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True Story of a Friend's Re- And Talks Plainly About It. An Experience in the Occult. The Twelve Divine Virtues. The Missing Link of Science. To turn from Spirit Land.

occupying the same room-I wonder

cellent health, had a plenty of beaux, canvassing. and was ready to have a good time. She was a tiny inite of a girl, almost a

problems to her so easy. miss them, for her mind was above talked on many subjects in that day beyond man's sphere. Among our fa-

political meeting; the Lieutenant Gov- send a two-cent stamp. ernor was to address the people. It was I have known of persons writing in Missouri. Mrs. H. on opening it tions then before the people. We knew it meant sure disgrace to be seen in that go. From our window we could see the ceived thereby. speaker's stand. We knew that if we could get to the window of a schoolmate we could hear the speech without being tempt such a thing without me, we Editor. made ourselves ready and started. It was hard work and she was carried off her feet twice, but in my strength I held on to her and we reached our' friend's house in safety and heard the speech, sitting there in our wet clothes, thoroughly enjoying all that was said. We returned the same way and in the evening enjoyed another long talk. The consequence was a severe sickness for myself, and for her the be-

The sword of Damocles forever hangs over the head of humanity, from the cradle to the grave. It seems sad indeed when the mistakes so common to human nature bring painful results, but it is necessary to struggle long to develop newer and higher faculties.

ginning of the end.

We soon began to realize slowly, numbly, that she was drifting into consumption, and that she must leave us. We linished school and as we lived in and turn into beautiful butterflies. adjoining counties we saw each other They talked of the change and wonoften. Our long talks were not far between and I could not but realize how | before the other she would come back great was the quality of her spirit. Her | and tell her companion, of this butterfly | and we grew to a perfect understanding that if it were a possible thing for one person to revisit another from the spirit world, she would come to me, for we realized she could not stay with us

much longer. In the meantime I was married and had gone to housekeeping. I could have her near me days at one time, and as I saw her drifting away slowly but surely her situation also. Finally, one day a my mental attitude toward death began to change. Nevertheless my heart ached, to see her fading, and at the last I was with her constantly in her mother's home. The day she died, she grew so restless; as I could easily carry her on my arms, I was constantly panion, fulfilling the promise of long having to change her position. At last, having placed her on a cot near the open window, she looked at me smiling, saying, "Now, it is all right," and died. Looking at her, I felt that since the

world was born, nothing sweeter, nothing purer to the earth was ever given and I missed her so. I could not have been more desolate.

and as days, weeks, and even months passed by. I began to think it was an impossibility for her to come back to me. Time flew swiftly by, many changes coming to me. My father was buried; also my baby. I never ceased thinking of Louise, and often at night I would lie awake wishing that by some magic she would come to me.

One evening, while waiting for my husband to come home for supper, in the early twilight. I went into the sitting-room to rest while waiting. I had been sitting there only a few moments when I saw the door, leading from a small library into the sittingroom, slowly swing open. Just for an instant I thought it must be a neighbor, yet I knew there was no one in the house. I looked up and there, standing in the doorway, was Louise, at last, looking like her old self. Strange though I realized the presence to be, it produced no feeling of fear, indeed I felt delighted. An electric current seemed to pass through me and I felt that she came and stood by me, resting her hand on my shoulder. I put out my hand, yet felt nothing tangible; yet in some way I knew she was there and sat upon my lap in the old favorite position. When I have read of spiritual manifestations it has beemed absurd that a |-Kossuth.

ADMITS HIS ERROR,

D. Edson Smith:-"What fools we They say the sorrows of youth are dium, but failing to make a respectable tic turn of mind, and psychologic societrivial, not to be compared with those of later years, but I hold another opinion. When I look back upon the sweet ion. Spiritualism is if it be a fact. We will briefly examine at Lambert's Point, Va. I have been ing people all over the world, are studying and recording the many strange. This ladder contains twelve rounds. companionship and the true friendship | genuine, but I have since found these | phenomena they come in contact with | We must first prepare our foundation. of Louise, and think of the dear days while we were in school together—three years of constant and close friendship, how I bore the loss. Our friendship demand more than the spirits can give, their charms, and yet to such they may supported with principle. People with come a comprehensive science. had always seemed to me one made for and so to vie with one another, they try perhaps still remain just as mysterious out principle are not Spiritualists. Such had always seemed to me one made for heaven rather than earth, and was a marvel to everyone.

The forces of the cosmos are three in may receive facts. For instance: I saw the may receive facts. For instance: I saw the may receive facts. For instance: I saw the may receive facts. The forces of the cosmos are three in may receive facts. For instance: I saw the tion on the mortal side, and learning the countered, for with all theories formed a spirit, talked with a spirit; saw the tality. These correlated one with the mortal side, and learning the countered, for with all theories formed a spirit, talked with a spirit; saw the tality. These correlated one with the mortal side, and learning the countered, for with all theories formed a spirit, talked with a spirit; saw the tality. These correlated one with the marked on We were extreme opposites in outward appearance. I was a tall, whole-some-looking girl, full of dash and nerve, fond of dancing and fun, in ex-cided to drop the matter and am now looking process. The control of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed a spirit, talked with a spirit, saw the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and tearing the countered, for with an theories formed of the mortal side, and th

dwarf, dark and anything but pretty, atoned for my error while practicing these fields of psychic experiences.

easily pulled out and shoved between ers and abler pens to theorize and exlong and interesting talks, often late for the medium to write on different pains and penalties of perjury. into the night. She never had a sweet- parts of the slate by turning the slates | And now since I have decided to give | to know and learn the truth. heart and I really believe she did not over and around. Of course it could the public some of our experiences, the have been written were the slates held | query arises, what selection shall I give earthly matters. But we understood, in one position, but not so handily. You from the almost unlimited number we each the other, thoroughly, and were as just enclose a two-cent stamp to Ralph have in store for I might here state of one soul. We were much interested E. Sylvester & Co., 25 Ashland boule- Mrs. Hayden has been a public medium in many things outside of school, and | yard, Chicago, Ill., for his catalogue of | for almost every phase of mediumship | vegetable kingdom; next in the bird Spiritualistic Effects, before making for over twenty years, giving much of kingdom, then in the animal, and last relate, and as a form builder gives or the music first was, she felt as though another offer on any physical phenome- her time to the public in private reading the human-kingdom. The three last ganic expression in species. Its vibra- she had hold of a small battery. vorite topics, were politics, and we na, as these things are explained in this and also by mail, for which she usually kingdoms are a trinity. They contain tory sphere is the unit cell, which is bi- I must further state, there was no talked often along the line of Spiritual- catalogue. The paraphernalia, together charges a nominal fee for services. ism, wishing we might know more. We with a full description of this wonderful time, etc., and it is from one of these accompanying principles. What is the felt the time was coming in the evolu- slate-writing, can be had of this firm | readings I will relate an incident, tion of social progress when this one for \$1.00. If you are really in earnest | While living in the city of Indianap- | Read no farther until you have ponsubject would be of vital importance and wish to know the truth and are not olls some three years ago, one morning dered over this query. The third so prejudiced and bigoted as the ortho- the mail carrier called at the door and proposition is virtue. Matter and spirit | physical substratums of this ether knew it was our spirit friends rejoicing One day there was to be a rousing dox that you will not investigate, just delivered a letter addressed to Mrs. H. are both of the singular number; virtue force, which becomes liberated in diges- because they knew she would be suc-

a presidential campaign and we were "ads" for a medium and so telling of the found the following, as near verbatim wild to hear something about the ques- wonderful things, and have also known as I can give it: "Dear Mrs. Hayden. IRA WADE.

was running very swiftly, and when of subtle trickery the genuine manifes- consequently a total stranger. Louise asserted positively she was go- tations given through mediums. That ing to hear that speech, I naturally in- is the conclusion of every Spiritualist would "wade." As she could not at- His clumsy trickery is plain at once.-

> voice should be attributed to a spirit form, and I wondered if she would speak. Yes, she did, and each word fell upon my mind clearly:

"Norah, you are not afraid?" "No," I answered, "I want to talk with you."

She told me many things, and when I. asked her why she had been so long in coming, she said she could but tell me in an allegory; and this is what she

"Deep down in the water of a brook, near the edge, there lay two worms, in the chrysalis form. They had been together a long time and had grown very fond of each other, and were so happy. they should leave this form, or state, dered, but agreed that if one should go developed wings and took her flight for realms unknown, leaving her friend lonely but full of hope, that she would form to comfort her and tell of the wondrous world to which she had gone. But time passed and no form came, and the lonely chrysalis in the water gave up hope and only waited for time to change dreadful storm came up, and so disturbed the water that the chrysalis became loosened and floated to the top of the water. In a little while what should it see but a beautiful butterfly hovering miff, was sorry for it, and would return source) fabricate, rant and rare, they very near. At last, it was the old comago. When the worm asked the butterfly why she had not come before she answered, 'I have been back many times, but could not reach you in the water. I could see you and tried so hard to make you hear me, but failed, and so bave waited until conditions changed.'.

"They talked of the lovely things the butterfly Lad seen, and telling her friend not to grieve, they would soon be together in a happier state, more alive than ever, a finer, more exalted life, she

left her." When Louise had finished this allegory, I began to realize why she had

not come to me. To hold communion with friends in the life beyond, one must lift himself to that life, and through sorrow the conditions of my life had changed and I had become more spiritual. So it rests

with us, not them. I wanted to ask her many things but she said, "Your husband is coming and I must go. I do not know when I can come again, for already I have passed through many changes, and I know not what lies before me, but our friendship is not ended-it is only begun."

She left me, and I wonder when I shall meet her again, in the spirit land, or will she have advanced until I must still wait until we both reach that perfection which places us at last, before our Maker? BENNIE.

It is nature to communicate one's self; it is culture to receive what is communicated as it is given.—Goethe. The instinctive feeling of a great peonle is often wiser than the wisest man.

AN INCIDENT.

This is an era of occult and psycho-

and post-marked at a town somewhere is plural.

to me, remarking as she did so, "I shall bursting my brains out to hunt him up. tion is Spiritualism. How do I know who to look for? I don't know who Edd is."

the body of a man who had been killed | make one hundred and forty-four? he was. Told him his mother was wor- virtue is more than life? rying over him and that he must write | Reader, let the medical and religious acknowledged he had left home in a Philadelphia Press or from any other amazement.

Her apparent dream was so vivid she | beginning of virtue. In this short article | the psychic consciousness as an idea- | and the sky seem to be in touch with | felt sure the lady had got nothing, but | we have given you of divine truth; your | or ethereal unit—a corresponding dupli- each other? on the contrary the lady declared "it soul will ald you to assimilate: was the most remarkable and satisfactory reading she had ever experienced:" dents, and identifying tests, that utterly of Hamilton De Gon. destroyed all doubts, which rendered it a perfect reunion and love feast to her. for which she felt overjoyed and filled with thankfulness to Mrs. H. for the

glorious privilege enjoyed. As soon as the lady left Mrs. Hayden. related to me her peculiar experiences during the reading, saying to me. "Write it all down and we will send it to the woman and request her to answer and tell us how much of it all is true-for we still enjoy verifying these strange experiences.

I wrote to the lady telling her it was not her son Edd that was dead, but that he was all right and would soon be home, possibly by the time our letter would reach her, recounted most of the experience and requested the lady to let us know if it proved correct.

a lefter from the lady in which she stated everything was given perfectly uess. Quarles. the dead man in Iowa and he was a middle aged man, while Edd was only himself prescribes.—American Seminel. 20 years old, was her sou, and was now. at home and well. That he got home the same day our letter was received fairs or not. Emerson, 4

Truth is a divine virtue. Of those Mediums soon learn that Spiritualists occurrence and familiarity robs them of principle. Thus Spiritualism must be the supply of this "missing link" to be as my sister was much disturbed over anvassing.
This \$1,000 I ask that you forfeit to a marvelous, it seems good to me also to only a mirage that has come and gone. oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen. These until the lawsuit was over, he annoyed Spiritualist paper and thus I will have write down some observations in One of the occurrences in life's drama; correlate in all chemical compounds. a scene quickly ended and like the and reticent even to a fault. No one fraud in being the means of helping the | We shall not attempt to give any ex- shadow of the passing cloud, which can from the "unit" atom. The atom is bi- a phonograph playing, then more singseemed to understand her, excepting true side. I leave you to your choice of planation or theory regarding these phenomena, but will content ourselves with me she was natural and sweet (there
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Take a medium's cambric needle recounting the simple facts as they ocfore spiritual) and I realized she pos- which is fastened in coat sleeve and curred and leave others-deeper think- serve as teachers to prompt us to more chemical affinity; it is the most uni- kept up for at least one-half hour. were so often spent at study, working slates. The end of the needle has a plain, only reiterating that every inci- thought; when we approach the thresh- It is the tie between the occult and ma- took the lamp and went behind the curthin slate pencil on it the desired color dent herein related actually occurred old of our own home, think, why am I terial spheres, or correlates with the vi- tains to examine and assure myself She was richly endowed, and when to be used. In your case six different exactly as I have stated it, and to here; what am I; who am I? tal force above, and the electric force there was no humbug, but it played on our work was done came our delightful, needles were used. You made it easier | which I will willingly be qualified under | Here comes in the opportunity for each | below. It binds atom to atom, planet to | all the time and rapped loudly on some and all to analyze themselves and seek | sun, and sun to constellation. The | tin pans that hung near by, while I was The vegetable kingdom is a duality.

principles of matter and spirit principles. Life is first observed in the third addition that makes you a trinity?

What supports those rounds? more real body. mediums to write the "ads" themselves, Edd is gone away from home and we | plainly speaking, of what does the sides sending fictitious names and addresses. don't know where he is, but think he of the ladder consist that supports and posed to keep themselves out of sight | ulent work is done, then is he prepared a man has been killed by the train up | reader, and again findulge in a little at such times. Oh, how we wanted to to accept the truth without being de- there, and we are afraid it is Edd. Will thinking. The rounds in the ladder corage, let alone a dollar to pay me for a spiritual foundation and that founda-

You are an effect; eventually you be- part. come a cause. As an effect your paafternoon, when a lady called in for a possessor of that soul and become im- waste and repair, which follows from peace and progress in spirit life. So all private reading. Now comes the se- mortal must grow your spirit self to its temporary tie to the etheric cell-but the mysteries ended. quel. Just as Mrs. H. passed into that that soul. You: must grow virtuous the ethereal cell is not subject to this My object in writing this is to show condition which renders her perfectly spirit and become a perfect personality. changeable variation, from its close how necessary it is for one to have his oblivious to her physical environments, Thus you will know Truth. All spiritual affinity to the vital and psychic forces, business agirs fixed before being called she seemed to be conscious of passing | people see Her alike; she is the same to | This ethereal system is known in physi- away from this life. out of the house and away through the all. Do not mathematicians see the ology as the nerve force, the cause of air at a high rate of speed, when in a multiplication table the same? Is there locomotion, function, and cerebration. comparatively short time she found her- any inharmony or wrangling over the It is known in pathology as the cause of

self in Iowa standing in the presence of proposition that twelve times twelve all complex nerve diseases as resulting by the train. He appeared to be a mid- Your soul contains that civine virtue normal chemical vibratory relations sented. They had been taught that some day dle-aged man, dressed in dark clothes, truth, and yet how many people are between the ethereal and physical whiskers sprinkled with gray, and a aware of that divine truth being so showing of gray on the temples, pos- near. Reason is (or should be) the leadsibly 40 years of age. Then she seemed ling faculty of, the spirit. Intuition is to soliloquize: "No, that is not Edd; its | the faculty of the soul. Through this | psychic impression of ideality, this | many changes of the physical brain in a too old for him. This man is at least 40. faculty the soul aids reason and guides | "ethereal link" becomes a physilological lifetime. The Ego of self-consciousness while Edd is not more than about 20." aright. Reader, do you ever expect to necessity, and the ignorance of its exists enthroned in the emperium of favorite position was to sit upon my lap, world. So one day one of the worms was not Edd she appeared to again reason as King—and affect strument of torture? was not Edd she appeared to again reason and intuition, so long as you thrown them upon the irrational hy-tion as Queen mate in creative selfglide away to another locality where adhere to the teachings of a vicious re- pothesis of "brain secretion" as the bood, and give the holy offspring of she found herself in the presence of a ligious and medical priestcraft? Do you cause of psychic function; but not satis- poetry and arts. Thus creating by ished in man; if an instrument of prosoon come back in a more beautiful young man of about 20 years of age, indulge the hope of ever knowing truth; fied with this explanation, they have psychic chemistry the beautiful chiland although never having seen him or divine truth, from which springs lib- felt the need of the "missing link" to dren of the soul, known as genius-and to include women. Would her sphere heard of him except in the letter she erty? Truth is a substance divine and give scientific elucidation to cerebration. When nature has constructed a more of usefulness and capacity for good be instinctively seemed to know it was eternal. Your soul knows truth if you Here lies the greatest proof of the ethe-sublimated and enduring organism Edd, and at once began to chide Lim do not. Spirit hath not form until for having left home and his mother as | united to virtue. All the virtues have he had, without letting her know where their forms. Can you not realize that

THE GUIDES. The above was suggested by reading | tympanum is not psychic tone until the that many of her departed relatives and in 608 of The Proguessive Thinker, an friends had controlled and given their article. "The Great Question. The Imnames in full, together with many inci- mortality of Truth." over the signature

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and that "he had lest home just as you stated," thus verifying every incident in the remarkable experience, except Edd did not know snything about the scolding Mrs. H. apparently gave him. although about the same time he was worrying and made up his mind to return home. BEN. F. HAYDEN. Arcadia, Ind.

Read not books alone, but men, and amongst them chiefly thyself; if thou find anything questionable there, use the commentary of a severe friend rather than the gloss of a sweet-lipped In the course of a week we received flatterer; there is more profit in a distasteful truth than in deceitful sweet-

should be free and happy in the way he A main difference betwixt men

ETHEREAL BODY

Nature has a place for an ethereal there is a scientific basis for an ethereal therefore am not easily deceived. We

consisting of spirit and matter. Its The affinity of the solar electric force in vestigate, but seemingly her influence

The affinity of the virtue force in the corner, the same harmonious music. organic world for this ether as a cor- My sister said while standing where the duality of the vegetable with the polar in muscular tissue, and contracts phonograph in the house or anywhere from this structure relation. It is around, so you see they had to manufacvibratory in nerve structure and func- ture a machine as well as the music tions from force action. The oxygen of But we never heard it any more after air, solids, and liquids of food are the the lawsuit was over. I told her I tion of food, and oxygen of lung, and cessful with her lawsuit, which she Remember our ladder contains twelve | in this freed state ties to the vital force | was, although the chances looked very

plicate and counterpart of the physical, win her case. gathering of men, as women were sup- Let every one be posted how the fraud- went to Iowa. We see in the paper that holds those rounds secure? Stop, kind | cell to cell, organ to organ, and form to | He was not a Spiritualist and could you please look and see if it is him, and respond to the twelve divine virtues and force the vital force could have no through me he insisted on writing out let us know by return mail, for we are their support are the principles of chemical the for form and expression, a new will. But I told him he could not, Our brother is entirely mistaken in his awful anxious about him." This pe- eternity. Of those wonderful principles nor could the physical cell find con- for he had physical the change estimate of the ability of this man Syl- culiar letter was signed by the name of and those beautiful xirtues you cannot struction in electrical action by which called death. Then he seemed much seen, but between us was a stream that vester. He cannot imitate by any kind a lady of whom we had never heard, know until your begin the work of it assimilates and functions—for this troubled. I advised him the next best spiritualization of yourself. You can ether is the electrical correlate below thing for him to do was for him to try Mrs. H. read the letter and handed it know of them in a way, so to speak, by and the vital above, and its absence and right the wrong he had done, by learning from others, but if you would would render the organic world an im- going and if possible to impress the lact, no criticism were needed to show. quired, "how?" She answered, she here who has investigated his methods. pay no attention to it, as she has not review them as problems and become possibility, whereas its presence and Judges in her favor, or rather induce even enclosed a stamp for return post- children of Virtue, then must you have place in nature builds the physical or- them to give equal justice to all. He | mind having the badge of sanity.

conditions from the inharmony and ab- able basis for the many phenomena pre-

In the transmission of a sense impres- pressions-and thus become the permasion of the physical nerve system, to a nent basis of memory, in spite of the real brain and nerve system, for if we through the physical, as a temporary take the organs of sense and their substratum, she lays the gross one side larged and become a greater factor in media of impression, we find an impera- as having served its purpose, and takes tive need of the ethereal system.

For instance, the eye receives an progression and unfoldment-and en- deny the truth, and enthrone injustice her or go home at once. Seemingly he priests with their allies (whether of the image reflected upon the retina. This virons it with more improved conditions and expect blessings to be showered image is conveyed by luminous ether amidst her inexhaustible resources of and becomes a physical impression upon the invisible. home at once. So soon as she received only besmirch themselves and by their the brain, and finds a nerve deposit to this promise from him she seemed to lack of virtue expose their beastly answer to it-as a physiological action, immediately glide back towards home forms. Gentle reader, bear in mind your but does not become a psychic fact and and at that moment awoke to conscious- accumulation of wisdom is only in ratio | unit entity unless the sense impression ness of her physical surroundings and to the amount of truth and the pre- sets up a correlated ether vibration, found her lady friend sitting there in ceding virtues in your possession. To transferring it from the physical brain sun as it goes down the path which we enues of life to her in which to make a support, practice and love fustice is the to the ethereal brain; and thus enters cannot see to that line where the earth respectable living.

.cate of the physical. Hearing by aerial vibration of the for a few hours. etheric vibration is set up by the physi- sun has gotten through work just becal and enters the psychic realm by cor- cause we are left in the darkness called | ically, mentally and morally to perrelated transition. So with all the night? senses. This is abundantly proven in No, you would say the sun has gone ing office to the entire satisfaction of many ways-especially by the fact that beyond our earthly sight to light other all concerned-few men doubt that the physical sense impression is not lands which are in darkness while its woman coming in daily contact with transferred to the ethereal when the bright rays were falling on us. psychic attention is otherwise directed; We are not the only ones that the sun | moralizing effect upon woman will have for it does not in that case receive it— is benefiting. also by the fact that when the ethereal Its mission is not completed when it already becoming a formidable factor relation is impaired the transfer is not appears to set in the West. effected, even when the physical organ | Would the sun rise in the East if it | slons and business enterprises; estabis intact and whole. The sensory nerve aid not first appear to set in the West? lishing and maintaining an independbrings the impression from without, but Did you ever stop to think that when | ence that scoffs at poverty and want, it must enter the ethereal system to be the sun sinks beyond the horizon, it and those devious and alluring ways come a psychic unit of ideality-which would usher in another day on the that carried blasted hopes and aspirait becomes in the cerebrum, it must morrow? then enter the cerebellum to form It is just so in the setting of life's sun; man, means man's elevation; man's "intent" in will force before it can be what we on earth call death is the come reflection of mature power. Thus horizon which keeps our friends from the physical sensory impression must sight only for a little while, then we enter the ethereal nerve system—thence will see them again in a new life far the understanding, then the will to more beautiful than when they passed form decision, thence the physical from our earthly sight, not changed but motor nerve system to become action, glorified. thus we see it makes the physical, vital. If the sun did not pass beyond our ethereal and psychic circuits in cor- mortal vision it would not rise again. correct. They had got a description of Any trant is willing that people related transitions, and back to the If there was not death to the earthly

physical in motor action. A long study and treatment of perve the soul of man. whether they attend to their own af- of the ethereal nerve system, and also that the birth of eternal life is given. to see its necessity as the only reason. Norwich, Ct.

