the steam in statement might be answered by simply.

CHRISTIANITY:

Progressive Thinker, No. 562, entitled

"Love or Wisdom." The writer styles

Christianity the Dispensation of Love,

and I thank him for this most gracious

distinction by him conferred upon the

era of Jesus of Nazareth. Unwittingly,

perhaps, but truly indeed, he has named it aright. It is not the first time that a

violent critic of Christianity has tried to

love."

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the boiler properly controlled. Why am I objecting, then? Simply because the brother affirms, or at least implies, that Christianity is a system of blind love. In fact he says that to teach or urge loving one another is "simply a repetition of what Christianity has been doing for nineteen centuries." I object to the assertion that Christianity culti-not enough. Only the most fatal blind-vates blind love, or even fosters a weak sentimentalism. It does nothing of the kind. On the contrary it inculcates a love enough. Look upon the fallen of demands most emphatically a love into prison cells; pass in review the which is diametrically opposed to all forms of hysteria, or merely goodygoody-ism. It holds up for considera-tion a love enlightened by knowledge, a love restrained by wisdom, and a love

we should. a superficial knowledge of it. So I will direct the enquirer a little.

and judgment. "That ye may approve things that are

say: "An educated brain above a bosom devoid of love is like an electric lamp

and sensuous tropics.

into the approval of things that are ex-cellent. So Obristianity teaches. The brother well calls it the "Dispensation of Love." He further says that "Humanity has always had plenty of love-has all that saying it is not true. And let all the

people say amen! It may be true the world has enough of the cold, refined, passionless affair which the brother has, Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." I. Cor. 13. This is an epitome of the principles of the Love Dispensation. Oan anybody object? Yes: it is possi-ble. In a certain contingency I once urged urged the Golden Rule upon a man. He said, "I reject the Golden Rule." Just a little astonished, I asked him why? We lowched a little meaning? placed on a pedestal; but of the love which discerns human need with sorrow, and thrills with kindness for the lonely, the lost, and the fallen, there is hearty, robust, intelligent affection. It the cities, both men and women; gaze him why? He laughed a little uneasily,

> haggard, pinched features of want, victims of greed and avarice. What do they need? More love. "Love or Wisdom?" is the brother's title, and he concludes we need, not love

tempered and adjusted by both mercy | but wisdom. I solemnly affirm that we | matter willo you are, is not that the scarcely read it without spiritual profit. and justice. It would seem unnecessary have wisdom enough. We know better main-spring to all your various objec- Price \$1. For sale at this office.

to refer to Scripture proof, but my ex- ; than to treat our fellow man as we tions? You reject without logical real often do-we know what to do, but do it son and because of moral restrictions to not. Why? Because we do not love as which you are unwilling to submit.

"Man's inhumanity to man

Makes countless thousands mourn." Our brother says we have love enough, but need to get more wisdom. Almost exactly the opposite is true. It is simply a fact that we know better than we do-human wisdom can direct us at any time to something better. But human

living will never catch up with wis-dom's ways until love quickens our laggard footsteps. The Love Dispensation is what we need-love enough to do what we know is right. I once heard the noted Geo. W. Bain

shining over a grave full of dead men' dust." It is a striking figure but true. I can heartily concur in Prof. Loveland's eulogium of Wisdom, but forever also there must be love as well. There is a cold and frigid beauty amid the Polar ice-fields, but bloom and beauty combined exist eternally in the warm

iniquity, but delighteth in the truth. Beareth all things, believeth all things,

and then quite frankly replied: "Well, to be honest, the main reason I object to the Golden Rule is because it de-

mands of me a better life than I am willing to live!" And sincerely, my dear friend, no

Finally, our brother says "a good lover is a good hater." It is true. A good is a good nater." It is true. A good lover is one who entertains strong ha-tred. Both attributes are essential to moral completeness. A man all love and no hate would be as great a monstrosity Letter From Dr. John G. Wyman, Brooklyn, N.Y. as a man with but one eve, one ear and one nostril. Love and hate balance, co-

ordinate to perfection. Hear Paul again: "Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God, even thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness." Heb. 1:9. Pre-eminently this is the correct thing.

Love righteousness, hate iniquity; love sobriety, hate drunkenness: love truth, hate lying; love candor, hate hypocrisy; love generosity, hate avarice; love purity, hate lust. And so on. Moreover, the greater the love for righteousness the deeper the hove for highleousness the deeper the hatred of injulity. Right you are! Love and hatred go together, and a splendid_{a1} team they make. If we hitch them to the charlot of the soul they will bear us on a more splendid journey than the voy-

age of Elijah in the mythical chariot of

and sensuous tropics. Paul said: "Though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mys-teries, and all knowledge; and though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and have not love, I am nothing." Listen: "Love suffereth long, and is kind: love envieth not: love is not for-ward: doth not behave itself rudely, is not exacting, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. Love rejoiceth not in Beareth all things, believeth all things, Sappho and Hypatia: Homer and Horace: Milton and Shakespeare: A. J. Davis and the beloved Peebles. All the truly great writers have eulogized love and discerned the surpassing greatness

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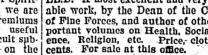
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Dr. J. M. Peebles writes from Battle curable, if the sufferer have perfect Creek, Mich.: "I am just home from faith. The recent pilgrimages to Cathcamp-meetings in Ohio, New York, olic shrines in the United States and Michigan, etc. I have been on the Canada, where relics of St. Anne are tramp four or five weeks, lecturing, lec- kept, are so many instances of a conturing, lecturing, and prescribing for tinued belief in the efficacy of faith the sick at the same time, the busiest | among the members of the most ancient man in the world. I leave here Thurs- communion of Christians. There is

