

Let us love our cause # and dare to advocate its

truth and decry fraud.

If we have the pure it

cannot be destroyed in

the crucible of reason

and fair discussion. It

will only thrive, and §

expand more rapidly. \$

SPIRITUALISM IS A TRUTH.

"One truth is clear--whatever is, is at by a legitimate deduction from all the facts which are truly material." Colerright." Pope. "I long to know the truth hereof at idge.

large." Shakespeare. "Plows, to go true, depend much up-"Let us make truth catching instead on the truth of the iron." Mortimer. of falsehood and disease." Ingersoll. "Truth bears the torch in the search "Truth depends on, or is only arrived for truth." Lucretius. . . .

The Bell Witch Mystery MATERIALIZATIONS.

The following is the only full and explicit account of the "Bell Witch Mystery," that has ever been published. It certainly is a thrilling narrative, and carries one into an interesting domain of the occult. While in some respects it reads like a fairy tale, we have reason to believe that Mr. Wiltse, the writer, has obtained information that is thoroughly reliable. illustrating the often reiterated fact that no one in particular has a cinch on those laws that enable spirits to communicate with mortals.

To the Editor: -Enclosed find clip-ping from the Chatianooga Daily News of August 6, which 1 think, if your valu-of Light things-birds, beast, fish or human. able space allowed, would prove very It was fond of appearing in the form of interesting to your numerous readers. a rabbit, which would hop into the road The events chronicled antedate the ust- and exhibit itself to nearly every pass cring in of Modern Spiritualism by crby. To this day many people in that 81 years, and the manifestations were section could not be induced for any of a more striking nature than any that consideration to eat the fiesh of a rab have since occurred in any one family. bit which had worn a black spot upon go far 28 I know. Mr. H. M. Willse, the left hind foot-for that is the witch who has written the article, is one of mark. But human form the mysterious the editors of the News. He is no Spir- being never took save once, when Bet itualist. I know him personally to be sey Bell, while walking among the trees a truthful man, and a painstaking news- with some children, saw something which appeared to her to be a pretty lit He derived his story from first hands, the girl dressed in green, hanging to the heing well acquainted with the people of limb of a tall oak tree, and swinging the neighborhood where these wouder herself to and fro. But it had a very being well acquainted with the people of ful manifestations took place. human voice. At first, however, this

Could this have been an effort of the was but a whistle, heard in feeble re spirit world to bring to mankind the sponse to questions after many at tempts by many people to secure an anknowledge to which we did not attain until many years thereafter? swer to interrogatories. After the PAUL R. ALBERT. whistle came a faint whisper and the

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first intelligible answer that has been recorded was, "i am a spirit; I was once very happy, but have been dis-The most celebrated and the most in teresting witch sensation ever known turbed." in the south; indeed probably the most Other answers, come of them puzzling ever known anywhere, oc-curred in kobertson county, Tennessee, thons concerning the identity of this commencing in 1817 and continuing voice, this spirit, this thing, this "shape from time to time during a period of that shape had none distinguishable in ffty-five years.

member, joint or limb," or whatever it That the phenomena described were may have been, at different times and conscientiously thought to have been in different places. That the phonomena described were real, and substantially as detailed, there Once it stated that it was the spirit There are yet of a person who had been buried in the is no doubt whatever. living those who, as children, heard of woods nearby, and that the bones had the demonstrations and at least one been removed, and one of the teeth had who, as children, heard of the demonbeen lost under the floor of fthe Bell strations, and at least one who, while house. It was after that tooth. a baby, suffered chastisement by the in the neighborhood lived a kindbearted but very eccentric and voluble chief of the witches. To the good character of the family which was most at-flicted by the persecutions, and of the wife of a highly respected and prosperpeople who have given testimony in re-regard to the affair, leading men and times, and by the free use of her sharp women, doctors, lawyers and preachers tongue made enemies. One day the interest.

The word materialization, like incarnation, means, strictly speaking, a manifestation of _piritual or psychic force rendered objective to physical sense, Keeping this definition clearly before us, we shall not find it difficult to discriminate between subjective, objective and superjective phenomena, though we are well aware that the third term we employ is by no means so generally used as the two preceding.

Subjective experiences, which are extremely common are in the strictest sense mediumistic, and they imply the possession of an involuntary phase of mediumship, but though sub-volitional, not necessarily unwelcome. In this first category we include all such instinctive sensitiveness as enables children and delicately organized persons in general, to become aware that they are in touch with a subtler grade of substance and with entities living in another realm than that usually perceived by the average mass of human beings by whom these sensitives are surrounded.

To such people materialization has no distinctive message, as they do not require external phenomena to reveal to them what they perceive without its aid. But as the great majority of non-sensitive people, who are to be encountered at every turn, desire some direct proof of spirit communion if they interest themselves at all in psychical investigation, objective phenomena, which we place in the second category becomes necessary for their enilghtenment, and this mode of demonstrating spiritual reality ranges all the way from mysterious noises, such as the famous "Hydesville rappings," to what is technically designated ''full-form materialization.''