CAME BACK

Remedy a Wrongful The Historical Vs. the Theo-

a lawsuit arising from her husband but he put it off from day to day until declining stem. They are subject to the her so by rapping on the windows and The atomic elements are constructed doors and shaking the bed. We heard affinity of any atomic compound for yet examining, so I was convinced and this force is the measure of gravity, sat down. Then my sister went to inconstructors are dual. They are the vibratory action with this all pervading was not so congenial as mine, for they ether forms the universal light carrier. left there and started up in another Dire from Rome to Constantinople, and

rounds. And again, I ask this question, as the first covering to build the ethe- slim for her at that time, although her husband had assured her through me This ethereal organism is an exact du- many times that she would certainly ings of the man of Galilee, who was

form, possessing brain, nerve system, not realize that he had passed out of the and circulation. Without this ether body, and the first time he came ganism as a chemical substratum, and seemed to be impressed with the idea the ethereal as a vital chemical counter- and left. In a few days he returned, seeming much relieved and assured us This dual organism is built simulta- all would be well. So after it was all After reading the letter I returned it | rents were the cause. They gave you | neously, by dual chemical action. The | over he came again and thanked me for to its envelope and dropped it on the matter and spirit. Your soul is created physical assimilating the physical ele- my timely advice and seemed happy. center table, where it remained un- out of virtue; hence your soul contains ments; the ethereal, the sublimated So I told him to not bother any more noticed until the following day in the of every virtue; and you to become the etheric. The physical cell is subject to about his earthly affairs but depart in

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These sense impressions are photographed or stereotyped to psychic imforward the finer one as more suited to | kind? Can we afford to ignore facts,

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Thoughts On Sunset. Is it not a beautiful sight to watch the in woman's hands will open all the av-

body there would not be eternal life for

REAL AND IDEAL.

logical Christ.

A true examination of the gospel records, contemporary history, and conditions of human life, will satisfy anyone that there is a vast difference between the true historical Christ, the medium of Galilee, and the ideal theological Christ of christendom. I wish to give

a short retrospection of the causes that produced the theological Christ. It is a known fact that no religion of ancient or modern times is new or original in its elements, but that all faiths are engrafted upon some former and same law of evolution and development that language, law and custom are, namely, the law of amalgamation and

The two leading elements of Judaism were atonement by blood, known as the Levitical priesthood, and the mediator-ship of royal legality. This was first Aaron and Moses, then priesthood and king. These two centralized elements of Judaism were unquestionably transferred to the theological Christ as the vicarious atonement and Divine mediatorship. Here is the amalgamation of Christianity with Judaism. The second amalgamation Christianity received was with Alexandrian Greeklanism in the feature of the Divine Logos, taken from Plato. Here was woven the Divine incarnation, miracles, and ascension. This was done by the order of Constantine, who moved his seat of emsaw the necessity of changing the religion to harmonize the eastern and western divisions. This skillful interweaving of Platonian philosophy upon the Judaic stem, was the work of Greclan scholarship-and was performed about 325 A. D.

The third amalgamation appexed was from the Roman Origen. This was added after the creed of Athanasius by the empowerment of the bishops, who became supreme as popes and established the faith to the variations of Catholicism, so we see that there are three distinct and clearly traceable amalgamations annexed to the teachmost probably a high spirit medium, and a real character, but who assumed not the origin given him, nor performed the miracles assigned him, nor laid claim to mediatorship in atonement, resurrection or ascension.

The man Christ was historical, but the God Christ of faith was an amalgamated deception of priesthood. No one with an open eye can fall to see this, and if the Alexandrian library was inthis conclusion to any unprejudiced.

Hot Springs, Ark.

Hon. O. B. Hollwage on Woman

"Is Woman's Suffrage right or wrong? Does it promote the best interests of our country, or is it destructive of those interests? These are the questions that naturally suggest themselves to the minds of thinking people, and upon the affirmative decision of these questions depends the final triumph of

"Upon what hypothesis could we base a judgment that what has proven a boon to man is pernicious to woman'? Are not their interests identical and mutual? Does not the same spirit of self-preservation that controls man's actions also pervade woman? Would it not be more reasonable to conclude that suffrage would increase woman's capacity as a helpmeet rather than a destroyer of happiness? Is the ballot an instrument of protection, or is it an in-

"If it is an instrument of torture its privilege should be abridged or aboltection its privilege should be extended lessened by reason of exercising the right of suffrage, or would they be enrefining, elevating and ennobling manupon our benighted heads?

"Are our wives and daughters less dear to us than our sons? Are they not entitled by nature and every sense of justice to equal opportunities to make an honest livelihood. The ballot

"Fully one million offices are filled by men in the United States: the opening Lo! it sinks slowly beyond that line of the office holding avenue alone will give remunerative employment to hun-Is there any one who thinks that the | dreds of thousands of women. But few men doubt the capacity of women physform the arduous labor incident to holdmen officially, instead of having a dea refining influence upon man-she is In the arts, literature, sciences, profestions in its wake. Independence of wogenerosity means woman's emancipa-

> The acknowledgment of weakness which we make in imploring to be relleved from hunger and temptation is surely wisely put in our prayer,-. Thackeray.

Ambition makes more trusty slaves:

tion."

than need.-Ben Johnson. Few men are so clever as to know all diseases forced me to the apprehension | So it is through the so-called death | the mischlef they do.—Rochefoucauld. His eyes have all the seeming of a

demon that is dreaming .- Poe.

A FAST BY JESUS, AND OTHER FASTS IMPORTANT MATTER FROM

Their Spiritual and Physical Significance.

To the Editor:-Jesus fasted-so it is said-for forty siderable periods they do not fast in the popular sense of Obesity it certainly cures, and why shouldn't it.

.cago, and for sixteen years practiced medicine. He ex- ments without injury. plains that he fasted under direction of Dr. Fisher, and inquiry reveals the fact that many famous men and women of America and Europe have undergone the experience of long fasts under the treatment of this physician's nutriment. He felt a slight exhibitation and physician. Indeed, so numerous are these cases that feats of somewhat similar statements. One United States Senator fasting for periods of ten to forty days, far from being ex- who fasted for forty days sat at his table every day carvtraordinary, are quite common. The public has not heard ing and serving for his family. Dr. Melze has a someof them because the doctor in the case, being of a regular what different report to make, and his experience is school, has not advertised them.

It would appear from these cases that a person could . "How does it feel to starve?" repeated the dentist. ject speaking of a feeling of "exhibitation." Of course, or even more without difficulty. none of them will go quite so far as to say starvation is a "I began fasting April 15. For twelve days and nights pleasant death, but their accounts of the ease with which I had been sitting in a chair gasping for breath and unhunger can be conquered lead one to class their feasts able to sleep except for a few winks at a time. My case with the miracles.

Mrs. Chandler also fasted for twenty days.

Senator and Mrs. William Stewart, of Nevada, are "I weighed 278 pounds and had been in the habit of another couple in official life at Washington that sub- eating four meals a day, the heaviest at midnight. The mitted to this heroic treatment. The Senator managed doctor prescribed his nutrient, which had a pleasant taste. to stay away from Chamberlin's for eighteen long days, I judged wine was used in its composition. The latter during which he took no food, while Mrs. Stewart fasted part of the first day I suffered considerably from hunger. for thirty days. The next time she went to her dress- The second day the distress became intense, and the third maker's she proved a great puzzle to the latter.

to be," said the mystified dressmaker. "It's amazing, for third night. I surely couldn't have made such a mistake in your measure when you were here before. Can it be possible tress. I smelt the odors of food of which I had been ex-

Mrs. Stewart, who is quite a character in her way, enlieved her by telling of her fast.

ing, for she abstained from food for eighty days. She got it until reminded by the nurse.

was an invalid, unable to walk, and was taken into the "From that time on I felt exceedingly comfortable." of the Mardi Gras at New Orleans, weighed 320 pounds at difficulty. the beginning of her fast. She was in the physician's "I lost thirty-three pounds in weight during the ten period weighed 137 pounds.

opposite type. She weighed only seventy-five pounds at and an unlimited supply of Boston brown bread. Yet I the beginning of a twenty-day fast, and she lost but ten was satisfied after taking my soup, one of the apples and pounds. She was visiting in Washington during the two slices of bread. After dieting on baked apples and treatment, but did not let the fasting interfere with her brown bread for two weeks I was permitted to cat meat. sight-seeing. She was active every day, visiting the capi- "But I didn't follow the doctor's instructions. I soon tol and bustling about here and there, as though living began to cat two meals, and occasionally I got in a third. under normal conditions.

tonian who underwent a long fast. She was known at had a relapse. Although under treatment by a specialist alone in the world, isolated, as it were, the national capital as the "Queen of the Census," from of the locality I grew worse and had unconscious spells. from the rest of Nature; he saw, but did the fact that she was the chief of a bureau in the census | One day I thought there was no further hope for me, and work of 1890, being the only woman ever thus honored. I instructed my nurse not to give me any more food under

list, and there is no telling what would have happened to slept some. The third day I was climbing about the the Democratic party in the election of 1900 if he had not mountain, and the sixth day I was as well as I had been closed his lips to all solid food for ten days. It will be after my first fast. I continued my fast eight days, and recalled that as the Presidential campaign approached during the last four days lost twenty-one pounds. The Senator Jones became seriously ill, and for a time it was sensation of hunger was gone on the third day, and the thought he would be compelled to relinquish his position next two days I sat at the table with friends, although I as chairman of the Democratic National Committee. The ate nothing. Senator, however, took a treatment which included a tenday fast, and he was able to continue in command of the
man of 30. I haven't an ache or a pain, and I can go
heaven; the mountain landscape lighted
heaven; the mountain landscape lighted
withstanding the doctor had sent it and Democratic forces. In a letter to a friend a few days ago upstairs on a jump. I used to snore in my sleep, but now

wife of Brigham Young, afterward celebrated as a lec- day, but I go to bed and in fifteen miuntes am asleep. turer on Mormonism, submitted to a fast of forty days "I lost 106 pounds, but have gained six pounds during the trouble of providing for one such shall meet him soon, and know whether without difficulty. Mrs. Stuart Robson, the actress, then the last three weeks. My trousers have been taken in known as May Waldron, also had the experience of a pro- nine inches. I wear a 17 collar instead of a 19 or 194. tracted absence from food.

for long periods under instructions from the American to 85. For the first time in twenty-five years I can cross specialist is the Marquis d'Anglesey, of France, who my legs. I have been sitting up nights answering letters fasted thirty days. The Count and Countess Resse, of asking for information, but the burden has become too proved that in the analority of cases the sponding with another woman; and Italy, abstained from food for twenty days. The Countess great. If inquirers will call at my home or office I will Wachtmeister, of Germany, underwent a similar ex- cheerfully answer their questions. Of course the fasting

Vattmann, the army chaplain stationed at Fort Sheridan physician." for a number of years. He fasted for a period of thirty George P. Cooley, a commercial traveler living at 203 carpenter, shoemaken or tailor, and by deadly plague upon her erstwhile days. J. E. Hardy, a veteran tailor of Chicago, has fasted West Madison street, claims to have fasted for thirty days, repeatedly for periods of five to seven days, apparently beginning July 15. He asserts he took nothing but dis- gave an emphaticudanial to the state- unfortunately, a fact. without difficulty or distress. Lieutenant Governor W. tilled water, and felt equal to conducting the fast for ment that nothing would be done for the 'A. Northcott also has a long fast to his credit. This list another month, but his friends, fearing death, insisted on might be lengthened indefinitely with the names of per- his eating. He fasted for rheumatism and claims to have of intellectual activity and of moral re- But the question we would ask-and sons not so well known.

of Dr. Melze, in the course of treatment by Dr. Fisher. long fast. Reports on several of them have crept into the papers, and There is no special spiritual significance attached to the doctor has been annoyed by the incorrect statements fasting. It is true, however, that many times it is an exand mistaken conclusions. The fast and the consequent cellent tonic, assisting in developing chairvoyance and sympathy, although, bossibly, only per- no reason why they should go out of loss in weight are only incidents in the course of treat-bringing out certain phases of mediumship. I would ment, but they are the things which appeal to popular never advise any person to fast for that special purpose, imagination and to the newspaper hunger for sensation. there is too much danger connected therewith. Fasting The commonest conclusion is that the patient fasted sim- never rendered any one more spiritual,—that is, better in ply to reduce his weight, but the fact is that obesity cases those respects that makes a person a superior being and are rather the exception with the doctor. To correct some | more acceptable in the sight of angels, Modern fasting misunderstandings he consented to make a brief state- has accomplished one excellent thing-it has relegated to North of England, sends us some par- . When hearing of the last case quoted

"It gives a false impression to say my patients fast. Savior's fast, and makes him a very common person. While they are required to abstain from food for con-

days and nights. For a long time his exploit was con- the word. The patient takes a teaspoonful dose of nutrisidered miraculous—only a God, as it were, could do it, ent three times a day. The action of the nutrient is to Now, fasting is not only a common thing, but its "sacred" control the nerves of the stomach and prevent a nervous character has vanished-forever. As set forth in the collapse. There is no nourishment in the nutrient, but Herald of this city, a Chicago doctor has put a number of one of its effects on the nerves is to relieve the patient of prominent people through periods of starvation, and the the sufferings of hunger, the craving for food commonly full concurrence with this view clearly Spiritualism, but a friend recently men recognize that psychometry for treatment now threatens to become the latest fad. known as the pangs of hunger. This abstinence from besity it certainly cures, and why shouldn't it. | food is only preparatory and incidental to the general A Chicago physician, however, reports a case of fasting treatment, and without that explanation thoughtless perfor eighty days. He has had many other patients fast sons might be led by incomplete newspaper reports to from twenty to forty days under his care. The physician undergo fasting under conditions likely to harm them. of Norfolk presiding, Sir Frederic Bate- sounds that resembled footsteps trampin question is Dr. R. C. Fisher, formerly of Washington, The nerves, after the administration of the nutrient, fail D. C., but in practice in Chicago for several years past. | to report the absence of food to the brain, which is the Interest in feats of fasting has been revived by recent seat of sensation, and the patient is able to go without newspaper reports. A dispatch from New Bedford, Mass., eating for a considerable period. While the system is stated that F. H. Butterfield, music teacher in the schools thus resting the medical treatment is carried on by adof that city, had gone without food for four weeks in an ministering specific remedies. As is well known, the hueffort to cure dyspepsia. Publicity was given recently to man system can live for some time on the materials stored the experience of Dr. L. A. Melze, of Chicago, who subjected himself to two fasts, one of ten days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days and the second way I will not attempt to say. The term of abstinence mitted the following definition: An idiot else. The spirit who influenced her in the days are days and the second way I will not attempt to say. of eight days, as a result of which he lost 106 pounds in from food is a matter of judgment to be determined indi- is a human being who possesses the tri- proved to be a child whom I never weight and apparently became a sound man after being vidually in each case. I have fasted probably fifty times for periods varying from five to twenty-six days, and Dr. Melze is a well-known dentist and club man of Chi- members of my family have submitted to similar experi-

"How does starvation feel?"

Mr. Hardy says he suffered no distress after taking the interesting enough to be stated at some length.

fast for an incredible length of time without being an- Well, for the first three days I suffered the tortures of noyed by the pangs of hunger. In some instances the the damned. After that I had no trouble whatever. At patients almost claim to have experienced pleasure from the end of my ten-day fast I had no particular craving for what ordinarily proves exceedingly distressing, one sub- food, and I am confident I could have fasted twenty days

had been diagnosed as Bright's disease. My son sent the tend that the brain of the microcephalic upon my husband during the night. there, and there came rolling on the To be told that William E. Chandler, late United doctor to see me, and after hearing of his system of fastStates Senator from New Hampshire, once fasted for ing I rather ungraciously called him a crank to his face, necting link between man and the an
link between man and twenty days is astounding. Mr. Chandler is short on flesh and long on impatience, but for twenty days he turned his back on the tempting sea food and the aromatic me that I had good chances of recovery and that I could man was an animal but he maintained like that all anthough I had to gasp it out word by word. The doctor through I had to gasp it out word by word. The doctor through I had to gasp it out word by word. The doctor impatience, but for twenty days he turned though I had to gasp it out word by word. The doctor impatience, but for twenty days he turned took it good-naturedly, and after making inquiries told imals of the vertebrate type were conman who starved to death while he was stituted on a similar plan, and that locked in, in one of the top rooms. chicken a la Maryland of Washington and confined him- be made to sleep in four days. I said I would do anything self to a diet of distilled water. Perhaps the example to be relieved from the torture of sleeplessness, and I beof his wife enabled the peppery statesman to hold out, for gan immediately to fast, although luncheon was on the logical attributes became externally know what to do under these circum-

day the agony was almost unbearable. I slept some the soul of the performer. If the instru- one at present-indeed, it would not be "Your measure is twelve inches smaller than it used second night, and I enjoyed an uninterrupted sleep the ment were in good order the inspiration wise to do so; but we hope to be able to

"The fourth day brought a happy release from all disyou have made such a difference by changing your under- ceedingly fond, but I was surprised to discover I had no desire for it. On the fifth day I had no hunger at all, and a hundred dollars wouldn't have tempted me to cat. joyed the dressmaker's confusion hugely, and then re- I had been permitted to drink distilled water freely with lemon juice squeezed into it, and during the first three Miss Eleanor Spofford, daughter of Senator Spofford, days I must have drunk thirty to forty glasses each day. of Louisiana, had the most remarkable experience in fast- On the sixth day I had no desire to drink water, and for-

house of the physician, where she was completely under | One day my daughter invited me to partake of some soup his control and unable to get a morsel of food without his of which I was fond, telling me the doctor had given his knowledge. Far from being exhausted by this remarkable permission. I thought only nine days had passed, and abstinence from food, on the seventy-ninth day of her so little did the food tempt me that I refused to eat until fast she went out for a promenade and walked several thoroughly convinced that the ten days were up. I am blocks. Miss Spofford, who, by the way, was once queen sure I could have fasted another ten days without

home under treatment for a year, and at the end of that days. I felt first rate and could sleep like a child. The doctor had directed me to eat but one meal a day. For Mrs. Russell R. Dorr, of St. Paul, was a faster of an my first meal there were asparagus soup, two baked apples

The tissues began to fill up with fat again and breathing Miss Kate Smith was another well-known Washing- became labored. I was sent to Lookout Mountain, but Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, is also on the any circumstances. The next day I breathed easier and yet useless; the impressions formed

Senator Jones said he was in splendid health and sleeping it is as quiet and sound as a child's. I am going to stick as soundly as a boy.

Mrs. L. C. Smith, of Washington, has a record of fastmits me to smoke two cigars a day, but I take advantage organs. Idiocy knew no distinction of rank; it invaded alike the palace of the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from that time droops until, eighteen the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from the peer and the hovel of the pauper, but from the peer and the hovel of the pauper. 220 pounds to 117. Ann Eliza Young, the nineteenth I feel hungry sometimes in the evening after an active

Instead of a 72 hat I take a 72, and a full size has been help, but the results obtained in this Again, a young woman visits a me-Among the foreigners who have gone without eating knocked off my gloves. My pulse was reduced from 120 Asylum showed that much might be dium. He tells her that the young man was only a part of the treatment given me, and I would Coming nearer home, there is the case of Father E. J. not advise anyone to fast except under the direction of a

felt no hunger after the fourth day. A. H. Bliss, a Board sponsibility, and this germ, cherished we submit it is a pertinent one—is, All of these cases of fasting have occurred, like that of Trade man, was recently reported to have sustained a and nourished by the genial warmth of "what in the name of common sense

the ranks of superstition the "sacred" character of the

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OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGES

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THE FEEBLE-MINDED.

the physical brain, not as the cause of that we had come out from all of them consciousness and intelligence, but as and were content to live according to their feelings with the lighted hellthe instrument by which these are ex-ternally manifested, and our readers and family—I am speaking for my hus-therefore will note with satisfaction the band and myself. We had no belief in Spiritualism into ill-repute, and until expressed by audistinguished medical spoke to us about "spirit rapping," and lost purses and strayed cats or husman. We learnifrom the Eastern Daily we sat to the table for fun. We had bands has nothing whatever to do with Press that on the 9th inst., at Norwich, had the pictures thrown off the walls, the question of spirit return and of anat the annual meeting of the Eastern the curtain poles pulled down, and had other life, the movement must be con-Counties Asylum for Idiots, the Duke heard many strange noises, including demned to a half-smothered existence, man, the consulting physician to the in- ing about the house, the rustling as of stitution, made an eloquent appeal to dresses along the floor, and the patterhis hearers for a practical sympathy ing of what seemed like the feet of ani with the feeble-minded."

partite nature of man-body, thought to hear of again. This opened stand clear of them soul, and spirit-but who is the subject our eyes to the serious character of of an infirmity, consisting anatomically Spiritualism and enabled us to account of a defective organization and want of for the strange happenings in the development of the brain, resulting in house which we had previously attriban inability, more or less complete, for uted to animal magnetism. the exercise of the moral, intellectual "A few weeks since my eldest and sensitive faculties. It would be ob- daughter was lifted bodily out of bed served that he had described an idiot as and the rest of the night the spring a human being. Time was when this mattress kept moving up and down would have been challenged. A great Invisible hands had been laid upon the theologian of the sixteenth century, on shoulders of every member of the fambeing asked by a father what he should lily at different times. A few days ago do with his idiot son, replied, "Drown one of my daughters placed four half him, he possesses no soul." Times were crowns on a table upstairs, but when happily changed. We did not drown she went for them shortly afterwards idiots in these days, but taught them to they had disappeared. Another sister swim against the adverse currents to went to help her to look for the money which they were exposed; we buoyed but neither of them could find it. Two them up on the tempestuous waves of other sisters went upstairs some time life; we piloted them through the rocks later and the money was then where it and shoals of their ill-starred careers had been put by my daughter at first, till their chequered race was run, and We have had many such tricks played they were safely landed into the haven upon us. My girls hear a voice calling of everlasting rest. Philosophers of them 'fools' and 'scoundrels' and one of even a later date than the sixteenth cen- them has seen some of the spirits and tury had questioned the idiot's place in has described three of them. But I am | Hitchman was present on this evening. creation, and had gone so far as to pre- distressed because of their influence | They had no such thing as a cabinet man was an animal, but he maintained These earth-bound spirits refuse all our

A reference to music would illustrate can and await further developments. his meaning. The music could not be We are not authorized to give our corsaid to be in the instrument, but in the respondent's name or address to anyof a Thalberg or of a Liszt would be afford her some assistance. come apparent, but if the instrument manifestation of the powers of the mind, but the lowest idlot possessed the germs of intellection activity and of moral responsibility, and within his malconstructed organism there lay conmulconstructed organism there lay concenled, in its fragile fleshly casket, a precious jewel of immortality—an imperishable essence that was destined to live on forever and for aye, through countless acons of time, when the dicta

fallen into the common error of con-

of the dreamers of whom he had been speaking would have "melted away like streaks of morning cloud into the infinite azure of the past." In old books on medical nomenclature idiocy was classed amongst the varietles of insanity, and idlots would be

seen skulking in the corner of the lunatic asylum courtyard, chained to a staple and lying on a litter of straw. Nowadays idiocy was not regarded as a form of insanity. The distinction between the idiot and the insane was clear and marked. The madman suffered from an abnormal development of the brain, the idiot from an ill-developed brain. The mind of the madman was not in proper balance; in the idiot it was not in proper power. The idiot was not perceive; he heard, but did not understand or appreciate; the organs of sight and hearing might be perfect and upon the optic and auditory nerves were duly transmitted to the sensorium, but no idea was there excited; he cared for nothing; he was indifferent to the grandeur and beauties of nature; he up with all the purple splendor of the the greater number of idiots were to be months after, she goes to join her husfound in the cottages of the poor, where band, with the words on her lips, "I member often reduced the family to I killed him or not." pauperism. It was formerly thought that an idlot was beyond the power of our personal notice. source of annoyances and danger to those around him but be made able to contribute to his own sustenance by ob- mind is completely upset; her heaven lovely Lily Dale. taining a knowledge of simple trades of has been converted into a hell; and the a mechanical kindristich as those of the darkness of night has settled like a following household and industrial pur- bright and happy heart. sults. Science in the twentieth century idlot. Science had done much, science working upon the Spiritualist platform; would do more. The diot had the germ both, probably, have . their admirers. protected from the blasts and buffeting | with Spiritualism?" of the world by the coids of true phllanthropy, watered by the dew of human

A correspondent who resides in the stroy happiness. ticulars of spontaneous phenomena our indignation bade us feel that we ing the mind onward into the purer at-which will be of interest to our readers. would willingly aid the police in un- mosphere of exalted spiritual truth. A Forms and Ceremonies for the Use of ticulars of spontaneous phenomena our indignation bade us feel that we ling the mind onward into the purer at-The writer says:

better state of being.

described to us as "haunted," but at the Spiritualism about such cases. time we leased it we did not believe in A child playing among casks any such thing. We had been so much disappointed in the various religious Spiritualists, of course, regard the bodies we had joined in search of truth, mals running up and down the stairs. There had, Sir Frederic said, been We had paid no heed to these things un several definitions of an idlot. He had til one morning my husband acted like spent a great deal of time in the inves- a madman, and that same evening my tigation of abstruse points of cerebral daughter, sixteen years of age, was conpathology, and the question of the idiot trolled when we sat down to the table,

that the brain after all was merely an sympathy and spurn our offers of asinstrument by which the high psycho-sistance at present, and we hardly manifested. These philosophers had stances." From the description which our cor-

founding mind, thought, and conscious- respondent sends us it seems probable ness with the material instrument by that both her husband and herself are which these attributes became exter- mediumistic, as well as her daughters. We have given her the best advice we

Since the above was written, our corwere damaged nothing but discordant respondent has acted upon our abvice, strains would be produced, although the with the result that communications musical faculty of the performer re- have been received from the haunting mained the same. Idlocy might be conspirits, and the disturbances have sidered as a disease of the instrument ceased. Interesting mediumistic experather than of the performer. The idi-ot's brain was damaged, and be became bers of the family and a few friends

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RECKLESS PHENOMENA-MONG-

Of all the curses with which a movement could be cursed, of all the blights ladies of the Willing Workers, at the that could fasten upon a cause, surely | Grand Hotel on the evening of August one of the worst and the most fatal is | 24. President Gaston acted as toastthe parasite who passes as the sunporter. · Spiritualism has claims to considera-

tion from the public-claims of unique character. For instance it states con- Howe spoke in his usual witty style, tinuously that proof of life after the and gave several good reasons why he grave is a staple article in its store. Mankind comes to trade, and immediately discovers an array of "assistants" ostensibly prepared to supply "proofs," but at the same time really palming off another article which has nothing

whatever to do with the demand of the

As an example, a man goes to a medium to learn something concerning the future life, and the medium psychometrises that he has a pain in his big toe-joint. Now what possible | tive of persons and events at Lily Dale, connection is there between a man's toe-joint and his desire for knowledge

of his loved ones? cently lost her husband, goes to a Spir- present. these people who claim to hold com- Worden, was complete in every detail, munion with the dead may be able to and reflected much credit not only upon stood unmoved at the thunderclap, the hold out some feeble straw of hope to himself, but upon those who served the foam of the rushing cataracts, or the which she may cling. The medium tables. Good nature and good order roar of the mighty ocean; he heeded not tells her that her husband's passing on the insect world, or the song was hastened by her own hand, she only was everybody a "jolly good fel-

This is a fact, the case coming under

done for him, and that under the proper to whom she is engaged, and to whom training he might become sensible, af she hopes shortly to be married, is unfectionate, and schappy. They had faithful to her, and that he is correidlot might not only cease to be a that she will hear of it all in three weeks.