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It is a grave question whether religious freedom should extend to these demented beings. A special to the New York World, from Bridgeville, Del. says: "Henry Dorsey, colored, of Balti-

more, a member of the Sanctified Band, here Thursday night last in a grove, surrounded by members of the band chanting weird melodies and performing incantations. The Sanctified Band was organized here several years ago. During that time it has been

driven from State to State. It returned here a short time ago, and meetings have been held in deserted buildings and in the woods. A few days ago Dorsey was taken sick. As it is the custom of the band to cure the sick by incantations, no physician was called in: Members of the band, however, gathered nightly at Dorsey's house, and after removing him to a grove near by would proceed to go through a series of

incantations. The leader, clad in a fantastic costume, would kill a chicken and smear the sick man's body with the blood. Forming a circle around the

says: "Psychologists and physicians couch, the band would march around it, will have mater for study in the alleged singing and praying at intervals. cures produced by the exercise of faith | Despite these nightly meetings and cu-

among the members of the sect known | rious ceremonies, the sick man grew as the Christian Alliance of the United | rapidly worse. Finally it was decided States, which recently held a meeting at that the band must spend an entire day

less; otherwise many items would be personal magnetism, who has been very The verdict returned at the coroner's crowded out, Sometimes a thirty-line successful in raising great sums of inquest held on Friday was 'Death from money for foreign missions, A man | natural causes." A blind organ grinder, who is well

who can in a single day induce people known to the people in the neighborordinary preacher. He was presiding hood of Tompkins square, said the other during the first fortnight of the current day that he preferred that locality bemonth over the assembly of the Chriscause he found its population very aptian Alliance when many testimonials preciative, says the New York Comof the cure of disease by faith were mercial Advertiser. "How do they offered. The Christian Alliance bases show it? By the number of coins they itself on the plain doctrines of Jesus; put in your can?" was asked. "No, sir." one of its tenets is that diseases are all answered the blind man gravely. "I make a deal more in other districts. They are all poor people around there, and often I go away without getting anything. But I can feel their appreciation. Although blind, I always know how big a crowd my playing attracts, and what effect it has on them. How do

I feel It? I could not describe it to you

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican

says: "The New England Spiritualist

Camp-meeting Association of Lake

Pleasant, has brought suit in the dis-

trict court to collect from Hattie Reed

Cornick the amount of the 3 per cent

assessment on eight building lots at

that resort. Each of the deeds of build-

ing lots issued by the association con-

tains a provision that a 3 per cent tax

Ervin A. Rice writes: "The Ohurch of the Soul will resume regular Sunday meetings in Handel Hall, No. 40 Randolph street, at 11 a. m., Sunday, September 16. The pastor, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, will officiate as usual, and the subject of the discourse for the opening Sunday will be 'From Mountain. Foresta: Lake and Vale.' The

church has taken the large auditorium at Handel Hall, and we have free seats for all."

A. A. Averill, secretary, writes: "The Lynn (Mass.) Spiritualists' Association held its regular annual meeting on Sept. 4, and elected the following officers to serve the ensuing year. President, Dr. Alex Caird, formerly of Ohicago; vicepresident, Amanda Robinson; secretary, A. A. Averill; treasurer, E. P. Averill; directors, El F. Metzger, C. J. Butler and Effie I. Webster. The society has power. This idea is absurd. some of the very best talent engaged that can be secured, opening the season on October 7, with Mrs. May S. Pepper as medium, whose name on the bills always insures a large audience. She will be followed by Mrs. Carrie Twing, O. Fannie Allyn, Effie I. Webster, Lizzie Harlow, and other good speakers and

mediums." Mrs. Nora E. Hill, of 750 W. Lake thinking. street, has finished her vacation, and will now resume her usual business. also holding her circles on Tuesday and Friday nights at her residence, 750 W. Lake street, Chicago. She is also open for engagements for lecturing.

Dr. and Mrs. Briggs, who are now stopping at the Island Lake camp grounds will soon go to Cincinnati During the coming winter they will locate in Detroit, Mich.

C. E. Dent writes: "The spirit still moves at Vicksburg, Mich. As our successful camp-meeting closed August 26 we do not mean to let the cause die out here. Sunday, September 2, Brother Frank T. Ripley gave us two good lectures, and followed them with messages. The audience was well pleased, and all join with me, hoping we can soon have him with us again. We have engaged our hall for the next year and expect to hold meetings every Sunday." G. F. Perkins, of 884 W. Madison street, Chicago, writes that those people coming from the North Side can utilize Robey street, Paulina street, Western avenue, and Madison street cars; also the elevated cars, to attend his meetings Tuesday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Rev. J. O. M. Hewitt, 408 W. Madison street, Chicago, will make engagements



when vacancies occurred. The idea that thought has power seems to prevail among writers on Psytures in the regular course, the last one, chology-that thought is power per se. an illustrated lecture on Vitosophy, or They speak of "thought transference" the Science of Life, made clear some of and many other things that thought the mysteries of psychic phenomena. does, or can do. This idea has its rise T. V. Nicum, of Dayton, first vicein the misconception of the meaning of president of the Ohio State Association,

the word, and applying it to an element was with us during the latter part of with which it has no relation. the camp and gave several interesting Thought is the memory of what one short talks. has been thinking. Thinking is a men-

Mrs. Amanda Coffman, of Grand Rapids, Mich., gave the last regular adtal process set into operation by a force dress of the season. Though only two that exists previous to the thinking. If or three years in public work, Mrs. Coffthought has power, then memory has man gives promise of being an excellent trance speaker. Her lectures are pro-We speak of telepathy and associate the word with "thought transference." found and logical, showing rare knowledge of the spirit world and its relation There is no such association. Telepathy is from tele, far, and pathy, feeling. It