With the third division of psychic revelation that which pertains to super-consciousness-only those can be directly concerned who are aware of conscious exaltation, at least at intervals, far beyond the common level of every-day sense observation.

Dismissing the first and third categories and confining our attention immediately to the second, we ing friends among the sitters, there is no wilful dewill seek to explain by what process materialization ception on the part of anyone, but the manifestation in any degree can be accomplished. Directly we in- is at best only a partial transformation. That there put it there, and gave Old Jack a big

it be admitted that human will has power to dominate the prime substance out of which organisms are constructed, no theory of materialization can be dated comprehensively. That there may be much simulated plienomena in various places we admit, and we are We take pleasure in spreading before by not means averse to cautious investigation, but we Our readers this week, the views of do maintain that all that has ever been claimed for materialization is within the bounds of reason and Mr. W. J. Colville. His views should can be philosophically accounted for. Ordinary observation suffices to convince the average student of be read in connection with those ex- human industry that an idea or mental concept alpressed by Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond, ways precedes external work as no object can be fash-in a former issue of the pre-existing plan. in a former issue of the paper. Both Architecture is before building, and mental protoare leading workers in our ranks, and types must precede any physical design submitted to a builder. All that we know as the gross matter of their views will be read with special the most external world yields gradually to human persistence, until at length it is rendered completely subservient to the will of man.

Prov. viii., 7.

again." William Cullen Bryant.

When apparatus is first invented it is rude and clumsy, and ponderous in the extreme, and work can only be very imperfectly done by means of it. But after awhile apparatus becomes refined and when it is extremely delicate it does the most effective work as an agent of some directing intellect.

Beyond all stages of intellectual expression during which constantly refining physical apparatus is required is another, even a superphysical plane of activty where intelligence acts more directly upon substance and it is on that plane that magic is possible. Magicians on earth can do all that is claimed for spiritual entities who have recently left the fieshly body, therefore it is not unlikely that some phenomena witnessed at seances may be due to the determined psychic action of some one still on earth. But granting that this is the case, no ground whatever is cut from under any Spiritualistic edifice because there is always more power to act in the spiritual spheres than there can be embodied on earth. Nothing can be done by an incarnate entity which cannot be done by excarnate entitics, but who the entity is, who is manifesting at any particular time must be decided by existing evidence. As we come to realize that there are no limits to the possibility of the manifestation of spirit, whose property it is to dominate matter, we stupor. The family shall cease to even greatly wonder at such transcendeht evidences of spiritual domination as are displayed 'full form materialization" which it must not be and a smoky-looking phial, half-full of förgotten, has been witnessed by Prof. A. R. Wallace a dark, sinister-looking liquid had been and other eminent men of science under satisfactory test conditions.

The average circle or scance does not usually afford such conditions as are necessary for complete manifestation, therefore what is presented from a cabinet is very often extremely imperfect though not fraudulent. Even when a medium is entranced and made to personate an entity who is desirous of reachete materialization we know to be true,

Mrs. Bell had a prolonged sickness, and became very weak. One day Kate said to her: "Luce, poor Luce, how do you feel now? Hold out your hands, Luce, and I will give you something." The lady held out her hands and a lot of hazelnuts were dropped from above, into them. They were laid aside, and the voice said: "Luce, way don't you

eat the hazelouts?" Mrs. Bell replied that she could not crack them. "Well, I will crack some for you," said the voice. A sound like "Well, I will crack some hat made in cracking these nuts immediately followed, and a supply of cracked nuts dropped upon the bed, within Mrs. Bell's reach Company was present upon this occasion, and the celling was examined, without revealing the slightest explanation of the occurrence. One moining when Mr. Bell and his

son were on their way to the hog-pen the elder man's shoe was suddenly jerked off. The son replaced it, tying

the strings into a double hard knot. After they had gone on a lew steps the other shoe flew off. It was replaced by the son, and securely fastened. While they were returning to the house both of the shoes were jerked off, and Mr. Bell was violently slapped in the face

by an unseen hand. His face commenced to undergo violent contortions, then his whole body was affected in the same way, and soon the shoes were snatched from his feet as fast as the son could replace them. The air, meantime, was made yocal with words of reilement and ribald song.

It was upon this occasion that Mr. Bell's spirit, which had bravely and firmly porne up under his long persecuion, first seemed to break. He preicted that his days upon the earth would be few, and firmly prayed that he affliction might pass from him. But the prayer was not answered. He vickened upon reaching the house, and ever left it again. He lingered for weeks, the witch all of the time perseuting him with some manifestation of

its hatred. One morning, when he failed to wake at the usual time, his wife went to his bed and found him in a heavy rummoned and when the son who had been administering medicine went to get a dose, he found that the bottle had been removed, left in its place.

Doctor George Hopson, of Port Royal, a nearby hamlet, was sent for and has-filly appeared at the bedshie. Neighbors were called in, and among those who were present were John Johnson Alexander Gunn, and Frank R. Miles. Kate did not fail to attend, and said

jeeringly, "It's no use for you to try o relieve Old Jack. I have got him this time. He will never get up from that bed agaln."