This also is no fancy pen picture: it is Both of the so-called mediums are

human kindness, feliced round and and of justice, have such matters to do That a man is a trance medium, or

that a woman has a "control," is surely mitted to bud here, is destined hereafter their way to deal with matters which to expand into a perfect flower, and to do not concern them in the least.

flourish perennially in another and a To our mind there is no law too

strong to deal with a man or woman EXPERIENCES IN A HAUNTED who, under the sacred name of spirit communion, dares touch upon such questions which wreck lives and de-

"We are living in a house which was a type of a rogue and vagabond, and this office. Price cloth \$1.

assist him to cool his heels and his "Spiritualistic" ardor in the retirement of a securely-bolted cell in a public institution provided for the benefit of

It cannot, to our thinking, be too strongly emphasized that there is no

A child playing among casks of gunpowder with a lighted taper is harmless compared to such persons, who, from ignorance or design, play among the most sacred feelings and affections of

with the noose of sensationalism and sensualism about its neck.

For the sake of all that is noble and true and pure in Spiritualism, we would implore all our readers to discourage such exhibitions as those we have mentioned in public or in private. | be the only one of the eight Divine Plan If people desire to psychometrise or | books sent out for 25 cents, to use any other "gift" they may have

But so long as the Spiritualist platform is made the stage for the display of "gifts" which reach no higher than the fortune-telling sphere, we feel convinced that not only will the movement fail to prosper, but that it will ultimate ly decline until it reaches that level to ward which such as we have mentioned tend to drag it inevitably. A GHASTLY SCENE.

I was present at a seance in Liverpool when Dr. Sexton was there, Dr. Sexton was the companion of Charles Bradlaugh in his advocacy of those ideas and trains of thought common to may order, Price \$2.35. the secularist school of England. A number of others were present. The medium never sat for money. When Richard Carlyle died-not Thomas Carlyle, but Richard Carlyle, the political economist-he left this provision in his will; that his brain should be dissected for the benefit of science, and it was ordered that Dr. Richard Hitchman, of Liverpool, should do the work. Dr. he shivered. Though he had cut to pleces hundreds of heads in his time, he shivered, "Richard Carlyle," said he, and the lips moved. A ghastlier scene I never saw in all my days. have seen the dissecting table, I have seen ghastly pictures of dead men and dead women, but never saw anything so horrifying in all my days as the rolling of that head onto his lap and then passing away. The lips seemed to move, and the eyes turned in their sock. ets. It was a perfect representation of the head of Richard Carlyle.

Camp Cassadaga.

Sunday, August 25; closed the meetings at this camp for the season of 1901. Without any exception this has been the banner year as far as spiritual and intellectual progress goes, of all preceding years.

The work of Profs Lockwood and Wright has been the leading factor in promoting this order of things, and the management were/exceeding fortunate an unfit instrument for the outward who have formed a select circle for in- in securing the services of two such fearless advocates of the spiritual philosophy. It is the universal wish of all who attended these lectures, that both Mr. Lockwood and Mr. Wright may continue this work here next year, and it is hoped this association may receive donations sufficient to again make this work free another year.

Many pleasant social events occurred during the season, but nothing more pleasant than the banquet given by the master, which position he filled in very happy manner. The first called upon was Lyman C. Howe, to respond to, "Why I am sometimes late." Mr.

was sometimes late. M. R. Rouse was called upon to tell something of the first work done in clearing the ground, building the hotel, ginning of this now prosperous camp. An improvised poem by Mrs. Mary Webb-Baker was next in order, subject, Willing Workers, Miss Langton, of Canada, read a scriptural essay in a very humorous vein. Also Miss Tillie Haves read a neat little poem descripwhich was full of spirit and humor.

The collation provided by mine host low," but everybody had had a folly

good time.

Miss Gail Laughlin, of New York, and and trustees present took part, interspersed with songs by Mr. Ramsdell. a week's rest, and a subscription to office. continue the electric lights another week has been taken up, so that we will at least have light to guide us one more | Passages of the Old and New Testaweek at Lily Dale.

We are sorry camp is over. It has Spiritualism; together with a brief hisbeen a continual feast of good things tory of the origin of many of the from start to finish, and a more harmo- important books of the Bible." By nlous people could not come together Moses Hull. The well-known talented than those who met at Lily Dale this and scholarly author has here embodied year. May we hope they go but to return when another year, and another summer paints its glory on the beauti-As a consequence, the young woman's ful hills, and the dimpling lakes around

At the annual election of officers which took place Monday, August 19. The author shows a wise practicality in the old board was re-elected, which as- her method of teaching the principle of sures a continuance of the high order of ethics. She illustrates her subject with work here which has been the pride of the association in the past, and which which render the book more interesting promises much for the future.

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The Nature and Causes of Who Have Had Fortunes Dreams.

The mystery of dreams has been studied by the Paris Institute of Psy- to the keeper of a wayside inn, near chology, and after two years of re- Rancola, in the duchy of Parma, "that | lly there was no one in the community | its out-birth as phenomenal nature. | which every thing inheres, correlates, search Professor H. H. Bergson, who child of yours will be among the great to whom he bore ill will. There was Existence reaches from innate atoms culminates, ultimates and terminates. had charge of the investigation, is ones of the earth. Kings will vie with nothing left behind which might have about to make his report. The psy- one another to do his honor, and when been expected to tempt him to come back to renew old age in atomistic enth heaven of Mohammed, or Nirvana, chologists interviewed thousands of he dies nations will mourn." persons and compiled data relating to

the investigations, Professor Bergson boy's health; but he lived long enough ground floor tenement, with its dingy

and I say nothing. It all happens as if continents. eyes, to our ears, to our touch during for divining the future. sleep as well as during our waking mo- "You are low now," she, said, after ments? Close your eyes and pay care- consulting the cards, "very low; but ful attention to what passes in your you will rise high. You will be the field of vision. Many people say that greatest man in all America, but I see nothing happens. But little by little bloodshed and-but no! I must not tell you can distinguish many things; at you any more."
first only a black depth, then points of "Come along Abe; that good enough," This is the principal material of which higher than a flatboat. our dreams are fabricated.

rain which strikes the window, the brain. the like, as the case may be.

Since it did not think you were asleep, possible. it did not take the bed into considera- . When Miss Winifred Dallas-Yorke | cried in Hungarian. tion, hence, naturally, it concluded that was a young girl, just giving promise you were floating in the air. Whenever of the grace and beauty of later years, you dream that you are flying you feel a well-known Brighton fortune teller yourself working with one side, and told her that she would wear a duchess' this side you will invariably find coin-coronet, a prospect that seemed then brother. He said nothing that either cides with that which experiences the almost impossibly remote. real sensation which the bed gives your! And yet a casual meeting at a counbody. This sensation of pressure disso-try railway station led to the wooling clated from its cause becomes sensa- which made her duchess of Portland. tion pure and simple, and joined to the delusion of floating in space gives rise ture was predicted for a young appren- | waited until the ghost was uppermost

tile sensations, properly speaking, are man said, "but you remember my up to the back door of the flat which those which are connected with that words. Before you die you'll have as the late Marko had occupied and passed we sometimes term interior touch, pro- much gold as this store would hold- in without opening the door. At least found sensations emanating from all more than any man in the world has that is the story Matlock and his wife points of the organism, and particular- to-day, and more than you'll know told. ly from the viscera. One cannot im- what to do with." agine to what degree of fineness and To the boy who was then earning a no apparent sign of anything but the acuteness they attain during sleep, dollar a week, with a small prospect of utmost sincerity, "Marko, and I see They exist no doubt while we are ever achieving anything more, this him dead and in the grave, he come up awake, but then we are distracted by prophecy was amusing. "When that and grab me by my throat. My wife practical actions; we live an external time comes," he laughingly said, "I cal- she get the water and make him hot on life. Grave maladies have sometimes culate . you'll never want to work his back and he cry and get to hell out. tain sorts of dreams are connected with prophet lived long enough to claim the 1 lie." the different parts of the body, with af-| promised share of it, which took the fections of the digestive, the respiral substantial form of an annuity of calmly. tory, or the circulative apparatus. "I repeat what I have said; when

not closed to all impressions. They ex- official and minister would ordinarily ert themselves, with less precision, it is be a very rash prophecy; but it came true, than when we are awake, but act-true in the case of the stable boy who, ively nevertheless, and embrace a mul- after being in turn jockey and valet to and grunts of disapproval. tude of subjective impressions which the duke of Lucca, rose ultimately to pass unnoticed at other times. These the high offices of minister of the after the fight in the back yard he and

quisite for our dreams. Suppose the Among other remarkable predictions dreamer sees black lines upon a white for which there is good authority are surface. They might represent to him that which foretold that the czarina of tinued. the pages of a book or the facade of a Russia would have seven daughters behouse or a quantity of other things. fore bearing an heir to the throne; and What is it that determines his choice that of Dr. Charles Perrin, a palmist. of an object for it to represent? Mem- who told President Faure that he ory. The power which converts into would die within two years of the date definite objects the vague impressions of the prophecy. He actually died received in sleep from the eyes, ears, within 18 months. of the body is memory. While awake quent visits to fortune-tellers, always, the present situation, the present occu- fate that would overtake her husband, excit," threw the door open. Then all pation. There are other numberless whose assassination is such a recent recollections, however, which my mem- and painful memory; but in spite of ory has constructed in its most obscure every precaution that her love for him and, pointing a forefinger at them that depths, and which are in a state of in- could devise she was unable to avert visible phantoms. They, too, aspire his destiny. tempt to mount thither.

that, in fact, I am asleep. These recol- never fulfilled.-Tid-Bits. lections, thinking that their opportunity to come to light has come rush madly for the door in a vast multitude. But all cannot pass. They are too numerous. Which will succeed in doing so? A moment ago when I was awake the memories which were perceived were those which were connected with the present situation, with that which I saw and heard about me. Well, in sleep, too, I am surrounded by the vaguest possible sensations, and among the souvenir phantoms only those will succeed in rising to the surface which can assimilate themselves with the dim, indistinct colored visions that are present to my slumbering eyes, with the exterior and interior noises that I hear and the sensations of touch which I feel.

"When this juncture is effected between memory and sensation I dream. Sensation is warm, colorful, vibrant. Memory is complete, but it is without life and wishes to realize, actualize itself. They are drawn to each other, the souvenir phantom becoming incarnated in the sensation, thus develops into a being which will live its own peculiar

life, a dream. "So the birth of a dream is nothing all our perceptions. The mechanism of we are used to the a dream is the same in its grand outlines as that of normal perceptions. When we perceive real objects there is little in our actual perceptions, the sensible material of our perceptions into of Form and Features. The Cultiva- compilation by J. W. Nixon, of psychic which our memory has not been intro- tion of Personal Beauty, Based on Hy- literature, most given by spirits duced. The perception is a composite, giene and Health Culture. By twenty through and by means of full form vison one side, of the real impressions physicians and specialists. Edited by ible materializations, at seances of a when aroused it can reveal much of the season passes into camp history as one made on the organs of sense, and on Albert Turner." Of especial interest the other of the memories which have and value. For sale at this office, known as the Aber Intellectual Circle, impressions of forethought (destiny) been associated with the impression Price, \$1. and which profit by its present vitality . "The: Commandments Analyzed." By to come again themselves to life."-Ta- W. H. Bach. The Commandments are The Progressive Thinker. Price \$2. coma News.

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FAMOUS PEOPLE

Told.

"Some day," said a wandering glpsy

The innkeeper guffawed loudly at the In his report discussing the result of wine for the "prophet" to drink the away. There was something about that to see his son, Guiseppe Verdi, on the | yellow walls and narrow back yard "In a dream I perceive objects and high road to the honors and fame and ill-smelling, open sewers in front, there is nothing there. I see people; I which were showered on the great mubelieve I am speaking to them and hear sichan later, and which closed recently for the spirit. them answer me. There is no person in a national funeral and the grief of

real things, real persons were there; Ten years later a tall, gaunt, rawthen when I awake all has disappeared, boned youth who had made a journey people and things. What does it mean? to New Orleans as a hired hand on a "But, first, is it really true that there flatboat, was tempted by a fellowwas nothing there? Is there not a cer- workman to have his fortune told by tain sensible matter present in our an old woman who had the reputation

light upon it which come and go, rise the youth's companion said, as he and fall; or sometimes a thousand col- dragged him away, laughing hugely at ors appear and play in whirls of luster. the prospect of Abe Lincoln ever rising let somebody else live there yet."

But thirty years later, when Abra-"Again the ear also has certain inte- ham Lincoln was inaugurated as presirior sensations difficult to isolate and dent of the United States, he recalled perceive while awake, but which de-the prophecy, but he could not see the tach themselves clearly during the end. That came later, on that tragic lives in the upstairs flat on the other slumber. Sometimes, too, we hear evening of April 14, five years later, while sleeping, the sounds of the exte- when the bullet of the mad actor,

when the present beautiful duchess of | Matlock came from the shed and saw "As to touch, people often dream that Marlborough was little more than an him lying before her with a shadowy Is this the cause of gravitation? The by Involution. they are floating through space. Now, infant, a fortune-teller prophesied that if you will analyze this dream you will one day she would wear a coronet and have no difficulty in tracing the work- that she would become the ancestress ings of your mind in producing it. of a line of kings. The first part of this Your mind was aware of the fact that good fortune has come true, and who you were not touching the ground, can say that the latter part of it is im-

Nearly 70 years ago a remarkable fu- deal more than a dead brother, she tice in a Troy grocery store by a stray and then tipped out a pint of hot water a new universe, the personal attribute "Of more consequence than any tac- customer. "I guess you'll smile," the on his back. The thing fled, shricking, is obliged to change his conditions and

been foreseen by dreams. They had in again." The time did come. To-day He get into the door on the right side fact already begun when dreamed of. Russell Sage is credited with a fortune hand and the door no open when he go Great physicians have shown how cer- of \$100,000, growing every' year; and | through. I hope I am dead to-night if

\$1.000 a year. To predict that a Yorkshire stable we sleep a natural sleep our senses are boy would rise to the rank of a court confused impressions are the materials household and minister of finance in four friends were playing cards in the

"They are not, however, the only re- the world as Baron Ward.

and touch from all the interior surface. The queen of Italy is said to pay frepear and disappear, occupying the mind | ceived some remarkable warnings from successively. These are always such them. It is common knowledge that connected with the present moment, she was distinctly warned of the tragic

perhaps after the light, but never at- Notwithstanding these prophecies coming true in the above cases, there "Now suppose that I arrive at a mo- is no doubt nine-tenths of them are ment when I am disinterested, neutral; mere guesses and prophecies which are

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But he came back. He came back prophecy as he poured-out a glass of early and often. He could not stay that exercised an irresistible attraction Marko's ghost at first attracted at-

tention by low but strenuous moans.

The departed laborer had a peculiar voice and even in moans it could be disthe neighborhood had ever known. The first time those moans were heard everybody in the neighborhood knew that Marko had come back. His friends said something in the place to which he had gone did not suit him. For a time the popular feeling on the subject was altogether negative. That is to say, nobody expressed an overwhelming desire to live in the house of the late Marko. As one little girl of the neighborhood said to an earnest in-

matters came to a crisis. The tenement is a double house. There are four apartments in the building, and Gene as something and nothing. Matlock, brother-in-law to the ghost, the house, took a kettle of hot water around all over the yard.

"What is the matter? Get off my husband or I will scald you to death," she The face of the thing which was kneeling on Matlock's chest was turned toward her for a moment. She recognized the countenance of her departed she or her husband could understand and because, as Mrs. Matlock painstakingly explained to a reporter tonight, she loved a live husband a great

"I tell you," asserted Matlock with

"That's right," said Mrs. Matlock

"Are you sure," asked the reporter, "that it wasn't a tramp or somebody who was sneaking around the yard?" Both the Matlocks laughed scornfully. The very idea was preposterous, they said, with many shakes of the head

Gene Matlock told how a few nights the duchy of Parma, and was known to kitchen of his flat and there came a rapping at the door.

"Come in," he said. No one came in, but the rapping con-

"Come in or I'll knock your head off when you open the door," said Matlock. The knocker did not accept the into bed, called out that they had better look out what they said, because the knocker might be a ghost.

The card players went to the door and listened. They heard low moans debated for some time about the ac visability of opening the door, and at last one of the party, who was "great five saw the ghost of Marko. He stood in the hall at the head of the stairs. looked to be eight or nine inches long in the lamplight, said nothing, but faded out of sight. The finger was the last of him that faded.

The card party stopped right there. The Matlocks' guests started for home and did not say when they would come again. The good folk themselves sat up all night. They said they heard footsteps in the empty house next door, and that they heard the ghost mutter- growth, development or progress of ed God? Why not worship the Boundwent to see Father Januschek. The father told him that the best way to card game was to refrain from gamto be much justice in the priest's view | thought is continually going on between of the matter, but "please, wouldn't the man and man and spirits. Thus ideas act and thought. Like a ghost it will father come and see what could be

done about the house?" Father Januschek sald that he would. street and holled the whole row."

No one has seen or heard of the ghost since. The Matlocks are quite satisfied that it has gone for good, and have discontinued their somewhat expensive practice of keeping a light burning all night.-Chicago Inter Ocean.

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Ignorance accounts for the unknown. Conscious knowledge is the sum of the

their infancy; like opinions they are in perience by every being. Now suppose a nebulous condition; and this condition | you have learned to act your part well, will continue so long as men, spirits that you have passed through all the and semi-gods are progressive beings. things. It includes the eternal past, the enth spiritual sphere of Spiritualists, omnipresent now, and the endless fu- where all the spirits of the universe are

ture; it embodies the uncaused, the noumenon, the natural, the in-born, and to stars, on to a Multiple Being and childhood.

It includes immovable space, rest, death, life, energy, force, action, mo- all-embracing thought. Here the all tion, passion, love, intelligence, every thing known and unknown from Zero-Being to Infinite Being. Existence manifests three principal

tive existence; (3) Conscious existence. Rest, rest, rest at last in elysian bliss! caused, the absolute, the immutable, resurrected those apparently dead, "in the unchangeable, the unthought, ignor- the shell," from oblivion, have ance, silence, rest, infinite (immovable) changed the devil into an angel of tinguished from any other voice that space which can neither be increased light, turned night into day, and nor decreased imply the (1) phase. All ignorance into knowledge. We know it such terms as life, energy, force, action, all. Is there nothing more for us to do motion, automatic phenomena manifest the (2) phase. Again instinct, intuition, idea, spiritual sense, induction, intelligence, mind, thought, reason, the Ego,

Sunday, when Mrs. Matlock was in a of infinity or vortices of non-resistance | table, and awakes in the animal." figure kneeling on him. She ran into inrush of chaos into the nebulous vortex creates cross-currents, a whirlpool, from the stove and went back again. | throwing matter to the circumference, She found Gene and the thing wrestling thus keeping the vacuous vortex clear the universe alternates from Multiple tism and Personal Magnetism more esof resisting matter.

each attribute of the Spacial God. They The center of the Milky Way, the are co-eternal and co-equal. None can position in space, where each is at lib- drawing the stars in from its galactic erty to create a universe of its own. By involution or attraction each is com- lous matter to take their place. The verse, which ultimates in a most glori- gods, is now separating into segments, ous personality. In this case, to create | constellations, etc. atomistic childhood he must disinte-

Evolution is the law that disintegrates; it analyzes everything down to innate seeds, roots, factors, or atoms which are the only individuals in existence. There are three classes of atoms; (1) The Static atoms-states, infinitum. These necessarily limit each powers of rest, roots of matter. (2) The other; there is room only for one in-Life atoms—souls of static atoms, chemical action. (3) The Thought | want of extra space to move in. Hence atoms-light of the soul and its guide, activity is reduced to inactivity-rest. The atoms in each class vary in form and quantity, but not in quality-number is endless. Static atoms have no by which your God can accomplish power to move themselves or to resist | something. being moved. Life atoms are sparks of fire, young volcanoes, centers of force. Thought atoms are the nuclei of multi- progressive beings, also the Mother of ple knowledge and being. These atoms | the innate, the in-born. mix and chemically mate according to polarity. The life atom enters the static | birth of eternity, the father of all. atom to supply what it lacks of life, energy, force, heat, etc. As one they still | infinite capacity whose non-combativelack; so the thought atom enters the ness, i. e., its non-resistance moves all Duad to supply the want of light and else, itself unmoved-wind will go

battery to attract or repel other triads, is removed in front. molecules, monads, monerous, monerules, etc. This golden chain continues | being. Geometry is founded on a point through all grades of being from atoms having position only, not magnitude. to stars, on to Multiple Beings cluster- If you can understand this you will see ing around and in Cosmic Conscious- | that Zero-being is the name given to a ness. All this is the work of innate, thought to distinguish it from other vitation. Mrs. Matlock, who had gone in-born atoms involved and evolved in- thoughts, as position or a point is a carnated, excarnated and re-incarnated name given to a thought fixed in the millions of times. Life manifests its | mind. automatic energy in matter, while Forethought diverts, guldes and fashions every object in nature. Finally | Studying the action and relations of nawe often have recollections which ap- however, incognito, and to have re- and recognized Marko's voice. They animal man is born of Mother Earth. dition, and settle down by his side to God behind the first, that the third assist in developing his better nature, created the second, so by backing up On and upward you go from earth to you round the circle, the first becomes spiritual belts, rings, planes and the last and the last the first, who spheres until you reach the final asso- must have existed from eternity to clation centered in the Grand Man who start the business. With others, God is rules by the consent of the compact. an idea derived from the action and ex-Continually turning atoms inside out is tent of nature. Some men will reduce strong and new light on the Bible teachings relating not growth, progress, development, as this idea to suit their own caliber. In to woman. All should read it, supposed by some.