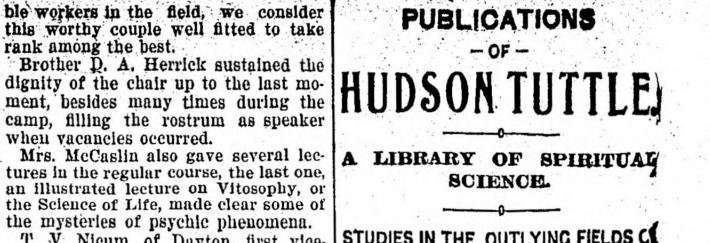
rank among the best.

to this. is the ability in one to arouse a feeling The last entertainment of the season in another at a distance when both are was a new version of "My Friend From India," specially prepared by Mrs. Mcsensitives. This feeling arouses thinking in the one so affected; for where Caslin, introducing the Fox Sisters, there is no feeling, there can be no both in earth and spirit life, occult manfestations and picturesque East India costumes, well adapted to Spiritualist

We are apt to take the appearance of a thing for the thing itself. Thus we societies. speak of sunrise. If we did not know Though the camp is closed, many people still remain upon the grounds. the cause of the phenomenon, it would be to us as a reality. A definition of Though the social features of the camp consciousness will help us in this predominate, the mediums still hold seanalysis. Without consciousness, noth- ances, and Mrs. McCaslin has been reing would be-to us. Consciousness is quested to repeat a course of lectures the cognition of being; the internal given last week on "Sexual Science." sense, the faculty by which things be-Considerable money has been raised come known. In this life, it is depentoward a purchase of Lake Brady, with dent on the physical senses, just as a view to making it wholly a spiritual force is dependent on matter for its camp ground; it's being a summer remanifestation; yet force is not matter. sort at present is an objection to some of the wealthier class of Spiritualists Thought is not matter, and force cannot willing to invest in it. be manifested only through matter. So

thinking is dependent on consciousness. Feeling is a sensuous process; thinking is an intellectual process. It is the instinctive impulse to gratify feeling-a pleasurable sensation, or to avoid a painful one.

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per hour.

raised from the dead.

spiritual results. I rang the bell and was met by a colored servant who charges unpaid. showed me into the parlor, a cheerful | ANGELL PRIZE CONTEST RECITATIONS, door I heard a deep, manly voice say

MRS. M. M'CASLIN.

A North Carolina Medium.

It is with pleasure that I write you to-

night telling you of my latest experi-

ence with Ernest Orvis, the psychic of

the "Land of the Sky." I arrived in

smile. He greeted us all and I made an

Many and varied were the messages

received, and oh! how my hungry soul

was filled with the bread of eternal

truth. Dear editor and friends," who

can doubt this truth. It is so satisfy-

ing, so gratifying. I feel as if I were

While waiting to see him on my earlier

visit I was told by one of the gentlemen

present that he had been healed by Mr.

Orvis, and that he know of others who

treatment. Mr. Orvis uses a type-writer

tells me he is kept very busy. I met

It seems that they are very deeply in-

terested in all things of an occult na-

Oh, may the angel world use this man

man, I now feel like a new being.

day for the Minneapolis annual associa- | abundant Catholic authority in support | if I would. There are many things that tion of Spiritualists."

Canon camp, in South Boulder canon, Protestant sects and the Catholic D. W. Hull will deliver several lectures | Church meet on common ground in one on the 'Bible and Spiritualism.' His first three lectures will be an attempt to | tament doctrine of the power of faith show that early Christianity was found- | to heal the sick."

ed on intercourse with the spirit world. Mr. Hull is the editor of the Liberator of Norton, Kans., is is widely known as a lecturer.'

D. A. Richardson, of Paulding. Ohio. writes: "The Progressive Spiritualist Association of Payne, O., held a grove | ualists. His trumpet work is progressmeeting, September 2. It was a grand success. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter were the chief attractions."

Prof. W. M. Lockwood is stopping temporarily at Petoskey, Mich., seeking relief from hay fever.

John Barry writes to the R. P. Journal: "I read an article in the Journal on crystal-gazing; how to hold the glass. and breathing into the water to magnetize it. In my family we practice it every day, and the visions never fail. don't see them, but my wife and daughter and two little boys do. We commenced to practice it last winter, thanks to the Journal for suggesting it. My people simply fill the glass with water, put it on the table, and then look into it. My wife sometimes sees two or three visions at the same time. She can tell the past, present or future correctly. The little girl is not quite as good as the mother. She must be on a different plane. The elder of the boys is, good. A person can take him anywhere, get him a glass of water, and he will describe all that is in the ground there. He has saved me a good many days' hard work. The younger boy is also a good psychic. As for doing anything with the glass of water, I suppose that it makes no difference how it is done, so long as the person is able to see visions. My eldest boy went to the creek for a bucket of water, and as he did not come back for some time, I called him. When I asked him what detained him, he said that he was watching a lot of Chinamen fighting in the funniest town he ever saw. He said they were killing each other by the hun-

dreds. We are the only Spiritualists in was carried away. Patrolman Beall this part of Montana. What we lack spent much time on the case, finally discovering that the thief is now in prison here is enough psychics to form a circle; but we have to do it alone, and we in Illinois. Beall is a Spiritualist in religious belief, and recently he consulted do it fairly well."