Asked about the phial she said: "I asleep, which fixed him. Before the death of Mr. Bell, Kate neral had occurred. Mr. Bell died in tially build up the fac-simile of a human frame, but the morning of December 20, 1820. for purposes of exterior identification it is not neces- The burial services were conducted by three clergymen, of wide local distinction, one of them, Rev. Sugg Fort, being a member of a family which has for long been one of the most distinguished in the south, and is yet repre sented by some of the country's best known and wealthiest families. The

"My mouth shall speak the truth." | has a strong opinion may admit the possibility that his opinion may be false, he "Truth crushed to earth shall rise ought to be moved by the consideration that however true it may be, if it is not "To have truth and not live it is like fully frequently, and fearlessly discussed having lungs and refusing to breathe." it will be held as a dead dogma, not a "However unwillingly a person who living truth." John Stuart Mill.

were equal to such a tax, many parties went with all the necessary equipments for camping out. One such, which went from Nashville, was headed by General They had a wagon Andrew Jackson. well loaded with a tent and ample pro-visions. The men rode on horseback. They were following the wagon when he near proximity of the Bell place was algoalized by an event. The team suddenly stopped, without apparent cause or provocation. The road was perfectly smooth and level, but although the animals pulled with all of their might under the atimulus of the driver's voice and whip, they could not move the vehicle an inch. By direction of the general the men dismounted and put shoulders to the wheels. - It was of tto avail. The wheels were removed examined and found to be in normal condition as was every part of the

wagon. Suddenly the general threw up his hands and exclaimed, "By the Eternal, boys, it's the witch!" Then proceeded from the bushes at the roadside a voice, saying, "All right,

general; let the wagon move on. I will see you again to-night." The general remarked as the party proceeded, the team having started of their own accord, that this sort of think was worse than fighting the Brit-

The party stopped at the Bell home and were hospitably received. chanced that a "witch layer" was present, who boasted much of his wonder ful power and prowess. He had a horsepistol, which was loaded with a sliver bullet. He also had the tip of a black cat's tail. 'He stated that he had shot the cat from which it was taken with a silver bullet, while sitting on a woman's coffin. This, of course, gave it magic. By stroking the bit of tail on his nose he could produce a light and flash it upon a witch, in the darkest hight, but the witch could be seen only by himself.

Late in the night Gen. Jackson whispered to a friend that the fellow was a great coward, and said he wished "the thing" would appear, so that they could see him run. Soon light tootfalls were heard, and a voice said: "All tight, general; I am on hand, ready for business. Then it addressed the witch laver, gaving: "Now, Mr. Smarty, here 1 am. Shoot!

The fellow stroked his nose with the tip of the black cat's tail, took aim, pulled the trigger of his pistoi, but it failed to go off. He was told by the witch to try again. He tried again, with the same result.

"Now, it is my time," said the witch; look out, you old coward and fraud. I'll each you a lesson.

Sounds were then heard as if some person was slapping another with the open hand.

The magician commenced to cavort about the room, screaming, as if in much agony: "O, my nose, my nose! The devil has got me! O, lordy, he nas got me by the nose!

of the time, have left abundant testi- Reverend James Gunn undertook to investigate the mystery, and in the most mony.

John Bell, with his wife, several chil- carnest way asked the voice to reveal foren and some slaves, removed irom its identity, and the answer was that if North Carolina in 1804, and settled on the truth must be known it was noth Red River, in Robertson county, Ten-ing but "Old Kate Batts' witch," and nessee, purchasing 1,000 acres of rich that it was determined to torment "Old land. His daughter, Bessie, was a win- Jack Bell" out of his life.

some and beautiful girl. She was sent From this circumstance the torment-to the best school in the neighborhood, or became known throughout the and received what was then considered | neighborhood as Kate, and for convenlence that name will be used hereafter a good education. The first mysterious occurrence about is designate the mysterious disturber of the Bell premises was in 1817. Mr. the peace and dignity of the country

Dêws.

turning.

Kate made many visits to the North

Carolina neighborhood from which the

Bell family had emigrated, and always

brough back an interesting budget of

ing the time consumed in going and re-

she called Old Luce, but she evinced no

family, while her sentiments regarding

Mr. Bell were those of unconcealed and

deadly hatred. It is thought to this day

seen enemy's malevolence; a good man

crucified upon the cross of human inca-

She became an inveterate neighbor

She was very kind to Mrs. Boll, whom

She proved a reliable reporter,

Bell was walking through a cornfield around about the Bell home. After Kate had developed the power with a gun when he saw a strange apof speech sufficiently she gave an exhi pearing animal sitting between two rows of fihe corn and steadfastly gaz- bition of her powers by repeating Mr. ing at him. Concluding that it was a Johnson's prayer upon the occasion of rascal dog he fired at it, but missed, and the first visit that he made to the Bell it ran away. Some days later his son, home, after the demonstrations com-Drew, saw a bird which he at first took menced, and also singing the song to be a turkey, and ran to the house for which had been sung upon that occa-a gun, but when he returned and got sion. She designated Mr. Johnson as within range the pird assumed an en- Old Sugarmouth, and was fond of say tirely unheard of aspect, great size, and [ing, "Lord, how sweet Old Sugarmouth prays. How I do love to hear him' calmly flew away.