An acorn is the nucleus of an oak his idea creates his own god. There are tree. Its growth depends on soil, moisture, air, light, heat, chemical ac- dualistic, stuffed with good and evil tion, etc. Every year a new ring love and hate. They can bless and growth of wood is added as an environment or accretion. So, too, is the ing to itself. The next day Matlock | men and spirits a matter of accretion. less Space God whose Omnipresence All we know is borrowed from every source; hence, there is a greater comprevent a ghost from interrupting a merce in ideas and thoughts, to-day, not an ideal God, not a combative God, than in grain or products of earth. bling. Matlock said that there seemed | Mutual interchange and exchange of and thoughts are being transplanted, not down at your command. Umph!re-embodied, thousands of times, like gone. the dust and gases of your ancestors. Holy writ, he said, teaches that there to supply the wants of vegetable, aniare not only spirits of good, but that | mal, human and spiritual life. Thus we there are also spirits of evil, and it are living off of each other, from the might be that the ghost of John Marko | potency of naturegland growing towas a spirit of evil. He had once or gether as one multiple being composed twice heretofore driven out evil spirits, of many, which, when analyzed or split water and made a cross upon every manifest a different character from girl before quoted he "came out in the law of Accretion, also from communications received from spirits-fragments that live by snuffing what you eat and drink. However there are genuine communications from pure spirits whose combined knowledge re-enforces the all they know for the benefit of others,

> stamped upon every object for Psychometers to read. Consciousness, is composed of an aggregation of Thought atoms. They are self-conscious, automatic axioms.

object of the other; subject and object are identical in principle, for subject is the name of a thought; so is the object. Thus cluster of thoughts increases as you pass through the veil of experiences. This experience will not end until you can master self, and rule the universe you now inhabit, with su-

preme love. Eternity is dotted off into alternate periods. Every period introduces a new Human science and philosophy are in drama to be enacted on the stage of exgrades of being from the lowest to the Existence is supremely the first of all highest, that you are now in the sevcomponent parts of the Grand Man, the Sum, the Cosmic Consciousness in This seventh sphere may be the seythe abode of the gods and goddesses.

It matters little what you name the that was put into the Home-made universe, by the Attribute of the Space God, is now a self-evident truth to each and all composing the Grand phases: (1) Inactive existence; (2) Ac- Man, the risen Son. Here all exclaim: The eternal, the uncreated, the un- What more can we ask? We have and know? If not, the future is no

more, and eternal age stunts us. The pursuit of knowledge is better than to remain here idle forever. Let I, manifest the (3) phase. All must cor- us produce a new universe more glori- nity by his marvelous hypnotic demonrelate, culminate, ultimate and termi- ous than the one we now enjoy. Past nate in consciousness to be known and experience has added to our knowledge controlled, These united phases con- and will teach us how. At this point stitute the Infinite Space God, whose the Oriental idea is this: The Son, numberless attributes compose his con- Buddha, or Brahma, becomes the vestigator: "Everybody says 'I think I tents. E Pluribus Unum is the synthe- father, the creator, by descent into gensis. However, infinite space can neither eration. He offers himself as a sac-But two weeks ago last Sunday night | be increased nor decreased by the ad- | rifice that his atomistic children may dition or subtraction of his attributes, live to enjoy the next round of existas the two natures are as incomparable ence. Disintegration, also, is the Night of Brahma, whose consciousness is an-Now, infinite space can never be com- nihilated according to some, to others pletely filled by atoms; there remains it sleeps and dreams in repose-"it of age in a hypnotic stage he sent the side of the double house. A week ago inter-atomic spaces termed the Porosity sleeps in the rock, dreams in the vege-

rior world, the crackling of the fire, the Booth, crashed into the president's shed at the back yard, Gene started which move all things in space; thus Evolution gives a new outbirth to the across the yard to speak to her. He automatism runs the machinery of the Multiple being, old age is renewed in wind playing upon its gamut up the But it is by no means always evil was grabbed by the throat and thrown universe. Men are seeking the spon- atomic existence. This is the re- cessful. His recent demonstrations of chimney. These are converted into that these tellers of fortune predict, flat upon his back. He shouted for taneity of things; some imagine a hole incarnation of Nature's God. Con- Personal Magnetism and the wonderful conversations, songs, cries, music, and It is said that more than 20 years ago, help as he fell, half strangled. Mrs. needs plugging at the bottom of sciousness still exists in Thought atoms power he displays in healing the sick eternity to stop the waste of energy. to be reorganized into an organic whole

Forethought impresses on each atom' its new destiny, also the knowledge gained by experience inhering. Thus There is a vast inherent power in the butterfly rounding its circle of life. poles, and sending out clouds of nebu-

Astronomers know not the cause of gravitation. They speak only of gravi- published by the National Publishing relations; or, to renew his old age in | tation as the effect of some unknown law unlike all known laws, as magnetic | Hypnotism, Suggestive Therapeutics attraction. Is non-frictional space the and Magnetic Healing.' Anybody can medium or first cause of motion?

Some one wants to ask questions. love, one of truth, one of justice-ad finite, that infinite is immovable for There is no progress without limitation; it gives activity to his attributes

(2) What is Eternity? It is the duration of ignorance so long as there are

(3) What is Infinity? It is the out-(4) What is boundless space? It is through a hole in a board easier than Now a Triad appears, a three-celled | through the board, because resistance

(5) What is an Atom? It is a Zero-

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Change, Not Destruction.

Is not that a mistaken philosophy which teaches that the earth is getting aged, and shows signs of ultimate decay? Is it not probable that the same forces which have preserved it through countless millions of years will attend it in the grand march yet to be, and thus roll on with no abridgement of its capacity to minister to the needs of the

Taught that the world is to be destroyed by fire, we can well imagine that a dweller in Chicago, when he saw tly oceans of flame rolling heavenward from consuming blocks of a compact city, thought it meant the destruction of the material universe. But to outsiders it was a local disturbance. A few years of labor and sacrifice, a greater city is built upon its ruins, and but few or no traces are left of the late desolation. But for a written record of the event, with the passing away of a few generations, and even dim tradition would have no account of that terrible conflagration.

have ingulfed all its inhabitants, a fortunate family with their stock escaping to the uplands. An active imagination of a later generation telling of the event would naturally represent it as universal, and the whole earth would be again peopled by the survivors of that terrible catastrophe; but an age of sophical works," says the Encyclopedia reason would follow, and the universal deluge would take its place among the They are, however, obviously of Chris-

in the valleys and covering the plain, works. and climbing up the sides of rugged mountains, the summer's sun not equal To the task of overcoming the accumulation, betokens a frozen, barren and desolate world. Here and there a few survivors find homes in the caverns, and subsistence from the flesh of more hardy animals whose warm fur protects them from the cold. These cave dwellers, with a traditionary knowledge of what has been, sees in fancy the time when life can no longer resist the inroads of the ice age; but century after by. He who can note the change sees a gradual rise of temperature from year to year. When the solar system shall emerge from its great path around some all the waste places, while beast, and bird, and insect resume their place in Nature's economy, and in the absence of the historic period all is forgotten. Only silent caverns here and there are found to show how the ancestors of the race survived.

the North and covered the Tiber at Rome with a bridge of ice, the people during the last few weeks, that the terrible heat must destroy all verdure and all life depending on it.

in the revolving ages. If a continent sinks below the ocean line another continent is unveiled, and Nature pursues her course regardless of the wants or caprice of man. The latter adapts himself to the changed condition; and though, like the Esquimo of a frigid zone, or the dweller in the tropics, he survives and transmits his race to other generations which shall succeed him under more favorable auspices than he experienced.

To us the lesson teaches that change. not destruction, is the destiny of the earth and its inhabitants; that there is an eternity before, as in the past, for the race, and that progress will mark all the changes to which it may be subject. Education, ever advancing, will enable man to compel the forces of Nature to minister to his needs; and come flame, or flood, or seas of ice, or burning suns, or tornado's blasts, he can survive them all, and continue the master of adverse conditions.

They Heed Not the Master.

Our Christian friends overlook the real teachings of Jesus, as directed to them, in their zeal to force some obdirection of the Master, Luke 14:12. 13, 14?

"When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy netic healers will be, sooner or later, rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee arrested for practicing their divine again, and a recompense be made thee; gifts. but when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shall be recompensed at the resurrection of the phy of Spiritualism. For sale at this

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A friend writes; "I am more and more disposed to believe Josephus' works are modern. If he first wrote in Hebrew why is there no copy in that tongue? If he translated it into Greek why did it first appear in Latin? And when it appeared at Basel a hundred years later in Greek, filled with Latin terms and names, does it not suggest that the Greek copy we have was a translation of the Latin into Greek, instead of the reverse?"

Perhaps we can ald our friend a our article of two weeks ago on Jose- island, of Rhea, a mortal maiden, and phus, to avoid a division for two that he was sired by Saturn. But it possible, we purposely omitted in the lost to the world a thousand years, and and Roman Biography and Mythology" all after the opening words of that par- | concealed from the world remained, so "Josephus first appeared in print in for repeating the story.

Latin translation, with no notice of the place or date of publication." [Then] "The edition seems to have contained only a portion of the Antiquities. These, with the seven books of the Jewish War, were again printed by Schusler, Augsb., 1470, in Latin; and there were many editions in the same language of the whole works, and of portions of them before the edito princips peared at Basel, 1544, edited by Arthe Septuagint annexed.

All this time Josephus, and the additions to it, were in Catholle hands. The additions were made when most needed to confirm the "Holy Scriptures," which the Protestants when they appeared never stopped to call in question. They seemed as glad to get is it not merely possible this Zeus, the supposed confirmatory evidence of | sired by the Father of Gods, born of a the antiquity of the Old Testament as | virgin in a cave, one of whose names were the Catholics themselves; more was Jes, which Latinized by the terso, for the Catholics declined to allow | minal us would be Jesus, was the the laity to read the book; while identical person he was declaring unto Protestants declared it the unerring the Galations, and to the world gen-Word of God, and compassed heaven | erally? And instead of the name comand the pockets of the faithful, for ing from the Hebrew Joshua as is money to extend its reading. The alleged, is it not merely possible when writer heard from the lips of Father | removed to Rome, it received the Latin McGovern, in a Catholic pulpit, in 1870, these words:

"The Church knows how the Holy lines. Certain it is, here was the story Scriptures were written, and is reluc- in full life 3,000 years before the Christant to place in the hands of those who tian era, of a God, born of mortal have not this information, the book to | maiden, in a cave, reputed to have been lead them to their own destruction."

knowledge by a multitude of other books, among which was Josephus; and animal tribes who dwell on its surface? | they have continued that imposition | Then the fact that every rite, ceremony, until within the last few months, when sacrament and festival known to Chrisit is said the Pope has rescinded the I tians was common to the Pagans cenbull prohibiting its reading.

peared with but a fragment of what we | sive. now have; that instead of appearing in Greek the first known of it to moderns hundred years passed from the first ap- eternal throne, and, for aught we know pearance of the fragmentary Latin | to the contrary, may occupy it still. edition, before the first Greek edition connected with its history.

uineness of Josephus?

the fertile pen of Josephus; but these were rejected as spurious, so the 'Jewish historian" was compelled to abandon his labors. "One or two philo-Britannica, "are attributed to him. * * tian origin." Doubtless the same can The glacial period, with ice forming truthfully be said of all Josephus'

New Vocation.

A new species of Sabbath desecration has just come under our observation which demands immediate attention on the part of the authorities, else the custom will become general, and precious souls will be lost in consequence. The device is a clerical one, and is thought to be in the interest of the church, therefore it is presumed the police have necentury passes away. Ages on ages roll | glected their duty in the premises, and God's holy ordinance is broken almost beyond repair.

We are right glad Chicago is not recommon center, a tropical sun melts the | sponsible for this great wickedness, but seas of ice, seeds preserved from decay | the same cannot be said for St. Louis, spring into life, and verdure soon adorns | if the press dispatches can be trusted. One Rev. H. A. Smoot-little short of Smut-pastor of a Baptist church in Arcola, near St. Louis, has contracted with two little girls-innocent childhood outraged—and gives one cent each for every person found asleep while he is duce an unusual or exaggerated effect, ministering in the pulpit, and awakens

When the cold wave rolled down from them so as to listen to his homily. It was not enough that the preacher himself labored for hire on the Lord's felt sure another glacial period was in | day, but he invelgled two beautiful little | store for them; just as we have all felt, | girls just blooming for Paradise, to also engage in labor for hire, to disturb the repose of quiet and inoffensive parishloners, who had been psychologized by | tigue is as much self hypnotized as is All these extremes are only changes the pastor. There are no terms too severe to apply to this modern innovation and desecration of all that is holy and good.

Ascalon, but proclaim it from the house as is the statement that intense applicatops how this wicked thing is being | tion of the mind produces the same redone in the vicinity of St. Louis.

Starting a War,

The Chicago Tribune says:

"The State Board of Health has announced that it means to stop 4,000 men now supposed to be practicing medicine illegally in Chicago. Reputable physicians are taking part in the efforts of the Board of Health. Volunteer information is being submitted to the Board of Health daily, and a number of deputies are doing detective portunities for good or evil and produce

"'We have made a beginning by com- I them. mencing suit against a number of these illegal practitioners,' said Attorney J. If. Brower, 'but it is a small beginning. When Mr. Warwick A. Shaw, attorney for the Board of Health, returns the prosecution will be taken up with vigor. The evidence is being collected now.'

"Among those whom the Board of Health is after are physicians who are conducting health resorts, sanitariums, noxious teaching down the throats of and hospitals. Many of the illegal docsinners. Did any one ever hear of a | tors have escaped one serious charge | self-designated saint observing this by refusing to sign death certificates. When their patients become seriously ill they recommend a regular physician and the patient dies on his hands."

This means, of course, that all mag-

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Libelous Paul, with Reflections.

No. 10. Addenda. "The Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies," [idle gluttons, in the revised edition.]-Paul in his Epistle to Titus 1:12.

Whether original with Paul, or borrawed from some one else, the language quite characteristic of clerical methods. Commend us to that profession for what with any other would be designated vulgar and ungentlemanly

language, when applied to an opponent. Why did Paul call the Cretans liars? Because they said Zeus, the god they triffe in the direction of his doubts. In worshiped, was born in a grotto on that papers, and to abridge it as much as seems the cavern had been closed and quotation from Smith's Dic. of "Greek only dim tradition, an allusion to it by its older poets, and its great treasures agraph, which we now repeat and add: "the Cretans are liars and evil beasts,"

> Two thousand more years go by, and the great boulders and earth covered over the mouth of that concealed-cayern, piled there, probably, in time of war to prevent its desecration by a public enemy, are removed, and the real "liar" is proved to be Paul himself.

Paul preached a Christ of his own, one he saw and conversed with, taking his own account as authority, while [chief edition] of the Greek text ap- stricken down by a sun-stroke on his way to Damascus. All his knowledge lenius." Numerous editions followed, of Jesus he acquired at that time. He and in 1691 an edition appeared for the | declared, Galations 1:12, "I neither refirst with Aristeas' pretended history of celved it [the gospel] of man, neither was I taught it by the revelations of Jesus Christ." He had said in verse 8, "Though we, or an angel preach any other gospel unto you than that we have preached unto you, let him be accursed." Now if we could fathom Paul's mind,

terminal as suggested? We ask scholars and thinkers to investigate along these sired by the father of gods, and his And yet they bolstered that deceptive name, if Latinized by the terminal of that language, would become Jesus, identical with the name of our Savior. turies before our Lord was born, and The fact that Josephus first ap- the suggestion becomes almost oppres-

No wonder the Medieval Christian powers punished with death those who it was published in Latin, by whom and | denied a God was born in Judea and where no one knows: that other was crucified on a cross, in view of the editions, with additions to it, also in older rival who had no such tragic end; Latin, followed, and that probably a for Zeus, otherwise Jupiter, usurped the

Is it not remarkable that Christians in which Josephus claims he rendered | bribed converts to their faith, by promit, before it was printed in that tongue, ising them an eternal reward in a make it very apparent a great fraud is | heaven identical with that of the Pagans, and threatened them with endless Do these facts increase the doubts of | torture in a hell, of which the Pagan A flood in some narrow limit, may our scholarly friend as to the gen- tartarus was the prototype? And as Judea was desolated of its native pop-It should be stated before leaving the | ulation at the time the Gospels are subject that numerous additional works | alleged to have been written, and the appeared, following the early Latin | country was only occupied by Roman editions, professing to have come from soldiers, what better field in which to locate a romance?

Self Hypnotism.

The Inter Ocean, referring to an item in a morning paper, stating that a resident of Evanston, after hypnotizing himself had become insane, and died,

The inference conveyed by the article was that the feat of hypnotizing himself caused his insanity and afterward. indirectly, his death.

Hypnotism, so-called, is in itself merely a physical state in which suggestions given to the mind produce exaggerated effects. Although generally associated with sleep, the hypnotic, or, more properly, the suggestive, condition does not necessarily imply sleep at all, except as the suggestion of sleep is given and acted on. The condition in which the attentive spectator, watching a juggler perform, obeys the request to bring his stovepipe hat upon the stage is as truly the hypnotic condition as is the heaviest sleep induced

by repeated commands. Self-hypnotism, or, more properly, auto-suggestion, is extremely common, not only among persons who have trained themselves to give exhibitions. but also among people in every walk of life. It exists wherever a person throws himself into a state of intense concentration, in which his own desires proand, hence, are obeyed with unusual

thoroughness. The degree to which self-hypnotism is practiced by any individual depends upon the temperament and the circumstances. The inventor or artist who pores over his work to the exclusion of all feelings of hunger and cold and fathe man who exhibits on the stage with needles stuck through his skin.

Consequently, the inference that selfhypnotism is rare, or that it leads to Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in Insanity and death, is as unwarranted sults. The state is the same, and varying degrees naturally produce varying-

> It is time the mystery and dread that surround hypnotism and other psychic manifestations should be dispelled. Once understood, they will be found to hold no more mystery than the manifestations of sleep. Suggestion and the suggestive condition are purely natural phenomena, with natural laws and exact results. And, like all other conditions of human life, they present opresults according to the use made of

Death for Teaching Heresy.

An American traveling in Bolivia, S. A., writing to the Truth Seeker, says: "The second article of the Bolivia Constitution declares:

"Whoever shall teach any other form of religion in the Republic of Bolivia than the holy Apostolic Catholic faith, except in the colonies, shall suffer death."

As Bolivia has no colonies the law applies to all the state. The correspondent says, by a general amendment of late years offences heretofore punished with death are now imprisonment for ten years.

All Catholic countries had laws somewhat similar to those of Bolivia. The Inquisition turned its convicts over to the civil government to execute its decrees. This should always be taken into consideration when inquiring into the forces which made Christianity the great power it became.

THE DIABOLIGAL GATHOLIG GHURGH IN MEXIGO.

While in Europe the Roman Catholic communicants | has appeared a book on "Canonical Law" and its bearings are worrying the priests and bishops, in Mexico the clergy on certain practices in Mexico. It was written by Father have been causing much scandal and trouble for the mem- Planchet, and gives overwhelming proofs of the simonibers of their flocks. A recent letter from Pueblo men- acal, superstitious, and idolatrous practices allowed or tions a few of the things that are agitating the whole sanctioned to-day by a large percentage of the Mexican Roman Catholic public in Mexico, and making the whole priests. The Archbishop of Mexico very soon prohibited nation see how useless is the Church to make even its the reading and sale of the book, with the natural result priests live lives ordinarily decent according to merely that all the leading papers began to discuss the abuses worldly customs.

For instance: A little time ago one of the principal No such stir among the Catholics has been known for priests of Guadalajara ran away with \$80,000 of church fifty years. The Archbishop of Mexico has been pubmoney and a beautiful girl about seventeen years old. licly attacked for condoning immoral and irreligious prac-They were arrested in Madrid, where the girl was put in tices by men very high in the priesthood. He has made a convent. The priest, at last accounts, was to be extra- but weak replies, or none at all. When the archbishop dited and brought back to Mexico for trial.

Father Orio was lately shot in San Geronimo, about thirty-five miles from Mexico City. His slayer was his housekeeper, with whom he had been on intimate terms for some time. Fearing exposure, he had attempted a separation. But the woman, infuriated with rage and jealousy, broke down the door of his room with an ax, their priests; that most disgusting and unprintable imand then shot him with his own revolver while he was trying to escape through the window.

and expressed his wish that she should inherit \$60,000 of which he was possessed.

For the Creed Builders.

the cause of each other's ruin,"

That is just "What is the matter?"

and let the churches monopolize the

The series of articles which have

issue, being No. 10 of the series. As the

earlier papers were not numbered, to

Correctly Stated.

The Literary Guide reiterated what

"There has never been a fanatic, or

religious leader, from Elijah, the Tish-

and with the unshrinking audactty of

ignorant self-confidence, that God was

on his side, and was blessing his work.

cruel levers of the rack, did his ghastly

efforts to exterminate heresy, to save

suffering martyr also believed that

through his unspeakable agony he was

Test Them by Ordeal.

"Its all right, boss; Jesus has forgiven

me," shouts the negro, as the leader

directs the mob to pull away at the

rope, and swing him to glory for a late

victim's faith by extending to him the

Prayers Unnecessary.

In Lossing's "Seventeen Hundred and

and collectively profited thereby.

idle myth of the ancients.

Knowledge."

eternal life."

outrage and murder.

test? If not, why not?

following "Perhaps Spiritualistic mediums are and somewhat disturbed Spiritualists, "It is a thing equally deplorable and

"During the past five years I have dangerous that there are as many sold enough heards and wigs to Spirit- creeds as opinions among men, as many organizations. The orders come from sources of blasphemy as there are all the prominent cities, and investiga- faults among us; because we make clated; Mrs. Russell, the singer, and tion proves that the goods go to Spirit- creeds arbitrarily, and explain them ualists held high in esteem in their own | arbitrarily. * * Every year, nay every communities. Frequently the orders are moon, we make new creeds to describe accompanied by photographs, presuma. invisible mysteries. We repent of what we have done, we defend those who remoned back to earth for a small fee. As | pent, we anathematize those we dea matter of fact, this class of business fended. We condemn either the docforms a very large percentage of my en. | trine of others in ourselves, or our own in that of others; and reciprocally tear-

"I received a few days ago a number | ing one another to pieces we have been of orders for wigs and beards from the Middle West, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis. Each order was with Spiritualists. If they would be written by the same hand, and they wise, and be guided by the experiences Harrison D. Barrett Defendcame in sequence from a chain of of the past, and tell what they KNOW. towns.

in this particular party of wig patrons. They were all Spiritualists. One of the four was a woman, the medium. Two a young man, the other rather old. The fourth was an advance agent. He traveled ahead and learned names, family histories and peculiarities of many of lieve. the deceased residents of the various

"Of course, it was not long before the Spiritualists had a considerable quantity of hirsute appendages on hand, but frequently they obtained a photograph of some desirable spirit who had a unique style of wearing his beard or been running through The Progressive hair, and then a photograph or descrip- Thinker, commencing with "Birth Place tion was at once dispatched to me with of the Gods," June 29, close with this

an order. "Having obtained the desired information and the necessary make-up, the three Spiritualists would enter a aid the reader in collecting them, it may town shortly after their advance agent be well to state that No. 2, of July 13, yet no man or woman has a right to had given them complete instructions. You can readily guess what happened. The seance would attract all the Spirit- 4 July 27, "Pick and Spade Again." No. and true worker. ualists in town, and at the proper mo- 5. "Parallel Bible and Heathen Myths." ment, the most desirable spirit, that of The later issues are regularly numsome man well known in the community, would be produced, and, so far as make-up goes, the spectre was usually a pretty good imitation of the

original. "You can easily imagine the effect upon the assembled spectators. From that moment the Spiritualistic band began to reap a harvest in this town. Frequently some deluded person would pay an exorbitant price for a second chat with the departed. This usually happened when the first conversation had been interrupted by the spirit's common observation teaches when it withdrawal at a critical point, and you said in its August issue: may believe that the medium knew just

when to arrange these interruptions.

in Chicago." mediums, and following in their footsteps are a large number of villains trying to imitate them. So it has always raised to a higher plane of spirituality.