Mrs. N. Ewan writes: "A Spiritual society has been organized on the South Side, to be known as the Independent Spiritual Society, and have elected the following officers: G. N. Kinkcad, pres-

of the faith cure continued from the we blind folks feel without being able to explain how. Otherwise our lives The Fenver (Colo.) News says: "At | time of Christ to this day. Thus modern would not be worth living. Anyhow, I know when my tune makes people stop particular. They uphold the New Tesand feel moved. I know when I send a thrill through a group of women and children, and it makes me happy."

Geo. H. Brooks is now at his home,

Wheaton, Ill., resting from his arduous

labors at Lily Dale. He can be ad-

dressed at No. 114 President street. On

his way home Mr. Brooks stopped at

ness, but genial as ever. Mr. Brooks

The Herald, of Mexico City, Mexico,

Clyde, Ohio, to visit friends there. He

Mrs. E. M. Wombold writes from Anderson, Ind.: "W. E. Hart, of Richmond, Ind., has been spending the past ten days with friends at Anderson, Ind.,

and holding seances, all of which were very satisfactory to skeptics and Spiriting very rapidly, and he is also able to give light seances for partial materialization. One spirit materialized, wrote

a message on a slate and held it up above the cabinet to be recognized, and gave the slate to the lady to whom the writing was for, together with other

tests. Mr. Hart sits on the outside of the cabinet, and is held by two other disinterested parties."

nterests."

The Jamestown Evening Journal, in a communication from Lily Dale, says: "It is also hoped the Hon. A. B. Richmond amidst his declining years may honor Lily Dale with his majestic presence and enthusiastic interest another year. Mr. Richmond has been a coworker for 12 years in this movement. A man of gigantic intellect, he has searched for the truth and leaves not a stone unturned. A shrewd lawyer of of gray hair, is active in the cause, and is much beloved. Mr. and Mrs. Hull are much thought of, and for their labor in

will be paid on the lots when assessed by the trustees of the association. There has been some question among those holding property as to the exact legal position in which the owners of the property stand in relation to the assessment, and the outcome of the case will be watched with interest. Mrs. Cor-

nick in her answer states that no legal assessment was made, and denies the authority of the association to make the assessment."

R. W. Simpson writes from Toronto, Canada: "This season at Lily Dale camp ground, the Canadians who were there thought well to establish "The Canadian Spiritualist Association, for the Dominion of Canada.' Dr. Austin, of unusual ability and power, who recog- Toronto, was elected president; R. W. nizes the wheat and leaves the chaff to | Simpson, Seaforth, Ont., secretary; W. blow away. Lyman C. Howe, a veteran | S. Shaw, Branbridge, Ont., first viceco-worker, though honored with streaks president, and F. C. Willson, Toronto, second vice-president. The membership fee is \$1 yearly, including 'The Sermon, a monthly magazine edited by Dr. Austhe school and otherwise they are ap- tin. Members of the Association and preciated. Mr. Hull is one of the best others, by sending names and addresses Bible students who comes to the Dale, of liberal-minded persons, will have and is also a profound historian. Mrs. Spiritualistic literature forwarded to Hull is a co-worker in the woman sufthem. Next summer at Lily Dale there frage movement in addition to her other will be 'Canadian Day,' and Dr. Austin will be the speaker for the occasion."

The Indianapolis (Ind.) News has the The Galveston (Tex.) News says: following: "Muncie, Ind., August 29 .--"Della Cooper, the colored girl of Sherman, who has strange hallucinations so | lar, like a ray of sunshine comes one John Mercer's home was robbed while he was attending a Bryan demonstrathat she becomes by turns various sorts tion in this city four years ago, and a of birds and animals, and while in such quantity of jewelry and other plunder moods emits cries similar to those of the respective birds and animals, is no better to-day, having had several attacks. Her case puzzles all who investigate it. Prof. Lampkin, whose opinion was quoted in the News this morning, is still of the opinion that she is under hypnotic influence brought about crudely or maliciously. Students of oc-

a medium, and there was a slate-writing seance, during which he found on the slate: 'Go look under a large rock near the intersection of the first road west of cult research suggest that she is under the Mercer farm; you can't miss the a telepathic influence. The child berock." Beall found the plunder as de- | came more talkative than usual to-day | us who have been searching for somescribed. He is confident that the message from the spirit land alone aided him." with it. She has a peculiar thumping T. Packard writes: "When Volume 3 arrives, then I shall have your full li- in her side and her attendants verily believe she has swallowed a snake. A brary of the seven premium books. I 'hoodoo' doctor is on his way from an have read them all with much interest. and I trust with profit also. Volumes 1 interior village to operate on her." and 2 of the Encyclopedia of Death, and Edgar F. Bundy writes from Louis-Life in the Spirit World were very fasciville, Ky .: "I wish to speak of a friend. nating and intensely interesting, open-Mrs. Mann, and of the manifestations ing out as they do, something of the that take place in her presence. I have mystery that attends death. Any pera private seance with her every Monson reading carefully these books need | day evening. At one of them my guides have no fear of the future." H. Brady writes from Thorpe, Iowa, that the country and the small towns some beautiful spiritual songs. Some of my other guides generally give me a lecture upon some subject which I enthusiasm a good speaker and test mejoy and appreciate." dium." Maggie Walte writes: "The Progress-Fred P. Evans writes: "After a very ve Friends' Association held its annual meeting at North Collins. August 31 September 1 and 2. Mrs. Whitlock, of Providence, R. I., was the speaker and lectured at each session, I serving as test medium for Sept. 1 and 2. President Frank Walker presided at all meet-

answer calls to officiate at funerals, weddings, or other services. He is a obtain the one and to avoid the other. speaker of fine ability, and of superior culture.