Then commenced a series of strange rappings at the door and on the walls of the house; and a little later the same noises were repeatedly heard in the house.

Dean, a slave, reported that a black loo, although her visits cometimes last-dog came into the road in front of him led only a day, or even less time, includevery night when he went to his cabin, trotted in front of nim to the door, and then disappeared.

Something that sounded like fats gnawing at the bedposts disturbed the affection for any other member of the boys during their sleep, then followed sounds like dogs fighting in the room, and after that they heard exact imitations of the noises which would be pro-that her persecutions drove him to a duced by dragging trace chains over premature death the victim of an un-As soon as a candle was lighted the noises ceased.

The room of Bessie, the young pacity to comprehend the things that daughter of Mr. Bell, was also invaded are but dreamt of in our philosophy. and Mr. Bell was seized with a suffening of the tongue, which affected him as bood tattler and informer, and if a small stick had been placed end imore dreaded for her gossipy propensiwise across his mouth, pressing against ties than the worst merely human gosboth cheeks until they protruded. Dur-ing these attacks he could not eat. Joshua Gardner was a school teacher ing these attacks he could not eat.

Strict secrecy was maintained by the in the Bell neighborhood, of excellent family for a considerable time, but at character and reputation. He was pay last it was thought best to confide their ing his addresses to pretty Bessie Bell troubles to their excellent neighbors, and one of the chiefest ambitions of the James Johnson and his wife. They were witch seems to have been to prevent invited to pass a night at the house and the marriage. And in this she was suc willingly accepted the invitation. After cessful, as will be seen.

The first intimation of her desire to the story of their affliction had been related Mr. Johnson led in the usual faminterfere with the affairs of this young itly devotions, and in his prayer carncouple came in the sound of earnest estly besought an explanation of the pleading whispers, "Please, Betsey Bell, mystery-or that the annoyances might cease. After the good man and his don't marry Joshua Garaner! Please Betşy Bell, don't marry Joshua Gard ner!

wife had gone to bed the noises were After Kate had become an estab heard in their room, and the bed clothlished fact, a recognized institution in ing was snatched from over them. Mr. Johnson sai up and asked the presence, the neighborhood, a witch family ap if presence there were, to make itself peared upon the scene, and the terror visible and state the nature of his er- which her antics had inspired was now rand the object of the visitations. He more than quadrupled. This family gave a series of concerts throughout was vouchsafed no sort of satisfaction. the neighborhood, in which all kinds of and the next morning he carnestly adsongs, from sacred to shockingly provised Mr. Bell to make his troubles pubfane, and from profane to superlatively lic.

obscene, were sung. This was done and it was not long The saured songs were often rendered afterwards that the disturbed began to as by a quartet of the sweetest female talk.

One of the distinguishing charactervolces. william torter was a prominent and group was accustomed to istics of this witch, as it was called, mas that it nover but once assumed hu-inally, known respectively as Black inan form, as most witches do. It was isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected, at imes, of taking the rusalem. Black Dog officiated as the isspected at the taking the rusalem. Black black black for colored people, once is contervate mained over night, partir to gratity his a state of great fright.

ure into the constitution of matter we confront the theory of atoms, but no sooner do we imagine that we but it is seldom accomplished except in places to The physician could not tell what have now reached an indestructible ultimate than which the general public can gain no access, and for was in the vial. Some of it was forced rushed out and ran away, yelling like some authoritative voice in the field of scientific re- the reason that more delicate conditions are necessary into a cat's mouth, and the animal died search shatters the idea of ultimate atoms into frag- for its production than can be usually afforded outments by deducing that every atom is decomposable side the precints of specially set apart meeting places. Indulged in a good deal of joyous revelinto electrons which in turn may be disposed of by the As the atmosphere contains humanized particles in ry and song, but after he had breathed his last she held her peace until the fusuggestion that they also may be resolvable into some- | great abundance, it is often possible for spirits to parthing else.

Primum mobile, or the primordial substance designated etheria by some schools of occultists, certainly sary to fashion a complete structure with every organ exists, but it is beyond the present scope of psychical belonging to a natural human body. We declare that investigation to discern and analyze it. Whether it is quite possible for spiritual beings to do the very matter or substance bethe correct term to employ utmost which has ever been claimed for them, but the when referring to this something out of which all usual phenomena at seances is either a mediumistic definitely differentiated things are made, is an open person entranced and employed as an instrument of question, but leaving aside the inquiry as to a name, it communication, or a sort of lay figure produced by is admitted on every side that some force or energy the action of spiritual volition of just sufficient solidresides in the universe which responds to the manipu- ity of corporeality to serve for the purpose of a manilative touch of some intelligence adequate to direct festation. its movements.