The twenty-fifth annual Congress of test of the Master: "If they drink any the American Secular Union is called deadly thing it shall not hurt them. by President Macdopald; to assemble in There is the place to experiment with road rates can be secured by buying life. If the sayings of Jesus are iner- tion. tickets to the Exposition. Any person rant commence the test with the Pope, into the treasury. The principal object of the organization is to effectually senarate church and State, a movement in which Spiritualists can everywhere co-

hands.

A Lunatic-Making Religion. 1847, p. 467, an account is given of Miss Edith Parsons, of Concordia, Franklin's motion in the Constitutional Kan, has become insane from grief Convention, of which he was a member, over the death of her ten-year-old boy. for the opening of business by prayer. Her neighbors are largely responsible At the close of the speech, page as gestive, intensely interesting, spiritual for her condition. They insisted the above, appears as follows: child's death was God's punishment for her own sins. This fact preyed upon vention, except three or four persons, Price \$1. the woman's mind until she became a

lunatic.—Ex. Such facts need no comment at our

The Catholic world is moved to its center as it reads testimonials of its highest priests, to the effect that the

practiced by the clergy.

clerical in Mexico.

Bishop of Vera Cruz paid \$10,000 for his position; that It is a drowsy, familiar sound, such as other bishops have winked at concubinage on the part of belongs to the queer, clumsy bumblemorality has been allowed by some of the high officers of half-formed, perhaps, but it is conthe church. All the newspapers are full of the matter, ducive. The wind and the sunshine Before the priest died he declared that he forgave her, and El Imparcial, one of the conservative papers, says: and the freedom begin to call aloud, "This is the most momentous time in the history of the

Mexican priesthood that has come under our observa-

To deepen the effect of these two scandalous incidents tion."-The Converted Catholic.

Wig Makers. Creed making, which has given occu-The Telegraph, of New York, has the pation to so many divines in one day,

able to materialize spirits floating would seem, from accepted Christian about one hundred farms. His influthrough space," said William Hepner, history, to have played an active part the wigmaker, yesterday, "but I have good reason to doubt it. Of course, I don't say that the vision of one's old puted Nazarene. Hilary, Bishop of soul-elevating influence that every one father or antiquated grandmother dead Poictiers, a distinguished doctor of the perceives and feels. This year he atthese long years is not a genuine spec- Western Church, claimed to have lived | tended the Vicksburg Camp, which is spectre is merely a medium's assistant, books on the Trinity, said: to resemble the departed.

bly of the departed, who are to be sumtire output.

"I discovered there were four persons |"I believe," they would be individually

"This particular crowd of Spiritual- bite, to Mahomet, or Joseph Smith, or ists worked all through the Middle West from the Pope of Rome to Dowie, who and South. The last I heard of them has not proclaimed in trumpet tones, they were in Alabama. Chicago has perhaps more Spiritualistic fakirs than any city in the country. New York has some, but not one-third of the number The grim inquisitor, who turned the

There are fakes, of course, traveling work in the name of God, and never around the country trying to deceive doubted that heaven would smile on his the people, and many times they succeed in doing it. The genuine medium men from eternal damnation. The poor never resorts to artificial toggery of any kind in order to produce genuine maniwitnessing for God and the truth, and festations of spirit power. But so long that on the other side of the cold river as there are rascals in the land, they of death there awaited him the blessing will resort to disreputable means to of the Divine Father and a crown of make money. There are many genuine been, and so it will continue to be until humanity generally shall have been

American Liberals.

published by E. Walker, New York, thought prayers unuecessary."

Ben. was a little off his base on that occasion, but from his own statement. his backing was very feeble.

Hon. Alonzo Thompson. Mr. Thompson lives in Nebraska; but

he does not confine himself altogether to that State, though he owns there ence in a spiritual way is felt far and among the early followers of the re- wide, as he carries with him a benign tre; but I do voice the opinion that the in the 3d century, in one of his twelve under the guidance of that noble little woman, Miss Fraser, and he reports were excellent; Mr. and Mrs. Sprague unlists to equip half a dozen. opera doctrines as inclinations, and as many did splendidly; Mrs. Warne's lectures and class work were highly appre-Mrs. Abbott pleased all with their personal work. Mr. Thompson reports a goodly sum raised there for the National Association. Altogether, he thinks the Vicksburg Camp a success. We hope that Mr. Dawbarn's multiple personalities will prove true, so that Mr. Thompson can spread about a million of himself over the country.

ed and Commended.

To the Editor:-There is one thing It is the "I believes" who have cursed that I would like to make a decided this beautiful world with their damning protest against, to my fellow-workers of the men traveled with her. One was faith ever since they came into being, in the field, and that is the constant Not contented to believe for themselves, misrepresentation of the motives of our they have labored, and slaughtered, to N. S. A. board, and particularly those make all the world believe as they be of our honored president, Harrison D. Barrett. Having been closely associ-In this age of science we build on clated with him for a year as foreman facts. A belief, until demonstrated by of the composing room of the Banner knowledge, is worth no more than an of Light, and thus coming in confidential relations with him, and knowing many things that it is impossible that others can know, I want to testify to Valuable Papers, Worth Preserving.

the sincerity of purpose and purity of motives of our brother. It is not mediumship nor mediums that he denounces, but the dissimulators, the charlatans and fakirs with their unholy mockery of the dearest and tenderest affections of the soul. However we may honestly differ as to the wisdom of some of his utterances, is entitled "Marvelous, Isn't It?" No. 3, call him an enemy to the truth and beauty of mediumship, or to the loyal

of July 20. "That Cave-Born God." No. We can all of us endorse the stand he is taking for a higher standard of bered, one of which has appeared each excellence in the platform work, and week. There are several side papers for a more scientific and intelligent presentation of the phenomena of Spirbearing upon the subject discussed itualism to the public. If we do not enwhich may be read with profit in connection, among which are "Identity of dorse higher standards we shall go to Phoenicians and Jews," of July 27; and the wall and be swallowed up in the old churches again. Let us be just, and a very important one in this issue entitled: "Doubt, The Stepping Stone to not misunderstand. Because we say there are frauds and tricks, that does not vitiate the value of the true, and because we denounce such, does not make us an enemy to the cause of me-

> diumship. We should be careful what we say. when we say it, and where we say it, growth and culture, for the "spynx" and be very sure that a fraud exists be- appeared in prolific numbers all over fore we boil over in public indignation. Too many of us are like a pack of hounds, one of which takes up a false scent, and the whole pack goes howling down an old worn-out trail. And so it is in this case. Some one has been bit and the wound naturally smarts worse because of the truth, and they at once set up a howl of persecution, and then the whole pack at once begins to howl in unison. Let us be just, and give the president of the N. S. A. credit for his loyal and unflagging zeal in the dark hours of our organization, and remember that through his efforts and those of others who have loyally sustained him, we are gradually gaining a hearing in quarters where we were once os-

tracised and shunned. Because we defend him thus does not necessarily imply that we endorse everything he has said or done, but it is true that senseless, silly, useless denunciation of his motives and intent should cease. The remedy, if he is unfaithful to his trust, lies in the election of a new president: but, let us be sure that he has been unfaithful, before we say so. I am led to make this protest be-Why not test the genuineness of the cause of equally foolish and absurd misrepresentations of the motives of our majority in our recent state convention at Lansing, to which I was a delegate and one of that majority.

The cry of the people was, let us Buffalo, N. Y., on Friday morning, Oc- Prussic acid, corrosive sublimate, or have a state board that will recognize tober 4, 1901, and remain in session any other deadly poison. If he escapes our local workers, and let us put in three days. The sessions will be held death after drinking only a few drops charge of our work those who represent in Concert Hall, Teck's Theater Build- of a saturated solution of either of those all elements of our work, not merely a "deadly things" then we know he is for- select few; and the present state board ing, 215, 217 Main street. Reduced rail- given, and it would be wrong to take his of Michigan certainly fills that descrip-

What we as Spiritualists need is to may become a member, and entitled to and apply it to prelate and priest, and realize that each and every form of vote who is vouched for by two mem- let us know who are Christians. Will phenomena has its place and utility in bers, and by paying \$1, the annual dues, Protestant clergymen submit to the the work, and that it does not belong to any one to say this phenomena is higher, or lower than the other; but we can say that certain places are not the best nor certain methods the wisest in the presentation; and not be guilty of de-Seventy-Six, or War of Independence," crying mediums or mediumship.

HENRY H. WARNER. Haslett, Mich.

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ABOUT LITTLE FOLK.

And Difference in Parental Methods.

The following from "B. S. S.," in the Chicago Post, will not only bring a smile to many a reader's countenance. but rightly apprehended will convey a useful lesson concerning children, their thoughts and ways, and their management. Says "B. S. S.:"

Our little fellow worshipers who weekly join the slowly converging caravan going churchward have often, no doubt, the sense of the slave scourged to his dungeon, and possibly are not quite worshipful, when seated among the grown-ups, for various distracting reasons: Just over the new a ponderous bunch of flowers on a bonnet is forcefully and visibly talking, nodding and gesturing, and there are plumes and whiskers curiously arranged all about, appealed to Rome, Rome upheld Father Planchet, who and one neighbor is actually "barecontinues to state startling facts with regard to things footed on top of his head."

These things demand deliberate and attentive study and are wont to occupy the time until the droning tones of the discourse begin to issue from the pulpit. bee that bumps about among the clover heads and thistles. The idea is only and just at such a juncture a certain little maid of 3 always stands up suddenly on the pew cushion and begins smelling diligently the flowers on her mother's hat.

The attitude of the minister, too, is interpreted in ways quite foreign to that good man's intentions. A gentleman once said that as a child he was obliged to attend church service regularly, and to him the preacher was a constant source of irritation and curiosity, for his mother seemed to point an admonitory finger straight at him

and say: "You little feller, you do just right or you'll ketch it!"

MISSED THE SOFTENING INFLU-

ENCE. There was once a family of six children who did not, however, need this ministerial attention, for no sooner were they seated in the pew, after being sturdly marched up the aisle by their farmer parents, who had in some way missed the softening influence of their creed, than the mother leaned forward and shook her brawny fist at the entire row-a gesture boding evil if they whispered or played. The six pairs of eyes answered with wideawake concern and sat in statuelike composure until nature pleaded for release, whereupon the fist of this plebeian mother again came into play as a

silent but effective subduer. More merciful, though less successful, was the method of another mother who gathered from the wayside sprigs of the gay red-top clover, and just when the sermon was well under way these were handed to the child, who here began to nestle with a forewarning of trouble. The clover was grasped with a gurgle of delight and carefully scrutinized, as of faces once loved and lost. It was just as the minister made an impressive and telling pause that she exclaimed in further delight:

"There's a bug!" Across the room from this 2-year-old was the minister's son, of the same age, whose mother regularly took him without the room and administered one of Dr. Spank's cordials. "He must learn to behave in church," she afterward asserted with a decision that

meant ultimate victory. FLESH IS SUBJECT TO SPIRIT.

Parents differ-even Christian parents might be classified. There are deeply plous people, deeply conscientious folks, and there are the deeply indifferent. The plous parent transmits to the child spiritual elevation. The flesh is already subject to the spirit, and the child sits with attention to that of which he can have no understanding further than that it is for the glory of God, whose omniscience is so thoroughly understood that he is, even in playtimes, a factor that is referred to for

counsel or approval. The conscientious parent is sensitive to her child's physical weaknesses and caters to them. Spirit and flesh are wont to clash as to design and purpose in a small body of this sort. The spirit is willing, even auxious, to do honor to the Creator, but the body requires a paper and pencil or other device with which to while away the hour. One little 11-year-old invented a creature which she named the "spynx" and which grew only in church, where the influences were evidently correct for

the folded paper. Most children are sentlent to more in their surroundings than they are given credit for being. They are awake to the construction of things about them the while their ears are listening to the service, and, could, no doubt, render a dissertation on the peculiar points of

HAD COUNTED THE BEAMS. It was a boy of 10 who had spent the hour in gazing about the church, mostly at the roof. His father censured him

for inattention, and he replied:

value of preacher, people and building

"Why. I know the text!" and gave it. Then he said: "I know another thing, too-I know how many beams there are in the roof of the church"- problem with which the father had not grappled. The usher's maneuvers up and down the aisles are of intense interest to every small worshiper. Their sliding motions are conducive of much speculation, and the long-handled slot boxes for which everybody reaches raise the thought that something very good is being passed about. But when this idea is acted upon everybody is amused except mamma, and she grows brilliantly red in the face. Finally, when all is quiet, the offering bestowed and everyone seated, the long discourse begins and new and unpleasant sensations appear to our young auditor. Monotony and new clothes are irksome things at best to a natural child, and ere long he

finds it hard to keep quiet. One lad of 6 who happened to be alone one day was detected, with bowed head; softly but bitterly weeping. Some one drew near him, seeking

the trouble. "My foot Itches on the bottom," he

wailed after much coaxing. New shoes were glistening on his feet and hung stubborn of impression some twenty inches above the floor. There could be only one way out of the difficulty. The shoes must come off, and the boy retired to a class-room for that purpose.

It is no wonder children become uneasy under a droning discourse, preached above their heads, and-if: they keep awake-it is only human child-nature to find something in their surroundings to relieve the tension of the strict proprieties of place and occasion, by exercising the child-faculties to discover, or invent in imagination, something of interest to them and which would never be observed by the staid and sober minds of grown-ups.

X-RAY.

An Expose of Spiritualism.

"That which is hidden shall be revealed," says the ingly placed the key within your hands, and have said: what shall come after death, but for the purpose of peraction and arrive at no ancient promise. The word expose has been used chiefly "Any time that you choose to seek for conversation and with reference to the objectionable practices of those pro-knowledge you can find them." It does not mean that fessing to be mediums, or with reference to a claim which is hidden shall be revealed," says the ingly placed the key within your hands, and have said: what shall come after death, but for the purpose of perdefinite conclusion.

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Association. What business? To look after a few dele-

When you have an exposition, however, in this city or any other, you do not present to the gaze of the public life of the ways and means by which you may know and officers and then go home? It is the business of all Spir- be strengthening our armies, building added ships of war. that which is objectionable, but the best that you can may prove to the doubting that death is not the final end- itualist associations to afford the best conditions for peo- England would not be sending out her hosts to fight an afford, the best wares of the merchant, the best products | ing of all, it is what that knowledge leads to that conof the manufacturer, the best streets of the city, the best that you can show.

There are only two definitions of the word expose in our lexicon, the fourth and fifth, that refers to criminal practices or anything that is objectionable. · We reject these objectionable definitions of the word expose, for which is included in the entirety of the subject.

Of course there are some who call themselves Spiritualists, but who did not until Spiritualism amounted to something, who practice charlatanism and impose upon the public under the name of Spiritualism, who are not Spiritualists at all; and there are those who are Spiritualists in one sense, i. e., believe the communications between the two worlds, who do not hesitate, possibly, to use that knowledge for selfish and personal ends. But weighed in the average standard of human life, what is not used for selfish and personal ends? Religion does not escape. In fact if you measure the average religious standard in the world, it is largely for selfish and personal ends, either in this world or that to come. Certainly the commerce and industry of the world are largely predicated upon selfishness and deceit. We make no plea for treat of human nature as we find it, to afford the best remedy we know for uplifting humanity.

Spiritualism came into the world in answer to a great human need, and the need of it was so manifest that the most obtuse, the most unspiritual natures could perceive its necessity. The doorways or gateways of inspiration had been closed, on the one hand, by a limited theology, been well nigh quenched by materialism. Science and so-called religion were waging a mutual war of destruction against each other, and science was gaining the ascendency to the degree of obliterating the old theologisays, "we do not know," and materialism, which said, not do it. "death ends all." Spiritualism was the one only effectual answer to that state of affairs. It came, as we say, in response to this great and vital need, and but for its coming there would have been no manifest answer in the in your heart and in your life you get the message of perworld to-day to the thought or inquiry of man concerning sonal identification. Your mother, your father, your a future life. We say manifest answer, because there has been in all ages of human life, and almost every human being has deep within, a consciousness of immortal life. But so clouded had this become by the doubts which theology had raised and by agnosticism and material science that many people fancied that they had no knowledge or thought of immortality whatever, and it was rapidly becoming the fashion or custom to say concerning another world: "Oh, one world at a time is enough for me, the future will take care of itself." In a broad and philosophical sense this is true; but all the knowledge is epidemic, just the same as murder, theft, war and all that one can have concerning the most vital portion of other crimes connected with human life and dealings are life is valuable and essential, and that statement is simply absurd, a mental platitude.

We are here to-day to reveal what we consider Spirit-nalism to be. Within the last week many of you, perhaps all of you, have attended some or all of the sessions of the deliberations of the Convention of the National Spiritual- not giving genuine manifestations, it is your right and ists' Association, held in this city. After fifty years of duty not to encourage that medium. But we suspect that existence in the world, and after the organization that has the great secret of all this fraud, and this imitation of the existed for six years, that association ought to stand for manifestations, if it were actually sifted down, the great

done to the world, we regret to find that it does not. festation to-day that satisfies you of the presence of your People are very liable to let down the truth when it comes friend; if it is accompanied by wonderful phenomena, death, you will be aware of it. But if you sit supinely to them. When a statement is made of inspiration, or that one fact is clearly proven to you. Now it may be down, even though you hear the most loving messengers, its revealment, it is liable to be a statement of all the posthat you want to see it again and again, but after thirty you will not find it. That is why day after day, week their individual perceptions of what it means.

which Spiritualism made; there never was a better state- senger of the great new truth and light to the world. If sage that you had thirty years ago into your life and acment of the ground covered than has been made in the you just take another step, just get out of that groove; if tions; you have not taken that truth of immortality into last fifty years; there never was a better philosophy; never all Spiritualists would only know that the higher they your counting-room, into your work-shop, into that raila better opportunity for manifesting the truths and facts connected with that philosophy in the higher system of ethics, in the broader range of investigation, in anything that more fully and distinctly declares the great propositions. But all this boy, the admonition of that loving mother. But all this tion of the immortality of the soul than in Spiritualism. think literally.

to the life beyond. Much of their ethics, much of the pears is the form of your friend, you clasp the hand, you is to tell you that you are now building your spiritual habstatements of their investigations, much of the broad hear the voice, but you know, if you know anything, or if itations by your thoughts, words, deeds and dealings with philosophy which they inculcated has been allowed to you reason, or if you think at all, that that particular your fellow-men; that the immortal part is that which pass out of sight. The whole ground of Spiritualism and form is not the spirit form of your beloved friend: What stands revealed, and that if by the gateway even, of spirit its all-inclusiveness has been too much narrowed down to is the meaning of the word "materialization?" It is existence you stand with closed heart and hand against the one point: the communion between the two states of something that is projected into time and sense, and con- your fellow-man your spirit raiment is that of a spiritual existence; the life on earth and the life beyond death. sciousness, to answer your need. What do you think a pauper, and your habitation is like the mist and fog of a That one fact at last has come to be what most Spiritual- worthy gentleman and lady said to us in the city of New blinding storm. ists accept as Spiritualism. While that fact is the key York when a medium was exposed, as it is called? They note to the whole theme, while it is the key that unlocks had been attending that medium's seances year after year,

comfort and possibly some advice from your spirit friends, group in order to know that their spirit friends live? but that that comfort and advice shall be to the end of unfolding the spiritual nature that is within you, each

and all.

As said before, it seems to be a fact that the one focal this year the National Association, are able to agree upon, is the fact of the communion between the spiritual and mundane states of existence. Supposing the primary department of your educational institutions were made all that there is? Or supposing the schools and colleges who need it most, and that perhaps you take up the very time, the very hour and the very strength that there is? Or supposing the schools and colleges and universities? Of course in the great schools, colleges and universities? Of course in the great and absolute sense, we do not wonder that you want the spoken word, and the the spoken word, and the the children of the child and absolute sense, we do not know why they do. But even though others are to perish, you have decried, the that will release and relieve the world from the great burif there is any purpose in it at all, the purpose is to fit spirit of it you have deprecated; so is it not selfish seeking dens that Mammon has heaped upon it to-day, that man those people for the activities and essential duties of life those mediums (the best of whom are very scarce), who or that association of men will best represent the Spiritto an end. It is either the means by which you may pursue the grander studies of life through astronomy, through geometrical ratios, or a means to the end of the maintenance of life itself. No one thinks that chemistry is an ultimatum, that when a man is a chemist that he finished living, that is generally the beginning of finding out something about the universe. So with every essential attributes; if they will consider its ethical bearment of a means to the end of the mediumistic capabilities by Spiritualists followship, and can thus pass into Congress, into the legislatures, into the primary meetings, into the ballot-box and so assist in enfranchising and redeeming the world will best illustrate it. The Czar of Russia, inspired by cupidity among those who are, perhaps, good mediums; if they will take up the theme in its broader and more finding out something about the universe. So with every

stitutes its chief value; it is what that knowledge leads to that has been largely forgotten, and left out of the reck-

concrete proposition has an essential meaning and is that the main proposition of Spiritualism. That is why Spir- called death. What the flowers do when the springtime by which Spiritualism has come into the world. There- itualism has lost much of the ground that was laid out in comes, what the birds do when the frosts of winter are that which is most valuable; to lay out a statement; to bear forward the proposition and the revealing of that sacred, guarded and protected, and in all ways made the held sacred was all the held sacred best, the best that can possibly come to it. People either larger domain of the soul, that includes all that the spirit when child, brother, sister, parent or friend is lifted on do too much with reference to mediumship or not enough. in all the worlds can mean, must in some manner be stated the great spring-tide to the realms of perennial summer. They overdo it by being very anxious for mediumistic development themselves, or crowding their friends forward when not sufficiently unfolded, or persecuting and vitalizing element of that religion that means loving their onward career until they have placed before every crucifying the medium in order that they shall not be imposed upon. Only a few days ago our attention was will pass, and other names take its place. We did not re- who have trodden the mountain heights, they shall decalled to a proposition, which possibly may have sanction mind the convention the other evening, but we could have clare, not only all that remains after the change called of some society, as to what should be done with mediums done so, that in the very beginning of that movement we death and all that is within the spirit, but all that relates for materializations. If they do not submit to that it is said, so long as Spiritualism stands for all that the realm to the immortal soul. presumably because they are frauds. Who made them mediums? This man who proposes a certain order of does not stand for this another name will take its place. tests? What constitutes their mediumship? The manifestation of spirit presence. Now there is no other test that can apply to a spirit presence excepting that the spirit presence reveals the identity of the one claiming to selfishness, we make no excuse for deceit, we are here to manifest. If that is revealed, ropes, bars, cords and seals duced, in the public mind, to the mere fact of the pheamount to nothing; if that is not revealed, any manifesta- nomena of Spiritualism. Even the adoration and praise tion under "test conditions" considered in the value of extended to so-called scientific minds because they accept personal evidence amounts to nothing. Therefore, we facts which they can no longer deny helps to confirm this have often said, that all alleged, so-called, test conditions impression in the public mind. We praise Prof. Hodgson are perfectly valueless. If the "mediums" are tricksters for simply admitting that, which he would be an idiot in there is no "test condition" that can baffle them, because fact, if he did not admit. We praise Prof. James, after they have studied legerdemain as the prestidigitator or on the other hand, immortality or the thought of it had conjurer does, who can deceive you every time. A great many Spiritualists go to Herrmann's exhibitions, and then say, "He must be a medium." He is not a medium aspect to Spiritualism, because they admit the facts, but at all, he has told you beforehand that these are tricks, he has learned to do them, he has learned the value of the cal landmarks, while a large and increasing percentage of senses and how he can deceive them. Let Herrmann the human race were driven toward agnosticism, which give you a message from your spirit friend, he can

> Go into the presence of a medium as an enquirer, an earnest investigator of whatever may come afterward. Nearly always the first time you go with that sincere wish child, your sister, brother or friend comes to you. Afterward when you have been there a great many times, if the medium is not above cupidity and deceit, we will not guarantee what you will get. But the longing, the need in the presence of one who is really a medium will bring the answer. We do not say that this is universal, but it is general, and so general as to be almost universal.