Mrs. M. R. Naston writes from Topeka, Kansas: "The Spiritualists of Topeka, Kansas, gave a reception at the home of Mrs. Frisby, on September 4, some evil.

for Mrs. E. E. Hammon; also presented her with a slight token of our regard for her previous to her leaving us as a society for her Western home, Los Angeles, Cal. She goes seeking health and new work in the cause of truth. Mrs. Hammon is a fine inspirational speaker: gives the best of private readings and good platform tests,"

In Wisconsin a work is being inaugurated that will bring that state into the front ranks of Spiritualism. See communication on-our second page.

Mrs. A. M. Pennefeather writes from New Canton, Ill.: "Will you kindly announce to the many, who are seeking to engage the services of our medium, Oscar Ward, that the controlling powers are not willing yet to permit him to make engagements; but say that in a little while, perhaps, if he gives his time for development, he will be able to meet their wants.) I hope the time is not far distant when his name will be added to the list of noble workers for our glorious cause."

From Cripple Creek. Col.

Somewhere, somehow, sometime the patient and earnest investigator must reap the reward of his efforts in the search for truth. It would seem that the liberal thinkers of the Gripple Creek district had reached a point where the opportunity presents itself to study the truth in all its beauty and ennobling aspects, under the tutelage of one who has pentrated deep into the mysteries of the highest philosophy of life.

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human activity, which is the effort to distinctly, "Make Mrs. Markham comfortable, Anna." Presently the door be-All that men obtain or seek to obtain. tween the parlor and adjoining room all that men do or seek to do, all that opened to admit the sitter, and he was men avoid or seek to avoid, is for the followed by Mr. Orvis, a man of some sole purpose of satisfying some desire, 40 years of age , with dark hair, beard gratifying some feeling, or avoiding and eyes, and whose face wore a kindly

No one can successfully controver engagement with him for after the supthis proposition. It determines and points out all the factors of human conduct, and defines each. It makes feeling (desire, passion, appetite, or fear of pain) the cause of voluntary activity; thinking and knowing, the devising of means for satisfaction of desire or avoidance of pain; and activity is the employment of means in the consummation of the end-enjoyment. The order of this process is (a) feeling, (b) knowing. (c) acting-the cause the means, the

end. had been benefited by his method of Suppose one passes into the stillness of the night, by a number of houses; some being vacant, in which the doors his wife, a matronly-looking woman of and windows are closed and all is dark about 33 or 34 years of age, and of the and silent within. He throws a brickblonde type. She is also a medium, and bat against the door of each. In some gives satisfaction to her sitters. She asthere is a response, in others none (the sists her husband in his work. houses being vacant). What causes the response? The answer is, "Throwing the brick-bat." Why was there no reture. They try to avoid publicity and sponse in the vacant houses? Just so live such a peaceful home life. I conit is in the case of thought. Where sider them both angels of light. Wherethere is no feeling, there can be no moas once I was a bitter, cynical old wotive, where there is no motive there can be no thought, and where there is no thought there can be no action. long for the spreading of the truth. In Suppose again: A says to B, "Your

son is dead." Here is a thought. Believing the statement, a certain feeling is aroused in B. I ask what made him feel that way. You answer, "The thought of his son's death." The statement is a means by which B is set to thinking, the consciousness of which arouses a feeling; the thought is merely instrumental in the operation. Suppose again: A's son is not dead; the thought is a myth. Can that which does not exist exert a power? Can a thought in which A has no concern, act upon him? I have been thus particular in the analysis of this subject because of its momentous importance. In the solution of ethical problems, the basic factor is ignored, and that which is regarded as such, is secondary in the process of human conduct, and a false function is ascribed to it. It gives rise to the the-

ory that knowledge is the determiner of human conduct-the sole director and regulator of all human affairs. By this theory the wrongs of mankind can never be righted.

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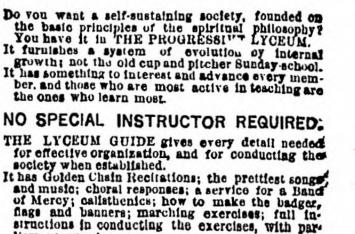
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my sitting with him he said: "Here is a man who committed suicide. He wants to talk to you through a trumpet sometime." Could not give me the name, but described the man so accurately I recognized him at once. He described my home to me. He says he can give better satisfaction by having a lock of hair and date of birth, to form a magnetic connection between

him and the person sitting. Another thing he declares brings good results is flowers sent by persons wanting readings. He said that only last Saturday. Sept. 1, two different spirits wanted their friends to send boxes of flowers. plain these things to me. I do not like to ask Mr. O., as he is always occupied.

I will cheerfully answer all inquiries. Address for a few weeks, Asheville, N. C. MRS. THERESA MARKHAM.

ident; Mrs. Maggie Henry, vice-president; Nelson Coe, secretary; Mrs. N Ewan, corresponding secretary; Geo. T. Hanson, treasurer. The society will meet each Sunday evening at 8 p. m., at 77 Thirty-first street (Auditorium) Hall. Good speakers and test mediums have been engaged."