Far greater demonstrations are presumable in pri-Alchemy or occult chemistry is undoubtedly a sci- vate circles sitting regularly two or three times per ence, and by means of it all genuine feats of magic week than can possibly be afforded at promiscuous are performed. Materialization is a magical act per- gatherings, therefore we strongly advise patient pritaining to a realm of intelligence beyond the physical vate investigation in preference to the desultory and beyond that mental or intellectual groove in methods which often cause confusion and distrust. which external scientists dogmatically dwell. Unless W. J. COLVILLE.

that nigger in here?"

head of the family and leader of the in such a way as to tide the trundle- curlosity and parily to give the family orchestra. At times they made noises bed entirely from sight; thinking that an additional sense of seecurity. resembling those of drunken men in it would serve to keep the witch away. One night he felt the bed cover fierce brawl, and could even cause the for she had company, and did not will drawn from over him, and the familiar room to reek with the odor of whisky, to be disturbed. But the ruse did not voice of the witch said, "Billy, I have when there was not known to be a drop work well. While the room was full of come to sleep with you and keep, you when there was not known to be a user witch was distinctly nearly, "Well, Kate, if you are going to nately the family organization was of saying, "There's a d-d nigger in this "Well, Kate, if you are going to nately the family organization. It was kate who held house. It's Anky: I smell her under sleep with me, you must behave your selt," replied Porter. munity and the mystification of all who

Kate greatly disliked negroes, and once said: "I despise the smell of a nig-ger. The scent makes me sick."

She did not visit the cabins of the negroes, and that was well, else some of them would most likely have been frightened to death. A house boy at the Bell home, whose name was Herry, had the bad habit of being often late about building fires in the mornings. He had been repeatedly rebuked and threatened for his remissness, and one

day when Mr. Bell was expostulating with him, Kate snid, "Never mind, Old Jack; don't iret. I will attend to that rascal next time." She was true to her word. A few lays later Harry was tardy again, and

Mr. Bell was scolding him, when Kate interrupted with, 'Hold on, Old Jack! Didn't I tell you not to pester? I will attend to this nigger." The boy was at the time kneeling in

front of the hearth, making preparations to light the fire. The unseen evenger of his many sins of omission seized him by the nave of the neck and threshed him until he yelled again and again for mercy. The blows were dis-tinctly heard, and sounded like the noise made by striking a person with a mall board.

the bed, and she's got to get out." Then, under the bed, a' noise was heard like that of as person hawking and formed into a roll at the side of the

had opportunity to investigate the mys- and spitting. Immediately Anky burst bed. He selzed the roll and started for out from her hiding place in a pltiable the fire, fancying that he could burn state of fright, and covered with what the witch and rid his friends at once seemed to be splitle or foam. She ex- of a burden that was becoming unbearclaimed to her mistress, twice witch is able. But the load became so heavy be-trying to spit me to dealling. Then Kate fore he got to the fire that he was glad said to Mrs. Bell, "Buce," hid you bring to lay it down, and then it emitted so that higger in here?" ioul an odor that he rushed from the Mrs. Bell admitted that she had hid- room into the fresh air, and rejoiced at den the girl there, but made the excuse his escape. When he returned nothing that she allowed her to go under there, remained but the bed clothing. Both where she would be out of the way, so witch and roll had vanished.

Joel Johnson, who sometimes stayed that she might hear Kate talk and sing. "I thought so," replied Rate. "I guess with the Belis during their trouble, be-she heard me. Noticity but you, Luce, came tired of having the bed clothing would have thought of such a smart pulled off from him, and one night made trick as that, and Ranybody else had some observations upon the subject done it I would have killed the d-d which were not couched in the politest nigger. Lord Jesus i won't get over nor the gentlest language, addressing that smell in a month." On an occasion Chlym Johnson, a "You little rascal, I'll let you know.

man well known as being rigidly hon, who you are talking to," gaid that per-est and truthful, asked Kate to shake sonage or presence, and administered hands with him. She agreed to do so to him a lusty spanking, upon condition that he would solemnly In those days a good many Shakers

upon condition that he would solemnly in those days, good many shakers promise not to grasp her hand. He traveled through that locality, trading promised, and stated that he felt a with the people. Two of them often touch like that of a laft's hand in his. stopped at the Bell home, and were al-His brother tried to induce her to shake ways made welcome. One day when hands with him, but she flatly refused, they were seen approaching, the witch taying: "I know you, Jake Johnson; voice was heard to say: "Them d-d you are a grand rescal trying to find Shakers shan't stop this time."

me out, and I won't trust you. Then it assumed the tone of the ne-William Porter was a promitent and gro boy, Henry, who was accustomed to

other clergymen were Reverends James and Thomas Gunn. After the grave had been filled, and the family had turned to leave. Kate commenced to sing a lively, flippant air, of which the refrain was, "Row me up some brandy, O." The fame of the witch spread over the whole country. After the death of Mr. Bell she had little to say, and in

the spring of 1821 disappeared, or went out of business perhaps, would be a better expression, and was heard no more during a period of seven years. It bade Mrs. Bell an affectionate adieu, and stated that it would not ap-

pear during that period of time. In February, 1823, It reappeared, and

he first intimation of its presence was about the same as the first that it gave pon its first arrival-scratching at the loors, then knocking, and then pulling he bedding from sleeping people. The first public demonstration that it gave after the return was upon the occasion f a great fishing excursion, when pretty nearly everybody in the neighbor-hood, white and black, had gone to the river for a day's sport. Kate put in her appearance there as a big fish, and thorughly aroused all of the fear and superstition which had begun to die out ince her departure.