There has been a great hue and cry lately, and there is every little while, about fraudulent manifestations, or imitations of manifestations. We do not know but fraud epidemic in nations, as pestilence and famine come after the epidemic of war, and possibly mediums, those who are really mediums, may be sensitive to the general conditions in a world that is not particularly free-from fraud in any direction. Of course when you discover that a medium is whatever Spiritualism has brought to the world.

With all due respect and all due gratitude to those who have worked in that organization, and confessing that our instrument worked in it for five years to the end of bringing about just that statement: that the National Spiritualism has proposition of all that Spiritualism has brought to the world.

With all due respect and all due gratitude to those who have worked in that organization, and confessing that our mean that you are traudulent, that you are not sincere, that you do not wish everything to be truthful, but we mean that you pursue the subject of Spiritualism in one divine proposition of all being. When you have congrove until it is worn out for you. If you have a manique and of doing something.

Ah! there is a state of being, transcendent, beautiful and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being soul to soul with the eternal consciousness, knows the divine proposition of all being. When you have conquering the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the shadows of time and several to find the trials that intervene, and the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in which the soul is aware; and aware of being and divine, in

Fifty years have passed; many of the first exponents of Spiritualism, who then were in middle life, have passed seance, you have every evidence that the form that ap-Christian churches. The message from your loved ones

Spiritualists, you have failed to grasp the essential follow. truth, if every time that you seek a message from your loved ones, you must have the presence demonstrated to selves Spiritualists that were from angelic sources ringing your senses. It is delightful to get a written message; we out the clarion roles of this new day, this higher life unto

finding out something about the universe. So with every pursuit, with all knowledge that is given to human beings. Now when the hands from the other side of life have unlocked the doors that lead beyond the change called death, the doors of the tomb, and those hands have lov-

of a personal nature. Great as is the triumph in human gates, to transact a little routine business, to vote for to represent the spirit of disarmament we would not now itualist associations to afford the best conditions for peo- England would not be sending out her hosts to fight an ple to know what Spiritualism is. If they do not do this independent people. Then no funeral trains would be they fail. The essential basis of Spiritualism is spirit and seen conveying the body as the substance, and spiritual not body. The moment you make the body greater than people would not be seen wending their way to places of oning, out of the computation.

The spirit, or the dollar more than the man that earns it, sepulture, while men professing to be ministers of God Mediumship is the key, the door, and mediumship as a that moment you stultify the main proposition of life and are pouring out doleful sentences in regard to the change kindness to all, the name of Spiritualism, as a movement, human life all these divine possibilities, until with those of spirit and soul may mean it will prevail, but when it

Whatever the name may stand for in the world to-day much that Spiritualism stood for has become, diverted, in the public mind, into other channels. Much that Spiritualism claimed the attention of the world for has been refighting us for twenty-five or thirty years, because he at last admits that there are facts that he cannot explain. never go beyond those facts into the realm of its high and divine philosophy.

Dr. Alfred R. Wallace said in the International Congress of Spiritualists one year ago last June in London:
"I have nothing new to tell about the phenomena of Spiritualism. I told you all that many years ago, but I will tell you what my Spiritualism has led me to." Then he read one of the broadest and most humanitarian papers we ever heard in the world. A paper that in London was called "socialism," and which here would be called "anarchy." But that is what his Spiritualism has led him to. If your Spiritualism has not led you to the allinclusiveness of the fraternity of nations, to the next industrial step of co-operation, to the next step of international arbitration, then it has been of no value in your life. You do not stand still with our children by the wayside in this world saying, "oh, my darling, I love you so much," and they saying, "oh, papa and mamma, we love you," and spring up with a bound and kiss us, and do nothing else. They go to school and you to whatever business you may have on hand connected with growing and living. Spiritualism brings you the kiss of recognition and love, but you must be up and doing your "Father's business" or it will have no message for you. If you simply sit by and receive the message of love "I am happy." What is that for? To heal up the great gap that was made in your hearts when your loved ones went out from your mortal sight alone? No, but it is more, to tell you that life is endless, that every day and hour must be filled with the overflowing consciousness of growing and of doing something.

the shadows of time and sense, including human life and sibilities that are within that revealment; but when peo- years you do not need that any more. You wear out the after week, and year after year you go into the house of ple take hold of it they are liable to narrow it down to conditions of supply and demand from spirit life when the medium, or the friend, or the seance-room in your you continually seek it; and the instrument becomes, as own house and hold converse with your spirit friends and There never was a better announcement than that far as you are concerned, no longer the spontaneous mes- come out unsatisfied. You have not molded that mesillustrates the state of your growth; it illustrates the state

Do you believe this? Do you know this? We would like to have invoven into the declaration of principles of the door to the whole realm, it is only the key and not the and their deceased children would frequently come out the National Spiritualists' Association what we know; door or the realm itself. If spirits live in a state beyond the change called death, it means unending life, and to a logical mind and an intuitive mind it means immortality, which is before as well as after.

The whole theme, while it is the key and not the and their deceased children would frequently come out the National Spiritualists' Association what we know; in a group, and would talk to them. "Oh!" they said, what you know of the ethical value of Spiritualism on the "we felt as though we had buried our children over life that really accepts it; what it means in the great conagain." Was that their Spiritualism? Must they go that with your fellow man. But men make the standard there and have that physical presence attested over and for what the people shall regard as the value of their If the open door of communion between the two states over again to prove to them that their spirit friends were teachings. Spiritualists have made the standard, let them means anything, it means that you shall know all that with them? Had there been no awakening of the inward accept the result. While on and on the great tide of relates to the human spirit here and now, so that human perceptions or consciousness? Must they once or twice, spiritual inspiration will flow and the man in the pulpit life may be pervaded, strengthened and uplifted by this or three times a week have these materializations, these or out of it, the man in the legislative hall or out of it, knowledge. Not only that you shall receive messages of forms come one after another and sit around in a family the man at home or abroad who declares the highest message to humanity will be the one that the world will

point that Spiritualists throughout the world, and up to do not wonder that you want the spoken word, and the the children of carth. We have heard those who have by better methods and facilities of expression. No one thinks that mathematics is an end; it is simply a means to an end. It is either the means by which you may pursure and to an end. It is either the means by which you may pursure and the means a

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BUDDHIST MORALITY.

Thought in the mind has made us. What we are By thought was wrought and built. If a man's mind Hath evil thoughts, pain comes on him as comes The wheel the ox behind.

All that we are is what we thought and willed; Our thoughts shape us and frame. If one endure In purity of thought, joy follows him As his own shadow sure.

He hath defamed me, wronged me, injured me, Abased me, beaten me!" If one should keep Thoughts like these angry words within his breast, Hatreds will never sleep.

He hath defamed me, wronged me, injured me, · Abused me, beaten me!" If one shall send Such angry words away for pardoning thoughts, Hatreds will have an end.

For never anywhere at any time Did hatred cease by hatred. Always 'tis By love that hatred ceases, only love: The ancient law is this.

The many, who are foolish, have forgot, Or never knew, how mortal wrongs pass by; But they who know and who remember, let Transient quarrels die.

Whose abides, looking for joy, unschooled, Gluttonous, weak, in idle luxuries, Mara will overthrow him, as fierce winds Level short-rooted trees.

Whose abides, disowning joys, controlled, Temperate, faithful, strong, shunning all ill, Mara shall no more overthrow that man Than the wind doth a hill. Whoso Kashya wears the yellow robe,

Being anishkasbya, not sin free, Nor heeding truth and governance; unfit To wear that dress is he. But whoso, being nishkashya, pure,

Clean from offense, does still in virtues dwell, Regarding temperance and truth, that man Weareth kashya well.

Whose imagines truth in the untrue And in the true finds untruth, he expires Never attaining knowledge; life is waste; He follows vain desires.

Whoso discerns in truth the true and sees The false in falseness with unblinded eye, He shall attain to knowledge; life with such Aims well before it die.

As rain breaks through an ill-thatched roof, so break Passions through minds that holy thought despise; As rain runs from a perfect thatch, so run Passions from off the wise.

The evildoer mourneth in this world, And mourneth in the world to come; in both He grieveth. When he sees fruits of his deeds To see he will be loath.

The righteous man rejoiceth in this world And in the world to come; in both he takes Pleasure. When he shall see fruit of his works The good sight gladness makes.

Glad is he living, glad in dying, glad Having once died; glad always, glad to know What good deeds he hath done, glad to foresee More good where he shall go.

The lawless man, who, not obeying law, Leaf after leaf recites, and line by line, No Buddhist is he, but a foolish herd Who counts another's kine.

The law-obeying, loving one, who knows Only one yerse of Dharma, but hath ceased From envy, hatred, malice, foolishness, He is the Buddhist priest.

-Edwin Arnold.

POETICAL PROSE.

Life is a narrow vale between the cold And barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vam to look beyond the heights; We cry alond; the only answer Is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead There comes no word; but in the night of death Hope sees a star, and listening love can hear

The rustle of a wing.

These myths were born of hopes and fears and tears
And smiles; and they were touched and colored
By all there is of joy and grief between
The rosy dawn of birth and death's sad night. They clothed even the stars with passion; And gave to gods the faults and frailties Of the sons of men. In them the winds And waves were music, and all the lakes and Streams, springs, mountains, woods, and perfumed dells Were haunted by a thousand fairy forms. -Robert G. Ingersoll.

We should avoid whatever may display bad feeling, and attend with civility to what may be addressed to us: all hearts are conciliated by politeness and affability .-

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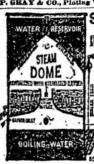
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as discovered and applied in wireless telegraphy, are simply laws of an unseen realm into which humanity is rapidly advancing and thus gaining a new environment. From this evolutionary progress, as illustrated by physical sclence the author of "The World Benutiful" continues the same argument presented in those volumes in a plea that the future life is the continuation and development of our present life in all its faculties and nowers, and that the its faculties and powers, and that the present may be ennobled by the constant sense of the Divine Presence, and a truer knowledge of the nature of man and his relations to God tend to a higher morality and increasing happiness. The book is characterized by the same essential style and qualities that have insured for "The World Beauti-ful" volumes an almost world-wide popularity.

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is alone responsible for any assertions or statements he may make. The editor who had been dead for twenty years. allows this freedom of expression, be- He rubbed his eyes and looked again lieving that the cause of truth can be best subserved thereby. Many of the sentiments uttered in an article may be diametrically opposed to his belief, yet suppressed; yet we wish it distinctly disappeared as suddenly as it came. understood that our space is inadequate to publish everything that comes to hand, however much we might desire to do so. That must account for the non-appearance of YOUR article.

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will not do to say that Secretary or Correspondent writes so and so, without giving the full name and address of the writer. The ifems of those who do not comply with this request will be cast into the waste basket.

himself. He does not believe in Spirit- dyke is wanted by me at once. ualism, either. The way it happened his plates and exposed the one upon The Congregational Church was used, paired of." fashion. This alone was a revelation, vice." but the rest was astounding. Instead behind the camera pressed the bulb. definite time and place of meeting. After an explanation, however, he decided not to order any of the pictures.'

he is open for engagements to lecture, great favorite in the West. and follow himself or any other lecturer with messages and descriptions. Spirand govern themselves accordingly.

-The Chicago Chronicle has the followthe 'black art.' Nicholas S. Adams brought suit. The case will be tried at the September sessions of the criminal some time ago, and after several physi- swer calls for week-evening lectures. clons failed to cure her Schuck's services were enlisted. He said she was bewitched and agreed to cure her for upon he ran his fingers through the girl's hair, stroked her face and tickled her ears. She showed no sign of improvement after a week's treatment, whereupon Adams demanded the return of taking fees in return for trying to remove alleged witches' spells from cows In order that the latter would yield more milk."

prayer.

Word comes from Alto Paso, Ill., as follows: "The power to move inanimate" objects by sheer force of will is generally discredited by people who have not seen the performance with their own eyes. Viggo Leiche is a Dane, 23 years old. He arrived here recently from Copenhagen, to visit his uncle, C. Jessen, a fruit package manufacturer. Leiche had been here only a short time when his weird mental powers began to astonish the natives. He first performed in a drug store downtown. His uncle heard of it and scouted the idea of its reality. A few evenings later he repeated his 'show' in 'his uncle's home and completely routed that worthy man's skepticism regarding his power. In performing at his uncle's home he used an iron poker several feet long and quite heavy. Standing it against the wall at an angle of 45 degrees, he seated himself a few feet distant, focused his eyes on the top of the poker and within a few seconds it began trembling, then gradually rose to a perpendicular position. After standing still a moment it moved toward him in short jumps. He can affect any wood or metal object such as umbrellas, canes, etc., in the same way. A short time before going to bed is the only time he can be induced to practice his strange power, as he says it makes him deathly sick unless he can go to sleep a short time afterward."

Dr. D. D. Carter writes: "We are all sorry to see the end of those communi- work with renewed energy. Circles cations from 'Madam,' the well-known lady. All communications from the other side are more or less interesting. Those letters were superfine."

paper-yes, it is our paper-every Spir- | Va. The same bolt which struck him

on the rocks."

at the rate of fifty miles an hour. While his, memory may be restored to him turning a sharp curve in the road he gradually. He is 65 years old and a paper), who are prevented by the in- Price 25 cents.

CONTRIBUTORS.—Each contributor saw a figure standing upon the track and distinctly recognized his mother, and the features of the apparition were more distinct than before. As he gazed at the figure it waved a red light across the track three or four times and then Grubbs called the attention of his-fireman to the apparition as he reversed his engine, but the fireman had seen nothing and was greatly surprised when he saw Grubbs apply the emergency brakes. A few seconds later the train to impress upon the minds of our corre- came to a standstill and just ahead of spondents that The Progressive Thinker his engine a bridge had been swept is set up on a Linotype machine that away. Grubbs says there can be no must make speed equal to about four doubt that it was the spirit of his compositors. That means rapid work, mother that waved the danger signal and it is essential that all copy, to in- and saved the train and he is now a con-

At the annual business meeting of written plainly with ink on white the Mississippi Valley Spiritualist Assopaper, or with a typewriter, and only on clation the following officers were elected: President, Prof. W. F. Peck, St. ITEMS.—Bear in mind that items for Louis; vice-president, Mrs. Emma J. the General Survey will all cases be Knowles, Clinton; secretary, Stella A. adjusted to the space we have to occu- Fisk, Keokuk; treasurer, Isaac Millipy, and in order to do that they will sack, Ottumwa; trustees, D. S. Canton, generally have to be abridged more or New Sharon; Mrs. R. E. Dowantree, less: otherwise many items would be Clinton. The secretary's report showed crowded out. Sometimes a thirty-line that the association is in excellent con-

C. Jackson, of Thorpe, Tenn., may find in the 31st chapter of Numbers an account of the matter concerning which address of the writer. We desire to he inquires. It is a peculiar piece of sacred, inspired history.

> J. M. White will answer calls to lecture and give tests. He would like an engagement in Iowa.

town of Montgomery. It is said that cated. Take due notice, that all items for Blair's first wife said to the woman this page must be accompanied by the Who is his second wife that after death Catherine N. Cariveau died at her full name and address of the writer. It she would haunt him. The face ap- home, 126 Cayuga street, St. Paul, Sun- drew a will for one Bridget Healey and witnessed it.

Mrs. S. A. Walters holds test seances Tuesday and Friday evenings, Sunday The Bloomington (Ill.) Pantagraph evening lecture and psychrometic readsays: "There is a prominent lawyer ings, at 911 Sixteenth street, Denver, here who has a spirit photograph of Col. The address of John P. Thorn-

Correspondent writes: "G. W. Kates was like this: "He had his picture and wife held successful meetings in taken. Later the photographer mixed Chesaning, Mich., August 28 and 29. which was the visage of the attornew, and the audience packed the auditowhile a beautiful young lady was sit- rium. The lectures and messages were ting for her likeness. When he went to well received and made a deep imdevelop the plate the result was start- pression. At Owosso, August 30 and ling. The face of the disciple of Black- September 1, these workers were stone was there all right. Projected greeted by large and enthusiastic aufrom it were the shadowy outlines of a diences. We need such missionaries as woman's countenance. Around the Mr. and Mrs. Kates in our State, and man's head was a halo of fluffy, wavy there is a strong request for them to hair, done up in the latest coiffure of give us several months of their ser-

Dr. George W. Carey, of San Franof having on the conventional garb of cisco. Cal., will start on a lecture tour man the lawyer was attired in a decol- of the States September 10 He will lete gown which exposed a pair of hand- lecture on "The Chemistry of Life and some, bare shoulders and a beautifully the Science of Being." Dr. Carey is an rounded neck. The negative was a ordained Spiritual minister. He will be prize. When the barrister first saw it in St. Louis in October. Those who opportunity to express its regret for the he thought that his guardian angel had wish to meet him there will address neglected to stand aside when the man him in care of 1543 Singleton street, for above stated are based upon conclusive

Geo. P. Colby was in the city last week, on his way to fill engagements Henry H. Warner writes that his per- at Minneapolis, Spokane, North Yakima manent address is Haslett, Mich., and and British Columbia. Mr. Colby is a

Harriet M. Closz, of Webster City, In., addressed the Liberal Society of itualists in Michigan will take notice Newton, Ia., on Aug. 25. Her subject | the president of the Grand Ledge assowas, "Woman, and Her Relation to the | ciation. Mr. Kates held no seances at Church," following the line of the re- Grand Ledge, and in fact, the Republiing from Shamokin, Pa.: "Jacob Schuck strictions of Canon Law. The gatherwas imprisoned to-day for practicing ing was an annual affair, and well at-

gagement at Alexandria, Ind., begin- the state associations of New York and court. A daughter of Adams grew ill ning Sept. 8. While there he will an-

Thought Convention at Ottawa. \$8.50. He was paid the money, where- I know Spiritualism is true, and I also spondent who regularly serves the ists. Address him in care of 40 Loomis know that we are losing ground State Republican. That he was mis- street, Chicago, Ill. through fakelsm, because people with taken, however, there can be no quesbright minds are sooner or later going | tion. It will be remembered that the to discover the fraud. Had no fraud in State Republican Monday told of the of his money, but Schuck refused it. our ranks ever existed, the world as a collapse at Grand Ledge of a pretended He is also accused by William Deitrich whole would have been forced to accept spirit hand which was really an inflated this truth, because it is demonstrable, | rubber bag. This much of the story but when fraud is found it makes an has not been denied. The error was in investigator doubt the whole."

J. M. Hodson writes from Oddville. C. V. Day writes: "You are doing a Ky .: "Can there be any greater illgreat work, and may you be spared to feeling between mankind than to be at us a long time to continue it, is my swords' point toward one another? Peace and good will never cease to oring good cheer and perfect harmony. Let us have peace. Better have the good will of a bad dog than the ill will

of a brother." The Redwood Reveille, Minn., has the ollowing: "Sunday baseball has been on trial in the city of Redwood Falls during the past few days. A game was played last Sunday and the clergy of the city visited the game and protested against Sunday ball. The manager declined to desist and the preachers called on the sheriff to arrest the players. Warrants were made out in blank and after the game the manager and three N. Y. Satisfactory appointments made players were arrested. The manage- with inland societies. Secretaries adment retaliated by arresting the preachers and five of the spectators on the charge of Sabbath breaking. The case ested in the beautiful poems in The came on for trial in the municipal court | Progressive Thinker. I would not be Wednesday ming, and on motion of without the paper for ten times the

t stands to date."

returned from a five weeks' much need- | could read . the grand Progressive ed rest and vacation. I was at Lily Thinker. Then wars would be no more, Dale several days and found it as de- and mankind would become united as lightful a place as usual, but as I left one great brotherhood. No one would the city for rest I did not do any spirit- try to tear another down to erect a The goal you seek shall heave in sight. ual work. Then I spent a few days at | mansion on their ruins. The devil, | He wins at length who strikes for right, the Pan-American, and then rested on which is ignorance, would surely be the banks of the beautiful Chautauqua, too dead to ever be resurrected at Lakewood and Jamestown, N. Y., and now I wish to inform my friends and patrons that I am in the harness

again, and will pursue my spiritual every Tuesday and Friday evening at 115 South Paulina street."

Physicians are puzzled over the strange case of Michael Rice, who was Susannah Tyack writes: "I think our struck by lightning at Morgantown, W. brick, with handsome interior decoraitualist ought to be proud of it: it; killed his daughter, 16 years old. For lawn. First-class music is also an addit stands for the right with a firm foot nearly five days he lay unconscious and ed attraction at the services." it was thought he would not recover, Thomas Grubbs, an engineer on the but yesterday he regained conscious-Baltimore and Ohlo railroad, has been uess. The remarkable thing about his converted to Spiritualism and lately ap- case is that his memory is gone. His peared at the Spiritualist camp at Ches- | mind is blank as a child's. He seems to terfield and related, the remarkable recognize his old friends as they come story which led to his conversion. He to see him, but cannot call their names said he was taking out a special one or recall anything connected with their night and was driving his engine ahead past association. The doctors hope that

veteran of the Union army.-Chicago

remarks. Brother Warner gave some some of the flings of the past year. Mrs. Kates gave a history of some of | that the whole world may be brought their work the past year, and some bur- under the sway of reason." dens they had borne. She gave some good descriptions of spirits, after which ries of the N. S. A., are again working we proceeded to the election of officers. in the state of bindiana. They will On Thursday Mr. Kates spoke to the soon turn their steps toward Washingfriends. Friday brought us Mrs. Coff- ton, D. C., where they will attend the nan, of Grand Rapids. She entered into the spirit of the good work. On Saturday the women took the stand for their rights. Mrs. Kates addressed ana, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, them. Sunday was a day of feasting where there is a prospect of organizing and love, Mrs. Coffman and Mrs. Kates gave the highest proof of the life beyond, with the going out of the spirit, and the happy reunion in the world be- N. Y. yond. Mr. and Mrs. Kates leave us tomorrow, and our love goes out with them."

Spiritual services are held every Sunday afternoon and evening at 2:30 and 7:30, also Wednesday evening, on the third floor, Athenaeum Building, in parlors 320 to 324. Sunday admission, 10 cents. Take elevator. Wm. Fitch Ruffle, speaker.

The Wichita (Kans.) Beacon has the following from Alva, O. T.: "A report came to County Attorney Mauntel by telephone that Mrs. Jessup, living east and near Cherokee, had just died and requesting an investigation. No particulars were given except that hypnotism had been used, but in what manner was not stated. Mr. Mauntel telephoned the coroner at Carwile, who proceeded to the scene at once."