The Peoria (Ill.) Transcript says: "A ghost has put in appearance in Lincoln. A man clad in white and ghastly raiments makes nightly visits to the Deffenbaugh home, but is not seen by anyone except Miss Grace, the sixteen-yearold daughter. He always appears in the dead of night, and although the girl sees and hears him distinctly she is powerless to speak. First he appeared to her about three weeks ago and traced | are in a sad blight, so far as Spirituala D on her arm. He told her not to ism is concerned, and need assistance. mention his visit and he would come He says: "We would hall with great enagain in a month to see her. However. he appeared again the next night and removed a ring from her finger that she could not remove herself, and put a cross on a chair. The next day she told her family of the strange visitor, and nothing more was heard of him for a week, when he again very unceremoniously arrived at the house and re placed the ring on her finger and tou her of a substance to use to remove the D mark from her arm. . He told her that he was going to put her to sleep some time for an indefinite period. He kept his word. On last Sunday-night she retired as usual but on Monday morning she could not be aroused for breakfast. A physician was called but he was unable to do anything with her all day. She slept until 8 o'clock at night, when she woke up in her usual manner and asked for something to eat. She says he told her that the next time he put her to sleep it would be for a month or a year. Her father filed her ring from her finger so he could not again take it. as he has become almost a household guest now and is looked for at any time. Miss Deffenbaugh is a pretty, bright, winning and affectionate girl and has the sympathy of all the good people in Lacon."

D. J. Moran writes from Lincoln. Neb.: "I received the premium books all right. I was highly pleased with them. I in throwing a dustpan of refuse out of flowers, besides other tokens of esteem, I would not part with one for the price | the window part of it fell in a bed of all unless I could replace the same. How you can give so much for so little | is employed in a dye-house and is said is a mystery to me."

busy season in New York I have decided to go to my California ranch for a much needed vacation for recuperation. I will return in about four or six weeks. During my absence, however, the Occult Book Store will be open for the sale of literature."

Mrs. Squires writes: "I will begin meeting September 16, afternoon and evenings, in Van Buren Opera House, corner Madison street and California avenue. A cordial invitation to all Come and help to make a winter success.".

The Chicago Journal says: "Joseph Smith, who lives in a large tenement in Great Barrington, Mass., says his flat is haunted. He reports that his furniture has been scattered about the room and the stove moved, while a general disturbance is continually going on. What does it he is not able to say, as a careful watch has been kept in every room by himself and several of his friends, but without seeing any kind of things.' Smith and his boarders became so alarmed one night that nearly all spent the night out of doors. Besides moving the furniture the spook

does a deal of sweeping, and one night where two women were asleep. Smith to be sober."

ings. My services have been secured for the next annual meeting, September, 1901." F. Silberg, of 845 Blue Island avenue.

Chicago, writes: "I would be pleased to make the acquaintance of a few ladies and gentlemen having a desire to form a home circle for development."

Harry J. Moore's address is 2979 Wa bash avenue (instead of Walnut street). where he can be addressed. He says Mr. Hilles follows his lectures with psychometric readings and spirit messages. On Sunday evening, September 2, the opening services for the new year of the Students of Nature, at 1565 Milwaukee avenue, Chicago, were partly in the nature of a celebration of the birthday of their pastor, Mrs. Summers, and were

enjoyed by as large a congregation as the hall would hold. Decorations by palms, ferns and flowers were profuse. and an exceedingly large basket of cut were presented to Mrs. Summers by her personal friends. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Jacobson and Messrs.

Cole and Strong.

verse. Mrs. Braun's permanent address is 1921 West-38th avenue, Denver, Colo., and she may be reached there at any time by those desiring information regarding her lectures and various courses in occultism.

H. A. WILEY. Cripple Creek, Colo.

LOVE IS GOD.

Great God of Love, in whom we trust, Help us outgrow our, greed and lust, Help us expand the love confined Within our souls to all mankind. Touch the dormant seeds within each

breast. That truth within may be expressed, And prove in truth each is a brother In all our actions with each other.

Great God of Light, Thou Infinite One, We know we feel we are Thy son: And as thy light illumes our soul. We faintly sense our glorious goal. We are the ray-Thou art the light Which floods our soul with visions bright

Of future bliss in realms above. Where all will rise by thy great love.

As infinite Truth we seek for Thee And in our souls a glimmer see. As it flashes and gleams within our breast

But our love of self keeps it suppressed. We travel adone in a world of gloom, With fear of death and a dismal tomb, And we fail to know the truth sublime That human souls must higher climb. HENRY M. EDMISTON.

E. J. SOHELLHOUS. Rosedale, Kans.

Lake Brady; O.

The ninth annual session of Lake Brady encampment closed here Sunday. September 2. All of the surrounding towns sent excursions, the attraction being the closing exercises of the camp. All of the workers, local mediums and speakers gathered at the auditorium in the forenoon for a farewell conference. Though financially the camp was not a success this season, owing to the fact that the railroads refused to run excursions to the grounds if a gate fee was charged, in other respects it was far

above the average in social features and talent employed. We would like here to correct the impression which seems to have gone out. that there is inharmony at Lake Brady. There is a difference of opinion regarding methods of management and business regulations of the board, otherwise family reunion.

We have just said good-bye to those faithful workers, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Sprague spoke at every meeting, while the season. Though we have many no- | For sale at this office.

ive Communications from the Spirit Side of Life;" "Death Con-

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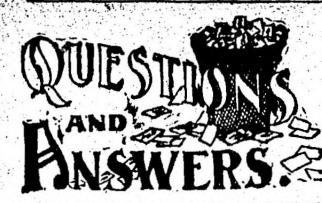
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gain heaven. The true and ablding love of husband and wife for each other, or for the children in whom their united lives commingling flow, is as holy and sacred as the love borne to God himself, and as much a part of religion. The contrary would make the adaptation of man to his environments a failure, and the infinite qualities of the Maker otherwise than infinite. These gloomy views of life are rapidly disappearing, and a reaction has come. Instead of placing the objects of life in the future, the future is ignored, and the present made supreme. Not sufficient for the day is the evil thereof, but sufficlent for the day is all the day produces;

the morrow is unknown. Hence, as life is only a succession of sensations of various character, some pleasing, others painful, the more of the pleasurable sensations which can be crowded into the few years of its continuance, the better. This materialistic view would be complete, had not life a morrow, and a morrow intimately related with today. After the full satisfaction of present wants there comes the immeasurable aspirations of the spirit. The physical world, bodily enjoyment, or mental culture are not all; and, when so regarded, the mistake entails misery where happiness was sought.