She had given no attention to the af-fairs of Bessie Bell and Joshua Gardher, and the young people had practically forgotten her objections to their marlage, had become engaged and the wedling day had been fixed. On this fate ful fishing day, however, Kate suddenly approached them and said to Bessie in the old, pleading tones which she had assumed years before when addressing the girl upon the same subject. "Please, Bessle Bell, don't have Joshua Gard ner." It is pitiful to relate that Bes sie's terror and superstition at last persuaded her into compliance with the vishes of the witch, and the match was

broken off. Now, witch conjurers, witch doctors aetectives, pretenders, curiosity-in-spired people and all classes commenced to flock to the Bell neighbor hood as they had done in the days be for Kafe's disappearance. During the lifetime of Mr. sell the fantily had al-ways flatly refused to accept compensation for entertainment to those who came to investigate the witch's performances. There seems, therefore, to have heen no ground for the suspicion which some people are said to have enterinfined that the domonstrations were do rised and executed by the Bells for notoricty and profit. Because they would accept no pay.

and it was known that the rezources of no family in that country at that time

ine door new open, as if of its ewn volition, and the witch layer mad all the time. The witch joined in the general roar of laughter, and said: "Lord Jesus, how the old devil did-run and beg. I'll bet he won't come here again with his old horse-pistol, to shoot me." Then it promised to return the next night and show another rascal who, it asserted was in the party. But the party left for Nashville the next cay. Perhaps they felt anxiety as to

where the lightning might strike. Kate was fond of unlacing Bessie Bell's shoes, and sometimes asked permission to do so, following the request by suddenly jerking them from the girl's feet.

One girl in the neighborhood had heard that a four-leaf clover would enable the possessor to see a witch, and hunted diligently for the talisman, but for a long time without success. Going to visit some friends across the Kentucky line she was so fortunate as to find the long-sought prize. She secreted it in her bosom, and told no one of her good fortune. The next day shew went home, and soon after her arrival there Kate said to her: "Lord Jesus. Theney, what a fool you have made of yourself. You went all the way to Old Man Placely's to hunt a four-heaf ciover. You brought it home secretly in your bosom, believing that it would make you able to see me. But you will never te smart enough for that. Iia, ha, ha!" Reynolds Powell and Allen Bell slept at the Bell house one night in 1861. They left the doors open, in order that they might have plenty of fresh air, The dog, which was outside, suddenly commenced to bark furiously, and soon after ran into the house, snapping and enarling. He soon ran out again. In an hour or so the bolster was violently jerked from under the sleepers' heads. They searched, but found nothing, then fastened the door. They put the bols-ter in place, laid their heads upon it firmly, and with all their strength held onto it with their hands. But it was quickly torn from their grasp and hrown upon their heads.

As late as 1872 two young ladies of bighest character, encountered an experience near the Bell place which they feel positive arose from the same source that gave origin to the demonstrations which continued from 1817 to 1361. But dreading notoriety, they refused to divulge the nature of their ad-venture, and also refused to allow the use of their names, Scores of people who live in that vi-

cinity to day have testified in writing to the aigh character of many who left behind them testimony of personal ex-

periences with the witch. A literary woman of the writer's equaintance, whose social standing is the highest, and who lives only a short distance from the Bell place, says that she knew Frank R. Miles, one of the men who saw and heard many of the demonstrations, and vouches for him as man of perfect reliability. She states, too, that members of her own family connection fold her of numerous instances of these demonstrations which sho would not like to repeat, so great a tax do they impose upon human credulity.

She states that a portion of the Bell kitchen is yet standing, and is an ob-(Continued on page 7.)

I emphatically answer No!

Letter From H. W. Richardson, President of the New York State Spiritualist Association, and One of the Most Prominent and Efficient Workers for the Cause of Truth in the Ranks of Spiritualism.