Mrs. Sarah Bromwell is still looking for the Chicora, that was sunk several years ago in Lake Michigan. She declares the steamer foundered less than five miles from the mouth of the harbor at St. Joseph, Mich. Mrs., Brom-The citizens of Camden, Mich., are well has employed a diver, who will arexcited over an apparition that appears | rive from Chicago in the near future. on the window of a house owned and She has hooks, rope and tackle, to page are cut down to suit the space we occupied by C. S. Blair, at the little grapple the hull of the boat, when lo- in behalf of "the people" to the study in favor of the ballot for educated and "consciousness, purpose and will."

> pears to be in the glass, and is a perfect | day morning from a nervous shock | put the document for safe keeping in likeness of the first Mrs. Blair. All at- caused by an apparition. Mrs. Caritempts to rid the window of the face | venu had been-ill for several months | that time did not warrant him in ownhave been fruitless. Many people have with heart disease and consumption, and Saturday night she told her husband that she saw the ghost of her siter-in-law just outside the bed-room window. She was dressed in white, sha said, and had wings, which flapped against the window. The nervous shock which followed caused her death. Miss Cariveau was indeed very ill at the time Mrs. Cariveau claimed to have seen the ghost, and her life is now dis-

> > The Lansing State Republican (Mich.)

of late date says: "The State Republican, fearing that the Item of Monday, connecting the name of George W Kates with an alleged fraud at a Spiritualist meeting in Grand Ledge, and the explanations which followed have not been understood, desires to state positively that Mr. Kates was not in Grand Ledge when the incident written of took place; that he was at Haslett Park, and that Mr. Kates is a minister of the Spiritualist denomination in good standing. The Republican regrets that the inaccuracy of a correspondent should have caused it to fall into the error mentioned, and takes this publication, and to say that the facts evidence. Laura Matlock, secretary of the association at Grand Ledge, states in a letter to the Republican that Mr. Kates was not there on the evening mentioned in the first article, and states the further fact of Mr. Kates' position and good standing. Similar testimony is given by Charles J. Harris, manager of the Haslett Park association, and by can understands he does not claim to be a medium. His position is that of an a few days at any place on my way authorized and endorsed public expo-Harry J. Moore has a month's en- | nent of the National Association and of Minnesota, all being Spiritualist organizations. The Republican, in printing J. Madison Allen attended the Free the story, took every reasonable precaution to verify the first story written, Ira Wade writes from Lincoln. Neb.: having the word of a reputable correconnecting Mr. Kates with it." Of course every Spiritualist knows that G. W. Kates, who has been lecturing in Minnesota during the past year, is perfectly honest in all respects, and an able exponent of our cause. But who was connected with the "Rubber

> Hand?" Let us know. W. P. Phelon writes: "A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands has reached this coast. Allow me to thank you for directing the stranger hither. The exterior appearance is neat and appropriate, and I have no doubt the closer acquaintance will be equally satisfactory.

Wanted correspondence with a good test medium who can give full names to travel and follow scientific lectures. Gentleman or lady. Address G. F. Kittredge, 142 Caledonia street, Lockport, dress as above.

Mina Page writes: "I am much interthe county a rney was dismissed on price of it. I like the articles writen by the ground that the warrants were Our Moses, Dr. Peebles, Dr. Watkins. defective. This in brief is the case as Hudson Tuttle, Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond and others too numerous to men-Mrs. N. L. Pierce writes: "I have just | tion. I wish everybody in the world

> again." Carrie F. Weatherford writes from Ft. Worth Texas.: "I lectured at the Temple, Sunday evening, Aug. 25, and though but one day's advertising, the attendance was good. Through the self-sacrificing effort of devoted Spiritualists this society has a really beautiful temple, substantially built of tions and is surrounded by a well-kept

D. L. Haines writes: "I have all the premium books you have sent out. I have never missed a number of the lat this office. paper since its first issue, and hope to continue my subscription so long as I remain in the flesh."

V. J. D. Kearney - writes from Orchard, lowa: "The undersigned is acting as amanuensis for Mr. and Mrs. Elisha Crawford (subscribers for your W. P. Phelon. For sale at this office.

firmities of extreme age from addressing you personally. Mrs. Crawford es-Mrs. O. H. Soule writes from Haslett | pecially desires me to say that The Park: "On August 20, afternoon, we Progressive Thinker is her Bible, and and an address by Mrs. Kates on Love | that she could not do without it; that for Hunfanity.' It was excellent, although she has not been able to Wednesday was Pioneer Day, and at write to you, she has had all but two of the call of the bell we congregated at your books offered in conjunction with the hall. In the absence of our worthy | The Progressive Thinker, and she has president, Mr. Kates opened with a few | endeavored by discussion and lending both books and papers to enlarge their grand ideas. Our vice-president related field of influence. She greatly appreclates your work and desires ardently

> N. S. A. convention, which will convene October 15 and close October 18 Parties wishing their services in Indisocieties will please write them at once. Address Rochester, Ind. Home address 618 Newland avenue, Jamestown, Correspondent writes: "Maple 'Dell park was never more beautiful than at this time, and I feel the vibrations of

E. W. Sprague' and wife, missiona-

most beautiful, unlifting inspirations as they roll out from the fragrant summer air fresh from the altar fires of earnes loving hearts, kindled by the sweet breath of angelic ministers. . I know that a better era is about to dawn never before were the two worlds so nearly one; never were so many hearts opening side doors to let the good angels come in. Many of the best workers are still here doing their work with an earnestness never felt so fully before. The classes have been a complete success. The teachers have devoted much time and the best of attention has been the result. The lectures and tests given by Drs. D. M. King, H. C. Andrews and D. D. Clark have given good satisfaction, and they are among the best workers in the field to-day. Other mediums have done most excellent work at our camp." The Chicago Daily News says: "Jus-

tice John A. Mahoney, of Sheffield ave-

nue police court, dreamed a dream, and Eleven years ago Justice Mahoney the safe of a friend, for his practice at ing a safe of his own. Several years later his friend sold out, and his successor found the envelope in his safe with Mahoney's name upon it, while Mahoney had forgotten the existence of the will. When the document was returned to him he had lost track of the testatrix and tossed it into the drawer of an old and unused desk, and again forgot its existence. One night last week he dreamed that Mrs. Healey was dying and calling for her will, though he had even forgotten her name and the fact that he had drawn a will for her, which had never been called for. When he arrived at his office in the morningg he instructed his clerk to look up the ancient document, and an hour later when he was standing in his office reading the will Attorney P. T. Kiley entered his office and asked him if he remembered ever drawing a will for Bridget Healey, and if so, what was done with the will. I have the will in my hand now and was just reading it.' Kiley then fold him that Mrs. Healey had been very ill and the night previous in her delirium had talked about the will he liad drawn for her eleven years ago, and a few minutes later had died. So Mahoney believes that Mrs. Healey in her last moments projected her thoughts to him and caused her to remember the paper he had drawn up so many years before, and is determined to delve into the depths of occult science and see what

there is in it." Wm. W. Aber, of Spring Hill, Kansas, writes: "I am located in Minneapolis, Minn., for a short time only. Persons desiring to investigate my phase of mesouth for the winter and will stop for where they desire the services of a medium of my phase."

Will C. Hodge has returned from his summer trip to Lily Dale and the Pan American, and is now open for engagements in any locality and on very reasonable terms. Will answer all calls for funerals for Ilberalists or Spiritual-

KFEP TRYING.

Although the route be strange and long, With manly purpose keen and strong, Keep trying; Remove the obstacles you meet; Push on with no reluctant feet: As hardships make the soul complete—

Keep trying. Pause not to idle on the way-Keep trying;

Say nothing that you would unsay— Keep trying: Have Love, and Brotherhood in sight; Make every blow tell for the right: Disperse old errors by your light-Keep trying:

Move with a calm and purposed tread, Keep trying; Unpassioned let your thoughts be sped; Keep trying; "A constant dropping wears the stone;" Whate'er is yours may be your own, Bear on without a sigh or moan-Keep trying.

No fear or doubt must bar the road-Keep trying; While sorrow's lash may sometimes

Keep trylig: 01 Treat all alike, or friendl or foe, And scatter kindness as you go, And smiles instead of frowns bestow-Keep trying. 10

Though dark the night the day will dawn-Keep trying; And dusk and doubt prewhile be gone-

Keen trying; Truth brings to aid the arm of Might-Keep trying.

Keep trying; Your constant aim uplifting man-Keep trying; God has not purposed things in vain, And sacrifice, and toil, and pain,

Though skeptics criticise your plan-

Are trifles to the grace you gain-Keep trying. B. F. SLITER. Grand Rapids, Mich.

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COMRADES.

Address by Emma Rood Tuttle at Lake Brady Camp, August 25,

Work in the dewy morning hours of life if full of hope, full of extravagant rainbow hued expectations, full of conscious narrow-eyed almightiness. All we deem necessary to great achievements is that we find an opportunity. We do not see far enough beyond ourselves to know what there is to be done. We look at the encounter ahead of us as the British did at the Boer war when they entered upon it. The lion would only have to growl, and a stroke or two of his buge paw would end it. They should have the mines and the country. But experience taught them a lesson. They have not finished their work yet, and when they are done, if ever, the great black wrong of having exterminated an industrious home-loving nation will forever shadow those pages of English history which record the horrible war which was expected to be only a military amusement. So it is with reforms. There is so

there would be. Human brains are not so quick in deciding which army to join: the Good against the Evil, or the Evil against the Good, as we thought they would be. Why should they not see at once and

fall in line with the "drawn forces of morning?" We thought they would, but they stalked away and joined the learn which is the best thing. It does take so long to graduate in common sense! It is one of the most difficult studies in the curriculum of the School of Life.

tions—full of brainy thinkers—would able to stand on their merits. ere now have arrived at better results | Dr. Peebles says: "When A. J. Davis concerning many vital questions, speaks of Infinite Intelligence and the among them woman suffrage. A ridic- personality of God he bases that perulous illustration of the situation hap- sonality on consciousness, purpose and pened recently. Miss Frances Griffin, will-and not on shape or avoirdupoisas a result has decided to devote all his of Alabama, in an address before the did not mean form or location." We do time not occupied in dispensing justice | Constitutional Convention of that State, | not understand personality to consist of of occult science—thought suggestion, tax-paying women, said, after ad- These are only attributes of a person. vocating the franchise for women on general grounds:

tion because for a long time the and attributes. darkeys and we stood by each other. "You know there was a time when criminals, insane people, traitors, idiots, negroes and women were none of them allowed to vote. But the negro was allowed that honor. They are to be disfranchised. Now I suppose my colored gardener will not be allowed to vote. He has been the only thing, that represented us at the polls. I live in a household of women, of educated one of common mind can comprehend women. My sisters are widows-I am | this location; nevertheless it is location, an old maid. There is not a man on and so the God is located. the face of the earth particularly interested in the way the affairs of our he reveals certain attributes of his God household go. We have no more voice such as "He-His-Himself-Father of in the way things go in our neighbor- All"; thus indicating personality of the hood than a party of Americans would first, second and third persons, and of have if set down in Russia. There is a | the male gender. This is something negro who works in our field, is our more than "consciousness, purpose and came to us. Said he had been to school God in question must somehow resem ten years and was at the first pages of | ble a father. the second reader. But when voting time came he went over to the village and did the voting for the family. "What does justice think of such

management? We expected to have others." That settles it. It is the done with such follies long ago. But mythical Jehovah of the Jews and we are not and we still have a flood of | Christians, without the shadow of immigration pouring in upon us which | doubt—the Father of an "Only Son," acwill keep our great grandchildren educating long after we are up yonder trying to influence them what to do!"

Comrades!-how dear to each other are souls linked in united effort for universal good. Years nor space can divide them. They are heaven-made friends, and will be friends in heaven. No effort for progress is lost. The good seed is planted and at some unexpected time will blossom out in noble thought and action. Thinking of the changes which diumship, materialization, can find me have come to this part of the State and J Davis is independent—so much so at No. 6. Thirteenth street South. I go of the speakers to whom I listened in that he says about anything that comes early girlhood, when I supposed I into his mind, whether true or not, should find at least two-thirds of the But I do not believe anybody ever did people in this world angels, and the or ever can understand his badly mixed other one-third anxious to learn how to conceptions of a God; and I regret to be-I remember among those who lec- learn that such a man as Dr. J. M tured in this section the stalwart intel- | Peebles can be led into such mysticism. lect of Joel Tiffany, the honest enthusiasm of Dr. Underhill, the nervous zeal of O. L. Sutliff, the convincing and ferent names, and boldly avers that it sweet inspirations of Sarah Giles is "the one only and true God." How Smith, the true words and work of Mer- | selfish! how bigoted! exclusive! intolercia B. Lane, who all learned, before ant! dogmatical! That is just what all leaving off work, that even the wheels god-worshipers affirm of their particuof progress grind in the grit ignorance, lar Gods; but Davis does not give them and push as we will, move slow. But the shadow of a chance. They cannot in a half century they have made a all be right. We prefer to think they of this I put my thoughts in verse un- false. der the title Comrades, and offer them

to you: Comrades were we in the morning, and the road seemed smooth and light, So we thought the whole long journey would be one prolonged delight. Overhead the way was bowery, and the pathside seemed so flowery,

That we never thought of parting till the coming on of night. Hopes there were in all fair fashions, flying just beyond our reach,

Dipping toward our upstretched fingers, such an opulence for each! Hopes of Love's delicious story, wrapped about with fame and glory: But the lessons of achievement are the hardest ones to teach.

Comrades were we in the morning, singing jubilant and gay; For the lessons of bereavement had not fallen in our way:

Everything was new and blooming, Death in cowl was not out dooming, And the journeying was most pleasant in the growing time of May. Such delusions as enchanted woven in

Chaplets, clarions, harps and bugles waited o'er the singing streams. Hung on low trees bending over, for the taking of each lover, Singer, soldier, or reformer, whatsoe'er

the dizziest dreams!

their need foregleams.

Happy comrades! onward going, full of zeal and good intent; Some believing holy angels guided them, by heaven sent; Few, by self-determination, working out their own salvation. Knowing that a regal self-hood ever

Youth, and blossoms and the Maytime sunny smiles and sparking eyes; Winged hopes which knew no tiring searching after mysteries, Fraught with sacred aspirations, met

must be wrought, not sent.

by countless desecrations, And the painful comprehension of the world's deficiencies. Clinging comrades still, but fearing

Goodness lags but Wrong is fleet.

Thunder clouds boom rolling o'er us, flercely glows the crisping heat! Such foul heaps of sin uncovered, such deformity discovered! O, our struggling life seems nothing but a tribute to Defeat.

Break ranks, comrades! Seek the byways, single-handed dare and do! than we younglings knew.

There are crimes so dark and gory, that we may not tell their story,

And the victims cry for saviors: to the rescue, comrades true!

Working in the narrow by-ways, stung by nettles, torn by thorns; Helping on our crippled fellows with a soul which never scorns Any effort for advancement, any

rational enhancement, Toward a more complete existence, such as widens and adorns.

By and by the angel buglers, who have never failed to play

burden-fraught the day, Will call in the Comrades scattered, some in velvets and some tattered, For a gathering in the Homeland,

sweeter than the old-time May!

In the shadows of the twilight, howe'er

MOOTED QUESTION.

Andrew Jackson Davis' Conceptions of a God.

In The Progressive Thinker of August 17, Dr. J. M. Peebles gives us a quotation from the "inspired teachings" of much more to do than we calculated A. J. Davis, "the seer, the prophet, the inspired philosopher," to prove the existence of a God. He wrote it in his "superior state," and Mr. Peebles considers it good evidence and gives it his endorsement We want to analyze this alleged evidence a little, to learn what we can from it; and we will not be deterred by what he says of those who think differently: "The sophistries of anti-progress army. It takes so long to the senile, the nascent maunderings of neophytes and the swelling polysyllabic words of pseudo-scientists." In the matter of sophistry we will let the readers form, their own judgment. The "maunderings of neophytes" may One would think that our country, not be so nascent as they seem-they which is in the progressive van of na- have been growing a long time and are

Personality is the individual or the living mortal body or spirit body of a man "I have not discussed the color ques- or woman, with its faculties, functions

Brother Peebles does not seem to understand Davis. In his statement Davis does locate his God, "Far away beyond countless constellations of suns and planets, deep in the fathomless bosom of the immeasurable univercoelum, throbs the Heart of all life. This Heart is God." He also calls it "the Holy Residence of Creative Power. (Perhaps it is the New Jerusalem). No We observe in Davis' statement that

hostler and major domo. He was a will." Can you conceive of a father little over 21 years of age when he without personality? The person of the Moreover, A. J. Davis identifies the

said God, beyond a reasonable doubt. He says it is the "God of Jesus, of Paul, of Swedenborg, of Fourier and cording to the fable.

Now, in view of these facts, I respect fully ask Brother Peebles to modify or recant his averment that Davis had no reference to locality nor personality, other than "consciousness, purpose and will." Can these exist without a person?

I can agree with the Doctor that the God in question has no avoirdupois. A myth has no weight, and in fact, no reality or existence. I also agree that A In this brief extract of half a column Davis applies to his delty a dozen dif-

Here are the closing words of the extract: "The mind cannot think without admitting causes into its thoughts; it must, of necessity, have a fixed foundation upon which to base its contemplations and reasonings. And this foundation must be an unqualified admission of the existence and personality of the Great First Cause.'

Can anybody understand that? would like to have it explained. looks like forcing upon us the acknowledgment or admission of his deity, whether we will or not. Does he mean that by the mere act of thinking we concede or admit the existence and personality of his god First Great Cause? Well, then, suppose we think and say his god is a myth, a phantom and fraud: is that conceding its existence and personality? Suppose the mind should not be thinking of causes at all, but of effects and other things far away from causes; would that be admitting causes into its thoughts? If "the mind must, of necessity, have a fixed foundation upon which to base its thoughts," and if it should then go to work thinking imaginary thoughts—unreal, false, mythical, fabulous thoughts, (as some folks do), what kind of a foundation would it have to rest upon? Can you find a foundation for that class of thoughts?

We give it up—we cannot understand this bunch of incomprehensible nonsense. We have observed that when men undertake to propagate an error they generally adduce additional errors to sustain the first. We get more truth in one of M. Blavatsky's letters through the medium Petersilea, than all Davis ever wrote on the God subject. We have received a vast amount of reliable evidence from the spirit world, from intelligent men and women who have been in spirit life a long time, to sustain and confirm our disbelief in

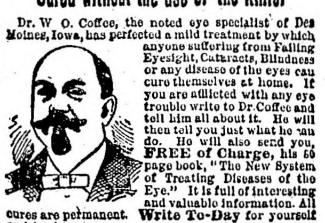
gods. Can we accept their testimony on this as well as other subjects? They tell us plainly that no mortal or spirit ever discovered a god-that no such person, thing, being or spirit has exist-Just as plainly and truthfully as they

have said there is no salvation by faith no death, no devil, no hell, so have they said there is no God. A. H. NICHOLAS.

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N. Markham: Q. Is ft possible to hall-storms and hurricanes?

O. G. Richards, Kansas: Q. It has been claimed that the cause of the planetary or solar, while others here claim that it is on account of the land growing weary and taking a Sunday land was allowed to rest every seventh other subject. year. As the owners will not allow the land to rest, God makes the weather act as administrator and compels a year's rest. How do you regard these theo-

A. Of the planetary and solar explanation they have been recently answered in this department; the theological explanation is outside the pale of consideration. It calls in the direct intervention of God, forces the acceptance of his miraculous interference, which is not for a moment to be entertained. Under the thriftless culture of the barbarous children of Israel, the land was depleted and should have rested much more than one year in seven. Under the skillful culture of the present the most wasteful and sterilizing thing to do is to turn it fallow for a year. Unless land is growing some form of plant, it is becoming poorer, for the rains wash out the soluble portions which the roots of plants take up and store. If a field is turned out to rest. nature with consummate prudence, covers it with weeds as the next best remedy against barrenness. The most productive fields I ever saw, were those in cultivation for at least 150 years, in unbroken succession, and that for the past generation in most exhaustive garden vegetables.

The drought has no correlation with needs of the land, or theological speculations. Whenever God's direct intervention is called in to explain phenomena, argument, knowledge and reason are inadmissible. The prattle of children is wisdom to such theories.

The amount of rainfall depends on the great air currents, and the changing of these by causes we do not understand, produces the wet seasons and the dry. The prayers of all the parsons and church members in the Union cannot divert these currents, or hasten the coming of the tardy rains.

It has been repeatedly urged that droughts might be broken and rain brought by a series of explosions, but experiments have not been satisfactory, and if the conditions on which rain depends are considered it is difficult to comprehend why explosions should change the atmospheric currents sufficiently.

As to warding off hail by discharging cannot, the story of their doing so in France, has been confessed to have been written by a reporter out of his these would have to be placed in great | with the month's results. numbers, and careful watch kept, so to the enthusiastic rain-makers.

There may-and will-come a time when man will control the elements, but he is far from doing so at present.

Mrs. Wm. Holland: Q. How does Spiritualism interpret symbols? Q. Symbols are often used in communications of spirits, because if the plain presentation yere attempted the medium would become excited and thus prevent further impressions being received. Especially is this the case in the sensitive state which simulates sleep, and gives what are called dreams. The symbols are passively received and on awakening, interpreted.

Inquirer, -, N. Y.: Q. I note Col. Ollcott says he believes in fairies. Is there any evidence of their existence? A. The beautiful and pleasing myths of the fairles has been almost universally entertained by the races of mankind in their childhood; and is the most interesting to children, who represent the thoughts of man at that period of advancement.

Like the giants, and giant-killers, gnomes and dragons they are a part of the folk-lore, coming from prehistoric time, and creations of the fancy.

ence to support Col. Ollcott's assertion. as we did before and no more Perhaps it does not require evidence. The negro revivalist "rapid-fire Griffin," says he is "making hot tracks after the debbel," and that said "debbel" is raging round the earth, and another equally enlightened colored parson declared in the face of science that the "sun do move," and no one thought their assertions merited more than laugh.

Col. Olcott believes also in "mahat mas," who run at beck and call of "adents." thus reviving the stale pretensions of the mountebanks of a past age. The audacity of the fakir has lingered to our age, but the credulity to receive has been lessened by educa-

Bible Spiritualist: Q.- If the miracles | were the intervention of spirits, why

not admit them as evidence of Christianity?

particular end, and the value attached thereto depends on this overriding of law. The evidence has no weight if it be proved that the result was the necessary order of events, and the interposition of spirits would be sufficient cause. If what are called miracles are effects of higher and unknown laws, then they are not miracles in any sense

of the word. The miracles of Jesus rest on histori-

a court at law. atone for the sins of the world by his which help paint the lightning-flash,

ever information I am able, the ordi- for us, however good a model he may be tal artists. The molecules which form Dary courtesy of correspondents is ex- for other God-men. If an incarnate di- and taint the rancid dog-fennel bloshe was a mortal like ourselves.

The same evidence by miracle which bring rain by explosions, or to scatter proves the divine character of Christ, and Buddha. Admitting the possibility in one case, we must in all, and become drought we have just passed through, is lost in an impenetrable fog of myths and fables.

There is no evidence of the events narrated in the Gospels, except what rest. As under Jewish law said to be they themselves furnish, and this made by the great Creator himself, the | would not be accepted if applied to any

Laughing in Heaven.

with which the departure is taken?

A dear friend of mine went thus, although life was full of sweetness and like the month.

I think you are laughing in heaven. Kate. And finding the brightest things;

For you ever looked for the silky flow-And not for the thorn which stings. The last thing you did on earth, Kate,

You smiled in the flower-filled room Which love provides for the body left In the stillness of the tomb. You laughed when your pale lips told

You surely were going away; You knew by the way you felt, dear,, You shouldn't have long to stay.

Kate: "But I'm not afraid to die; For things will go on in some pleasant

You smiled when you said, so brightly,

And nobody ought to cry." You smiled, but we only could whisper,

Kate. "O, look at the light in her eyes! The great white mystery shadows her;

Her soul is poising to rise!" So I know you are laughing in heaven,

You smiled on that saddest day You left us.—Kate, if you smiled that

When wouldn't you smile, I pray? EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

Lake Brady Camp, O.