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servers, with the result that they have Such is a rapid glance over this vas field, in the company of one who evibeen well satisfied. He says:

The medium is a quiet, unassuming dently knows it well. It is not an unfawoman of twenty-eight years. Her ed- miliar field to us, but we like to see it ucation is very imperfect, yet I have from every point of view, and we reheard through her a brilliant discourse. joice to see anyone, entering it. We are 'Julia," the little control, is the daugh- confident that it contains for the world ter of a very poor woman who led a life its only hope of a Theism in harmony of misery in a traveling van, which fat once with science and spiritual relig brought them to Belgium some fifty ion. We are confident, too, that multi years ago, where "Julia," then a little | tudes who are feeling unhappy concernbeggar girl, died of misery and an at- ing belief in God, or who shrink from facing their supposed belief, might find tack of cholera. She is now the mouthplece of the spir- salvation here.

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cause I knew so much of the miseries of humanity that I am better fitted than has a son on active service with the 21st others to come in contact with the different natures that come to my medium here." In all my long experience with tract from a letter which the son had mediums in the United States, in Engsixties," I have, but once or twice before had the same profound satisfaction. For myself I have passed through

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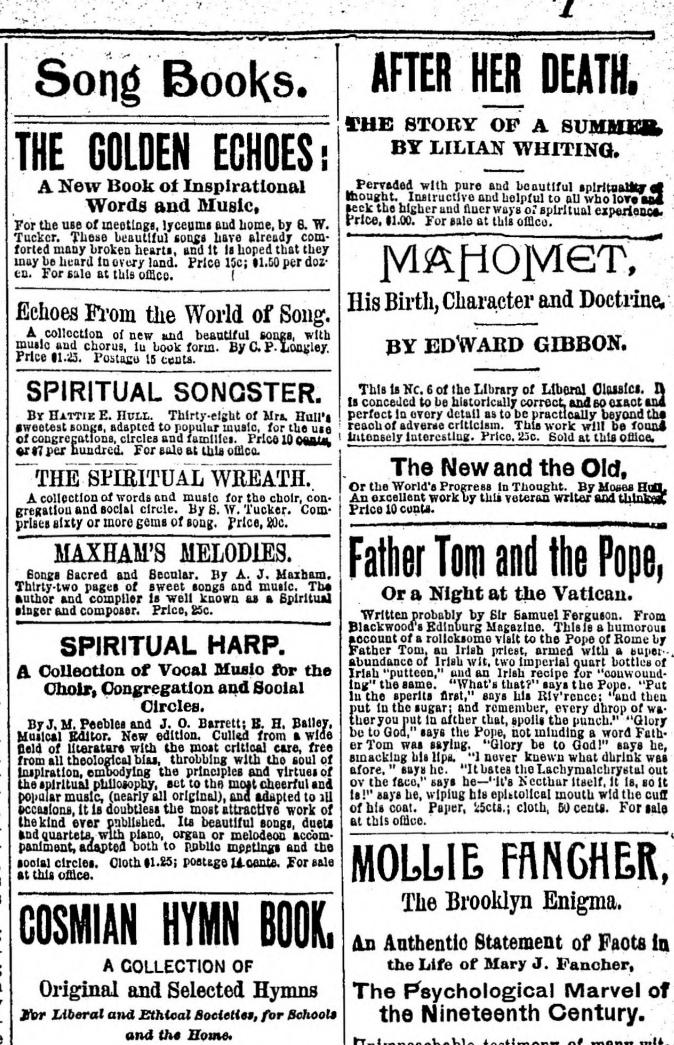
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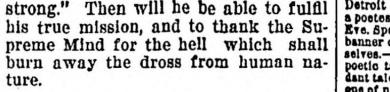
The young, the innocent, who fondly loved us.

Nay more, that very love their cause of ruin!

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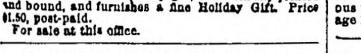


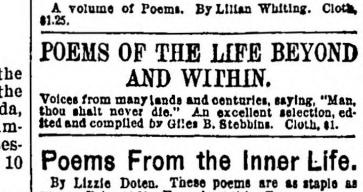
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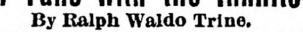
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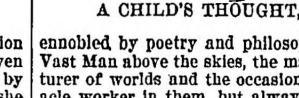
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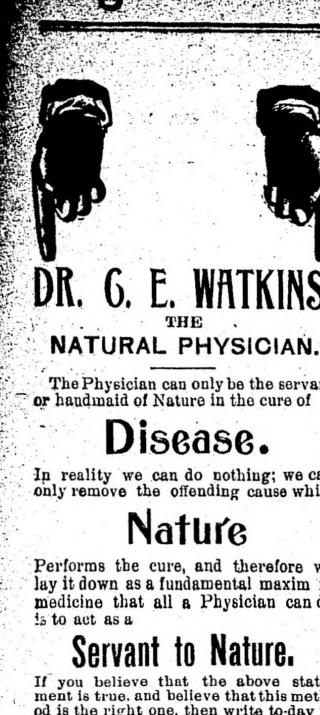




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around the saloons for several days. Sunday he tried to make me help him rob a drunken man in the street. I told him I wouldn't do it, and he ran away

and left me. Then for the first time I realized my position. I walked the streets. I could not go home, for I had no money. I went to the Narraganset Hotel and wrote to my friend Paul Grasch in Paterson to send me money and to tell my people where I was.