To the Editor :- Permit me to say through the columns of The Progressive Thinker that the New York State Association of Spiritualists stands for honest mediumship and does not endorse, excuse or knowingly tolerate detain Important Questions Connected with the Welfare of Spiritualism. ception, trickery or fraud in connection with the practice of the God-given powown sentiments, I am certain that I voice the sentiments of every officer of our state association as well as of the worthy conscientious workers of the

> No one feels more keenly than do we as state officials, the injustice to honest workers in our beloved cause, and the great injury to the growth and progress of the spiritual movement resulting from the deception and dishonesty which is sometimes practiced and palmed off as mediumship. And in so far as I am personally concerned, it would seem that my 20 years work in the cause, many times sacrificing business interests and denying myself the ordinary privileges of an occasional leisure hour, working without money and without price for Spiritualism, should be sufficient evidence of my integrity of purpose and of my loyalty to truth, and furthermore, it would seem that my activity as a member of the board of trustees of the Cassadaga Lake Association, in purging Lily Dale camp of fraudulent practices under the name of Spiritualism, were sufficient work, and bring them to justice. If we fail to do this, proof that I was not condoning fakism and by the by I have experiencea no change of heart in this direction since that time). Consequently I was indeed public at large. surprised to find in The Progressive Thinker, issue of August 13, page four under the caption, "A Plea for Hon esty," the following statement: "The state association of New York in giving expression to the wish that fakirs be let entirely alone forget the funda mental fact," etc., etc.

Now, Brother Francis, this state ment as it will be generally under stood, is misleading, for it will give the impression that we in the Empire state favor fraudulent mediumship-which i untrue.

To be sure we may sometimes be cheated or deceived, for we are only fallible beings, but we do not knowingly

are doing in this state; and I trust you will favor us as you have done so many times before, by again opening the col umns of The Progressive Thinker and giving space to this letter.

is a grand and noble movement and its proper presentation is of such vast importance to the human family, that I as as president of the state association, feel it duty to defend the integrity of our workers. And you, Brother Francis

will correct the misapprehension under to have been laboring. H. W. RICHARDSON,

Opinion of a Prominent Rockford Spiritualist. The Wisdom of Passion

To the Editor; - I have been much interested in beautiful spirit, talk for a few moments in a clear, reading the various opinions expressed pro et con, but sweet voice, then dematerialize in the center of the am surprised and disappointed that some who believe room, without having been near the cabinet.

themselvat to heigood, true Spiritualists would advo- Though there is much that is genuine, there is also cate keeping silent on the fraud question, or in other much that is not, and we must use our best judgment words, lefting the frauds and fakirs keep right on in in distinguishing the one from the other. We should their nefarious work of deception, without molesta- not be too ready to endorse, nor too willing to con-tion. To keep silent is to give consent, and is equiva- denn, but without prejudice or partiality, thoroughly lent to lending our aid to this most unscrupulous class investigate before we decide. About two years ago, of deceivers. A burglar who enters my house at night we had an experience in this city with a man, who was and robs me of my valuables, is no worse, in fact, is in reality, a good physical medium, clairvoyant and not so bad as the man or woman, who, for financial psychometric, but in private, he was trying to induce gain, tries to induce me to believe that my dear angel persons whom he thought he dared approach, to enmother emerges from a cabinet in materialized form, ter into same investment schemes he presented to tells me she is my mother, embraces me, and speaks to them, and after securing several hundred dollars in me in most endearing terms, when in reality, the form this way he suddenly disappeared. His victims, so is that of the person posing as medium, and the beau- far as we know, were all widows. This all came out tiful apparel worn is a gauzy construction previously, after he was gone, as his victims, now realizing their prepared for the occasion. For this clever piece of situation, revealed the facts, hoping to have him interdeception, I must pay one dollar or more. The person cepted, and get their money back.

who takes my money, and gives me in return this There was one Spiritualist in the city, who knew he spurious representation of my mother in spirit, is not was doing this kind of work, for he was told it by one only a robber, but a base, conscienceless hypocrite, whom he had tried to make one of his victims, yet he who makes use of things most sacred, to deseive us made no effort to have him brought to justice, but let and get our money. And after we are convinced that him escape with his ill-gotten gains. This good (?) we have been roubled and deceived by one of these un- Spiritualist boasted while the medium was here, that feeling money grabbers, shall we let them go right on he knew some Rockford people were going to get robbing and deceiving others? "left in a hole" by him, but he would not explain "left in a hole" by him, but he would not explain what he meant by such an assertion, but after he was Should we do so, we wrong our fellow man and the gone, and all was revealed, this good (?) Spiritualist rrand cause of Spiritualism. We should not lose an bother went about with an exultant smile upon his opportunity to inform the public of their deceptive face, and saying, "I told you so."

After the man had gone, and was no doubt, working we are guilty of gross neglect of duty to our fellow in a new field, and gaining new victims, this man who Spiritualists, to the cause we represent, and to the considers himself a good Spiritualist, tells what he had before kept a secret. Was he acting for the best For illustration, we will suppose that a minister of good of his fellow-man and the cause of Spiritualism, an orthodox church has been unmistakably detected when he permitted this man to escape without being in lying, cheating and defrauding, for financial gain, brought to justice and placed behind prison bars for in his business transactions with others, both in and getting money under false pretenses? After I out of the church, and the members of the church so- learned of his bad work here, I immediately wrote ciety that employs him, are thoroughly convinced of him up for the Spiritualistic press, desiring to warn his guilt, what would we Spiritualists think of them, all Spiritualists against him, and hoping that he if they endeavor to hide and smother his crimes, and, would see the article himself and be afraid to continue continue to endorse and employ him, and permit him in his work of swindling, knowing that the public had to go on in his evil work of wronging his fellow man? been warned against him.