This beautiful camp closed for the canes appear so quickly and move so lings. The attendance was large, and rapidly, that were cannon of service, all were in good spirits and pleased

Mr. D. A. Herrick has been chairman that they might be fired at the right and "stage manager" as well as directand experiments were made on a scale | tion of all who have been present at | the mysteries that now environ us. accomplished planist, also assisted.

glowed on the rostrum, and on Sunday, vegetable or animal kingdoms. Mrs. Merrill added a decoration of beaven.

Hudson Tuttle and myself had the should have been glad to have listened to some of our talented co-laborers EMMA ROOD TUTTLE.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Ia.

The Mt. Pleasant Park Camp closed its session last evening with mutual good feelings. Miss Harlow, of Massayesterday on the Evolution of Gods. and President Peck, who is still working in the laboratory of the god factory, made a great effort to construct a small one, and set him up to please the peo-Many others thought it an utter fairure. and his God was inferior to Jehovah. There is no evidence of their exist- | So we all know just as much about God

Miss Harlow's lest lecture was "The Relation of Spiritualism to Socialism.' She is a wonderful speaker, ranking along with Colby Luther, and bumping elbows with George D. Herron on the social problem.

Taken all in all the camp was a success with a magnificent array of talent: Dr. Peebles, Moses Hull, Mrs. Cooley, O. A. Edgerly, Max Hoffman, Jennie Hagan Brown, Prof. Peck, Dr. Nellie C. Mosier, a most remarkable test medium, and many others too numerous to mention. O. R. FISK.

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LESSON NUMBER TWO. The reader must not mistake either cal evidence alone. The conclusions of co-operation or coalescence for absorpreason are against all miracles. If they tion, There is no such thing as absorbboth phenomena, alike, depends upon behold! Bellinger was himself again. prove their genuineness it must be by ing the chemical identity of a life unit. historical evidence. This they by no The infinitesimal speck of energy loses means produce. The first three gospels | none of its chemical identity in coalesare their only evidence, and these are cing as a factor in the molecule organnot written by eye witnesses, and cen- ism. The molecule loses none of ac- tery will destroy the equilibriums turies after the events. The three con- quired chemical properties in coalescing thereof. tradict each other, themselves, and as a factor in the monad organism. known historical facts. It is singular The monad loses none of its augmented that each tiny spear, each plant, shrub pleading not guilty until last night, that Paul with his love for the marvel- chemical properties by coalescing as a or tree, is enveloped in an aura of its when hypnotism restored his mind. ous did not mention miracles. The evi- factor in the human organism. Nor do own peculiar chemical properties; and dence in their favor amounts to nothing. mortals lose any individual force by af- that this chemicalized aura-shroud evening at the request of Detective It is not a tithe of what might be gath- filiating in mortal organizations; in fact serves as a solicitor and retainer, to at- Troyer to see whether the exercise of ered of modern wonder-workers, and they gain individual potency by every would not be entertained a moment in new and deeper dive into their lodge mysteries and their social and co-opera-The error lies in resting Christianity tive athilations. It is this indelibility of chemicalized aura-shroud accompanies him in a chair. Dr. Day then faced on miracles instead of truth. If Jesus infinitesimal identity, that preserves performed all the works ascribed to the differentiates, and holds functional him, and a thousand greater it would gauge to their predestined line of coprove him a wonder-worker and nothing operation. For instance: The funcmore. It does not affect what he said, tional gangs of molecules which inhermaking it true or false, or weigh an ited the faculty of manipulating the also know that the moment they are in- started in his demonstrations. Dr. Day atom in evidence proving his mission sap in vegetable and forest growth, bedivine. The ideal Jesus is to be esti- come the predominant factors in the mated by the truth he taught. He is to monad gangs who manipulate the blood. be judged like other men. He did not The sinfinitesimal specks of energy

by theirs. His mission was similar to paint, tip and tint the rose. And this materialize a horse, while affoat on become excessively large, especially let- that of all teachers. He is an example, same class of molecules become the ether's waves and dominated by ether an ideal, as are all great and good men. dominant factors in the monad gangs real law; but we all realize that such is If a God-man, he is not an example who manipulate the brain of our morvinity, he is entirely beyond our imita- soms will be at home when manipulattion. His example is valueless unless ing the brain of infant damnation advocates. The molecules_which now paint the llly hold more art potency than when they sketched the toad-stool more strongly proves that of Chrishna on the rotten log. The monads which are now manipulating the brain and hand of the true statesman, hold more intellectual potency than when they ma-

nipulated the brain and claw of the

Now let us compare this delicate, complex thinking machine, with some of our crude man-made phenomena. See tions; either section may be shifted into rapport with those dormant harp-You have seen, maybe, as I have, tongues; now arrange the switch, and some dear soul, forced by the stress of revolution will pick off the desired tune. disease, to leave the body in youth, or But note, this thinking machine is a middle life, before its purposes had mental device, studded with emotional battery and aura, admissible to special was a victim of self-hypnosis, though been realized, or the objects of earthly monad-harps, incidence adjusts the rapport human entities. Therefore when he was not positive. He said that it embodiment accomplished. When it is switch, heart-beats revolve the cylin-said desirous rapport human entity is was a well-established fact that such known, past hope, that this must be so, | der, and away she goes on strains of and the pain to loving friends known, joy or grief, love or hate, wisdom or have you seen the smiling cheerfulness folly, until some other incident shifts rapport circles' material aura, then said he worked for him, and he was a good the switch.

See yonder dog jumping and frisking with delight at meeting his master? promise. She smiled herself away Now one puny lightning-flash could dishundred thousand monads which anivibrate with their happy hum of co-opmates; but careful inspection would reabode of art and intelligence.

PREDESTINATION

is a fixed law in nature. Heredity is simply predestination more or less diluted. Every farmer knows that a pure parent stock and ear. They also know that the hatch from quail eggs will be inevitably so, by virtue of the chemical properties of the life-germ; and of the coral substance of the grain, and their inviting affinity extended to their peculiar class of home-seeking molecules. The laws governing the quail's hatch are identical, except of a higher order, extending their invitation to monads, instead of to molecules.

Of course, we will realize the fact of amalgamation within varieties, species

alty to its old ancestral line. MATERIALIZATION.

thermore, all genuine materialization chologic forces by which wisdom can code of cause and effect. Could mor- port. ago listened to the rain-makers' clamor, | entire satisfaction and won the admira- | string, mortals could unravel many of

ments felt for her husband. She and mal kingdoms, and by virtue of the tide. Mrs. Haun have been ever on duty of same immutable laws, is divided into fering sweet music which was most in- special and well-defined varieties or spiring and elevating. Her solos were species, mentally, intuitively and aspimuch enjoyed. Mrs. Anna Lunn, an rationally, each mental shade cleaving to its ancestral lines with as much te-

white Illies which made one dream of tant, who would claim that plant or tree Spiritualist Association of Wisconsin, 24, conducted by Brother Austin, was growth was attained by their eating at Wonewoo, is meeting with grand material food. Scientists and philoso- success, and in compliance with the re- one had something of importance to rehonor to speak from the platform and phers of every age have conceded that quests of many of the campers and late. plants and trees drew their formative visitors, the management has decided substance direct from the elements, and to hold the camp open for another the more advanced of every age have week. Moses Hull and many of the accredited molecular life as being the best phenomenal workers obtainable motor-power. But in the face of all are now on the grounds and will rethese obvious and long conceded facts, main during the entire session, and visour tin-horn band of material scientists, litors are assured of a profitable and preacher-like, run with their noses so pleasant time. close to the footprints of their ideal. The camping facilities are fine and a lers the blessedness of giving, but has chusetts, delivered a masterly lecture predecessors, as to still maintain that general invitations is jextended to all beefsteak is the distilled products of who are desirous of having a good outcorn and grass; and that intellect, with ing and of visiting one of the most harits accompanying emotions of love, monious camps of the season. The sympathy and mirth, of aspiration, in- camp was to have closed on September spiration, intuition and memory, are 2, but will be extended over another ple, and many were pleased, and all merely the distilled products of hog Sunday giving those who have not yet thought he had succeeded remarkably, and hominy; never once raising their visited our camp a good opportunity tonoses from their ideal's mud-print, to do so. Every Splitthalist should atsense the possibility that this chemical- tend this meeting, and show appreciaized food-mash in stomachs only served tion of the strengods efforts of Presianimate life, as a more convenient bat- | dent Stewart and the State Association. tery than would be roots attached to the ground; and that in truth, the assimilation, and resultant emissions from said fermenting food-mash simply A Menace to American Civilization." maintain the animate battery and its By Prof. W. M. Lockwood, lecturer enveloping aura, thereby establishing a upon physical, physiological and psyworking current between the monad- chic science. Demonstrator of the mosystem and the elements, and that mo-lecular or spiritual hypothesis of nanads occupying animate forms draw ture. Scholarly, masterly, trenchant. their auras' chemical counterpart of Price 25 cents. For sale at this office. mind and matter direct from the ele- "Woman, Church and State." A hisments, the same as molecular organisms torical account of the status of woman

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blood, flesh, bone and mental essence, direct from their auras' chemical coun-

terpart contained in the elements? the chemical properties of their batteries, and that an over-charge of chemicals added to either soil or stomach bat-

Every half-informed botanist knows tract and detain the plant's chemical | the hypnotic power he possesses would counterparts, as well as repulse all in- avail. Jailor Mahoney brought the truders. This same phenomena of prisoner into the jail office and placed each animate form, small or great. him, while the young man gritted his Many of us know that a seed-germ | teeth and clinched his hands, his eyes could not encase itself in cereal sub- roaming wildly about the room. Altostance while affoat on ether's waves, gether he seemed to threaten a return dominated by ethereal laws, and we vited into their rapport blossom's aura, endeavored to make the prisoner recogthey drop under material laws, and nize him, but he refused. After makhustle to materialize their material ing the customary passes Dr. Day in-

No one would expect monad entities death any more than Socrates or Plato | predominate in the molecule gangs who | to congregate in functional gangs and the natural result when proper conditions invite them to drop under material | you happen to come up here? Did you | songs and music by James G. Clark and law. Again: Diffused molecules and monads, while alternating on ether's waves, must sense a desire (even if it be a chemically instinctive desire) to affiliate in material co-operation, else they would not gravitate to material batteries. So we find DESIRE an important emotion in materialization.

I have heretofore hinted at the why: and most of us realize the fact, that within this vast sea of blossoms and flowers there is but the one, the dogfennel blossom, whose aura will admit | not understand it all. When told the the seed-germ of the dog-fennel plant. This is approximately true of every being trifled with. When he was conthis music box. The cylinder is stud- shade of life phenomena. Therefore vinced he said that he has simply lost the world to-day, such as Sir Wm. ded with tiny spikes, arranged in sec. throughout all realms this same rarity that much time. He then shook hands | Crookes and hundreds of others are | The Quarantine Raised. of opportunity confronts the desirous human entity in its almost hopeless work, and was taken back to his cell. search for mortal affiliation. But the genuine materializing medium embodies inclined to the belief that Bellinger, all those rarity chemical properties of whether consciously or unconsciously, attracted to, and comes in contact with a state exists. He said that he had said mediumistic battery, enveloped in hypnotized Bellinger frequently when entities' whole monadic structure is suf- | subject. He considers Bellinger an unficiently submerged under material law, usually bright fellow, but a degenerate to resume their old trade of materializ- when it comes to crime. ing elements into material substance, when March was blustering out; so un- perse and disband, the more than six and just so long as said entity can, or alarmed at the prospect of a sentence does, by concentrated will force, hold it of ten years. He thought two years mate that dog case, in much less time self exiled from ethereal law, and would be enough, and he did not bethan any calamity could disband you wholly under material law; just that lieve he could stand ten.—Duluth Hercolony of bees, who cause their hive to long each monad gang can, or rather ald. MUST, materialize and manipulate erative industry. And should calamity their respective organic functions as of befall both, the careless observer yore in mortal life, Not by some suwould scarce detect desertion of ani- pernatural hocus pocus, but by and through the same laws of cause and efveal the fact that both had been the fetc which produce all shades of mate-

rial phenomena. Thus from a scientific point of view, we find that the mysteries of a human entity, with monagle functional organism already intact, dropping back "nder material laws for a few mom. ...s, breed grain of corn will reproduce its and projecting a temporal mortal outfit, dwindles ta tank almost common event, as compared to the mysteries asfac-similes of the parent, bird. This is sociated with the congregating and arranging of the billions tiny strangers in infant functional order, and they materialize a new and perfect human organism; and still no Thomas doubts the possibility of infant materialization. But alas! so far as I have been able to probe the philosophy of life, I have found no phase of affiliation between entities and mortals, but places both entity and mortal recipient in a more or less abnormal condition, rendering both and races; but even there we find that for the moment, more or less a playeach foreign factor holds indelible loy-lty to its old ancestral line. thing for the material mental elements. dicates that it could not be other than abnormal, and the reputed affiliations of is the most potent factor in the material all past ages substantiate evolution's inrealm. Materialization is responsible dications. Still it is not safe for mortals for all that mortal eye beholds. Fur- to say that ethereal laws hold no psy-

comes through identically the same render the entity some degree of suptals banish the false idea that a mortal I fully realize that the same code of season last Sunday, after a month of was one independent individualized forces which debars the wheat-plant imagination. Hail-storms and hurri- most harmonious and enjoyable meet- whole; and then catch the truth that from bearing barley, will in similar each mortal is a co-operative institu- manner debar the religionist, the matetion represented by billions of individ- rialist, and the non-reasoner, from asualized life entities, classified and de-similating many of the hints herein tailed in functional gangs, each gang re- suggested, but all the same, none of sponsible for the formation, mainted these hints are new to mortals' mental moment. In practice this would be ing spirit of the entire meeting, and a nance and manipulation of the special realm. They have been explored and found to be impossible. Where it has more noble, honest and reliable gentle- physical or mental functions to which realized and indelibly thought onto the been tried, not the least effect has been man and speaker could not have been nature's formative forces assign them, sacred pages of mortal's mental arobserved. The government a few years | chosen for the position. He has given | Thus provided with the right end of the chives (subject to the order of rapport minds) by the seers and philosophers of unnumbered mental high-tides that that ought to have been rewarded with the resort. His wife has had charge of But alas! the mortal kingdom, like its have preceded this, only to be obscured

(To be continued.)

Wonewoc Camp, Wis.

To the Editor:-Clara Stewart. presi-A profusion of flowers constantly nacity as do varieties or species, in the dent of the Wisconsin State Spiritualist Association, desires me to write you to I don't suppose there is a scientist ex- say that the camp-meeting of the State | The last one of the season, held Aug.

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of the "acute mania" with which he formed Bellinger that he was about toput him to sleep, and Bellinger obediently fell into a deep sleep, remaining in that condition for three minutes. Then the hypnotist brought him out of it. "Why, hello Doc!" Bellinger exclaimed when he awoke. "How did come to see me?" Then he continued, in a dazed and confused manner:

"Where am I at? What has hap-

pened to me and where have I been?" He was told of his actions during the past ten days, and he professed complete ignorance of everything, including the burning of the padded cell. He said that his mind was a complete blank from the time he returned to his cell after pleading, and said that he did date he seemed inclined to think he was with Dr. Day, for whom he used to Dr. Day said last evening that he was

Bellinger seemed last night to be

Vicksburg Camp, Mich.

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be desired. Old Sol burst forth in all his splendor after the earth had been which, aided by the fine music, discoursed by the Vicksburg Band, harmonized the atmosphere for the afternoon lecture by Rev. B. F. Austin. Mr. Austin delighted the large audience with the forcible manner in which

he set forth the belief and mission of a Spiritualist. The lecture was followed by descriptions by Mrs. Blake and Dr. Emma Warne, all of which were satisfactory

to the recipients. At 7:30 campers and visitors assembled at the auditorium for the farewell address by Mr. Austin, which was followed by short addresses and a general three hearty cheers for Vicksburg

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ture was well attended to the close The conference meetings were well attended, interesting and instructive, of some of the most noted speakers especially interesting, as nearly every

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THOUGHTS

Of Vibrations and Knowledge

We have argued that every thing has body or substance, but not necessarily such body or substance as precludes the occupation of the same space by two bodies at the same time; that this body or substance is God or Being which lending itself in physical properties as solidity, color and the like is the physical individual, and in thought, unction and will is the spirit individual: that that without this identity of all things, both physical and spiritual, in noumenon or Being knowledge of one thing by another is inexplicable and perhaps

organization appearing recently in The The prevailing theory of perceptive knowledge is that it is the result of vibrations or undulations communicated by a thing having the undulations to another. The observed mediums in most cases of perception are ether and air, as in the case of the undulations which come to us from the sun, giving us light, heat and color, and from a distant bell giving us sound. These vibrations are taken up by the sense nerves and finally reach the brain. And then what before was only motion becomes sensation, knowledge, motion and vo-

The theory of ideative or conceptive knowledge is that then the brain and nerves of vision are in precisely the same condition as were we actually looking at the thing, conception or ideation being pretty much if not altogether sight ideation: we ideate or conceive an object in the same properties we would see in it if present. Conceptively we "see" a tiger in Africa.

This theory of perceptive knowledge quence, he gradually becomes cold and has been taken by many as proving that all things are physical, that the one thing in which all things are identiand volition are properties of the brain and nerve system and not of an in- old ones who are reaping a continual dwelling spirit individual. A question | benefit as mediums and teachers. however which has always bothered philosophers is how simple motion, prolong it as you may along physical lines, can become anything but motion. But we can see that if there is a spirit individual in the brain and nerve system that in this radically different nature what is only motion in the brain may become sensation, and knowledge, restilting in emotions and volitions in the spirit. Moreover philosophy for centurles has taught, and our own experience rightly attended to, teaches, that outother group including sensation, knowl- explaining other than to their own satedge, emotion and will which it seems isfaction. not unreasonable to suppose are the in the perceptive way and in the conceptive way which is like unto it. We around thinkers. may make out one individual in a conas we would Geology, Zoology or As- in demonstrated fact. tronomy.

Evidently the brain and nerve system in every man is "foreign" to that which

in him "knows." While the vibratory theory of knowledge falls to make out a case for materialists, it is rather a ticklish thing to handle by those who claim to communicate with spirits outside the flesh, unless handled with very great circum- our intellectual unfoldment. Our intelspection. A careless handling gives lectuality depends somewhat upon Spiritualists a great many philosophical heredity and somewhat upon our socionuts to crack, and no wonder that logical environment. Therefore if we spirits out warn those yet in that they would advance spirituality let us begin have only a very crude notion about at the beginning. Organize socially and "vibrations." At present say we know progress intellectually and thereby deand communicate with another man velop spirituality by the process of sothrough the vibrations we produce in ciological unfoldment through individhis brain and nerves of sense and he in lual development. ent plane of existence. We can also province of Spiritualism. understand how two spirits out of the spiritual nature the same as ether, or air at least, barmonizes with our phys. ant now. ical nature. But what stumps us is. how on the ordinary theory of vibrations two spirits, one in and one out. can communicate either way. How can we who act through our physical side one plane pass to another plane? Of course a general explanation is

given by saying both the spiritual and physical planes are identified in noumenon or Being, and that this is the means or avenue of communication. But in that case Being is neither matter nor spirit, but the substance or body of The annual election was held August both and possibly of a great many other 16. The following officers were elected: systems of existence of which now we President, Prof. W. F. Peck, 3005 Magknow nothing. Perhaps what the azine street. St. Louis. Mo.; vice-presispirits, mean by saying we only im- dent, Mrs. Emma J. Knowles, Clinton, perfectly understand vibrations is that, while we know a little about it on our physical plane, we have only a very wa, Ia. Trustees, Mrs. R. E. Rowanvague idea of it on the spiritual plane tree, Clinton, Ia.; David Stanton, New and none at all as to its working from | Sharon, Ia., and N. G. Omstead, Tama, one plane to the other, even in our own In. The last named to fill the unexbeads. _ pired term of H. B. Hunt, who passed

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Home, Tenn.

Thoughts for Spiritualists to Ponder.

To the Editor:-I have during the past two months visited Des Moines, Boone, Marshalltown, Webster City, Fort Dodge, and am now at Sioux City, Iowa. In each of these towns I have spent a Sunday or two. I have carefully examined the Sunday morning papers, looked out for street bulletins, therefore all things are differentiated etc., to apprise myself of the location of by their phenomena or properties but some Spiritualist meeting. I have enidentified in noumenon or Being: finally tirely falled to find one. If there are Spiritualist organizations in any of these cities they are "hiding their light under a bushel."

I have carefully read the articles on

Progressive Thinker. Some have in-

terested me, some amused me, etc. If I now give my ideas of organization, and The Progressive Thinker shows its usual liberality in publishing them, the thinker may weigh them in the balance of his intellect, and if they are found wanting he may, as I have done with his ideas, pass them by and goodnaturedly look for some better solution for the decline of Spiritual organization. First, then, an individual becoming a member of any organization must sacrifice some of his individual liberties for the benefit of the organization. In order to strike an equilibrium and hold this individual the organization must continually return an equivalent equal or superior to the sacrifice made by the individual, or the individual becomes dissatisfied. To hold him after such dissatisfaction, by appealing to his sense of duty or his religious zeal, may

indifferent and finally he is lost to the organization entirely. The organization of Spiritualism tofied is "matter," that thought, motion day, it seems to me, depends for its support upon new members or upon the

for a time hold him half-heartedly, but,

unless held through fear of conse-

My own experience of more than twenty-five years, over considerable territory, will be verified by every careful observer, that is, that the audiences at Spiritualist meetings generally have not progressed, that they are new faces-beginners in the study of the

When we look about for the old faces, so full of zeal with us in former times, we find them at their homes, dull and uncommunicative; and when forced by persistent energy on our part, to exside noumenon or Being all we know press themselves, they are found to of any individual is its properties or have degenerated into materialism, or attributes. Well, here are two radically worse; they have advanced into Thedifferent groups of properties. One in osophy, or a Theosophical-Love-Princicluding solidity, color, etc., character- ple, God-idea, a somethingness of istic of the brain and nerve system; the which they are entirely incapable of

In order to get at the case we must characteristics or phenomena of an- dismiss our prejudice. Most of us are other individual called spirit. This con- wedded to our early trained notions, exclusion is strengthened by the fact that cept perhaps on a single idea, of the one individual, the spirit, we know in Infinite correctness of things generally. consciousness, while the other, the If we have snapped our chain that brain and nerve system, we must study bound us to some old religious stake, we are apt to believe ourselves all-

Conservatism and free-thinking are scious way, as in a mental or moral antitheses. Conservatism presumes a philosophy or treatise on the will, but compromise between right and wrong must make out an anatomy of our brain for the sake of peace. Free-thinking and nerve system in the perceptive knows no peace except as it be found

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ours. This is done by and through our I think Spiritualists will agree with respective physical natures, which we me that the idea is beautiful, but may have in common and which is our pres. hold that its accomplishment is not the

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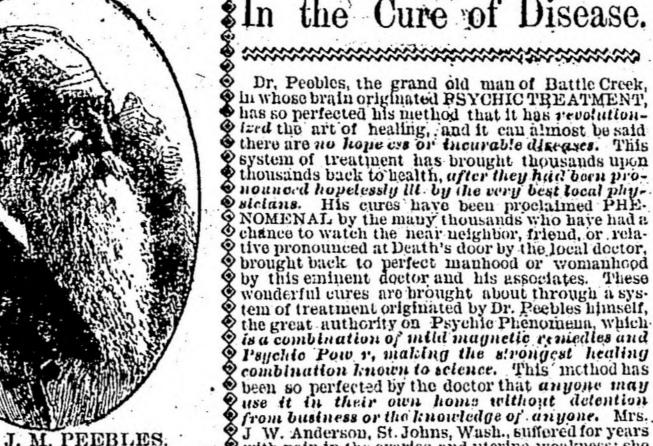
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