On Monday the detectives arrested me, but they let me go when they found I had done nothing wrong.

Then my father came and took me home. La Mar had written in my name and

received my pay from the Rogers Locomotive Works, and had forged letters to my father that I had gone away to accept a position in Providence and asking for money. I never wrote any of those letters and knew nothing about them. In fact, I didn't have a mind of

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Passed to spirit life, from her resi-dence in Sturgis, Mich., at 2 o'clock on the morning of September 2, Mrs. Hel-len C. Francis. Mrs. Francis had been a Spiritualist (together with her family and her brother's family) almost from the time of the Rochester knockings. She had been a member of the Sturgis Harmonial Society almost from its for-mation. Millard Filmore, ex-President of the United States, was her uncle, and at his death she inherited a large proportion of his wealth. Her husband and her brother preceded her a very

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The meeting was called to order by the president, Thos. Collar. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved, after which the secretary protem, Thos. Harding also read aloud the names of all the living members of the society. The number is 83, four having died during the past year. The original membership was 109, but some had resigned and moved away. These, figures, however, give but a faint idea of the numbers composing the audiences at the spiritual meetings in Free duce a renewed action of the nerves, vited. Good music and seats free. Church. The names of the four mem- | muscles and blood-vessels and a return bers who died during the year now of natural vigor to the eyes. closed, are Dr. A. D. Howard, G. Wilson Parker, Dr. Ira F. Packard and Hellen C. Francis, all residents of this city. the vacancies ought to be filled and the hundreds of letters from my patrons, president and committees allowed to telling me of the benefits received by serve for another year. Accordingly a their use. Please write for illustrated ballot was taken which resulted in the circulars explaining my method of election of Thomas Harding for secre- treatment, also showing styles and tary, and David A. Kribbs and Mrs. prices. Address B. F. POOLE, 43 Ev-Barrows to fill the two vacancies in the | anston avenue, Chicago, Ill. executive committee.

Before closing, the president, Thos. Collar, took occasion to thank the soclety for the confidence reposed in him, that having been the fourth time it intrusted him with the presidency. He considered it the highest honor which could be conferred upon him, to be permitted to preside over a spiritual soclety, more particularly the Harmonial Society of Sturgis, which is so well

known throughout the world as the possessor of the first Spiritual meeting-

house which had ever been erected. He felt himself unworthy of so great an honor, and again thanked the association for the confidence reposed in him. The newly elected secretary. Thomas Harding, spoke of some of the difficulues which the president, had to encounter during the past year, and that a president needed the kind support and earnest sympathy of his society in order | around them, and therefore miss many to accomplish much. He hoped that the chances to enrich their minds and en-Harmonial Society of Sturgis would, large their understanding. Vol. 3

discourse over the remains. Mr. Shumway was 87 years of age, and had been a devoted Spiritualist and an earnest worker in the cause for overforty years Mr. Shumway was a man highly respected by all who knew him.

JULIA R. LOCKE.

Passed to spirit life, August 28, Susan M. Bumpstead, of Chicago, Ill., aged 71 years. She became a Spiritualist some thirty years ago and since that time has devoted her life work to the encouragemediums invited. All are welcome. ment and advancement of others. She will be missed by all who knew her, and a deep gloom will spread over the hearts of those who came in close contact with every first and third Thursday of the office. her in every-day life. She leaves her month, beginning afternoons at three aged husband who is paralyzed, two o'clock. The ladies bring refreshments; daughters and three sons to mourn her loss. The services were held at the grave, at Eden Cemetery, Mrs. Emma J. Hasson and Mrs. Nora E. Hill officiating. The services were short, but im-

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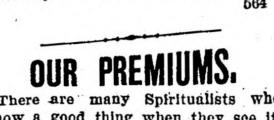
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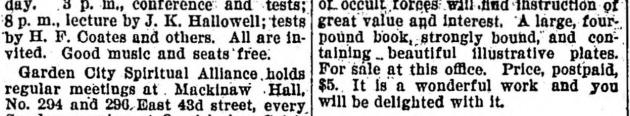
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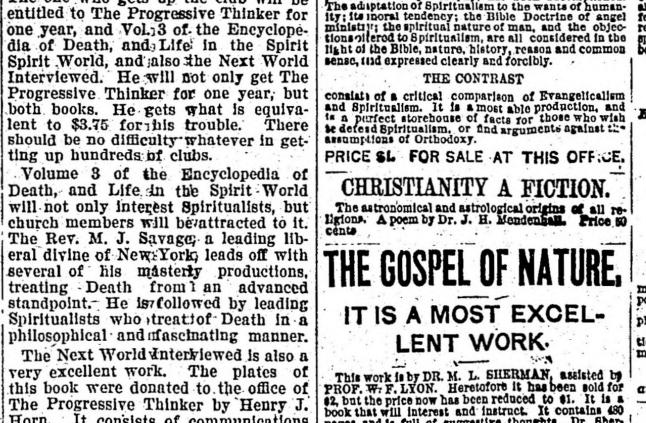
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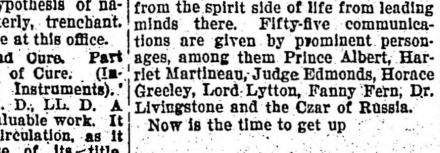
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