Would we not think far better of them, and better of After the appearance of my article, I received many their religion, if they rise up in open revolt against, letters from all over the country, stating that a man him, and openly denounce his unscrupulous, dishon- whose work and appearance tallied with that I had est methods? Should they fail to do this, we could given, had at some time previous, been in their midst, not have much respect for, or confidence in them or and was wanted in these places for swindling in like their religion. The same will apply to us as Spiritual- manner, thus showing that he or some one else had ists. If we fail to boldly and openly denounce the escaped many times before, no doubt taking a new frauds and fakirs in our ranks, we place ourselves in name each place he went. When Spiritualists know the same position before and in the opinion of the pub- of such an unscrupulous person representing. Spiritualism, it is certainly their duty to have them inter-That there are genuine materializations, I am thor- cepted in their dishonest work, and brought to jusoughly convinced; and I have seen many of them, tice, notwithstanding their mediumship, for such persome of which gave me indisputable proof of their sons are wholly unfit morally and spiritually, to repreidentity. I have seen them come from the cabinet to sent the sacred cause of Spiritualism. Let us not be the center of the room, walk about, converse, sing, afraid to condemn and expose the frauds and dishonand then yanish or domaterialize in the center of the est modiums, and in this way uphold and protect the room, apparently sinking through the floor, though honest ones, and save our cause from disgrace. I beupon close inspection, no opening could be found in lieve the recent exposures of fraudulent materializacarpet or floor. I have seen them descend from the tions will help to root them out, and put the fakirs out MRS. F. C. KRAMER.

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or psychic phenomena; that being to us the strong evidence, the enduring

vise we must believe it only through

Even the churches and ministers are versed in regard to matters and things full of it. Only recently a friend of the that occurred in my early life, wherein writer, who is a medium and a healer, the materialized subject has recalled to had a patient-a fat, self-satisfied and my mind events, which had entirely arrogant minister, who prided himself passed from my mind, and has related on his ability to secure converts for his past events which I had never had any church, particularly among women. My knowledge of, as occurrences in our friend discerned the man's true charace ischool days of long ago. ter, and frankly told him that he was a In the face of all these facts it is im-moral pervert, and recounted to him possible for me to concur in the off-re-

To the Editor:-Much is being said life; and to understand Spiritualism, and written on the ever-present subject we as recent converts to that most beautiful and inspiring philosophy, I have just read the last contribution must in order to get it, begin at the be to the columns of your most excellent ginning, which is the study of splitual paper on that subject by Brother Loveland, which by very many may be regarded as an extinguisher; but to my conviction, the truth of which nothing mind nothing that I have yet seen, or can overthrow. These phenomena as read, or heard, has gotten down to bed demonstrated by clairvoyance, clairaurock of primary causation. Frand is rampant everywhere. Nothing that we the real forms and faces, as we saw

know of in our social, religious, finan- them in the earth life, through material cial, commercial, or governmental sys- izations. tems is free from it. Fraud, as we These phenomena are necessary to know it, see it, and practice it has come bring the certainty home to us; otherand continues as a result of pre-existing and continuing conditions, and we will faith, and what is evidence to others is have it just so long as those conditions not evidence to us; only the real is the continue "to 'exist; just as everything convincing evidence. Your writer nas else comes and continues under the law seen the real materializations, and has walked and talked with them, and conof evolution.

and are now living the life immortal. I have here given only a very meager outline of this great subject as I see it in my mind, but it will serve to show the way to a higher life through Spirit. ualism, to Socialism, here in the earth

PROOF PALPABLE.

Excellent Results in a Private Scance To the Editor :- The inquiring mind is searching after truth, the vital truth as to the proof of the continuity of life. and the possibility of intelligent communication across the border land, the

able? It is by and through the phenom-

Fully developed mediumship is a rare

ceiling like a ball of phosphorescent light, and upon of business. reaching the floor, gradually rise up into the form of a Rockford, Ill. anniser the first statements fluences. Suddenly, as he felt the pres

and placed my inopened questions thereon; we held them between us, above the table for about six minutes, feeling a vibration. Then on opening the paper was at once seen to contain writing, in white (although no such ma terial had been provided). 'Astonish ing as it may seem, there were 28 pages written upon, all consecutively num bered using that number of the upper sheets which I had placed within the slates.

Commercial Mediumship,

To my way of thinking there seems to be only one way of stamping out fraud, namely, to do away with commercial mediumship altogether; this I believe to be the only effective and whether in the seance, or upon the platradical cure; let mediums make a legit- form. It is a crime against two worlds, imate living same as other people do and deserves severe punishment. have always felt it my duty to expose couraged. Whenever we put a commercial value on Spiritualism we degrade the cause. An exalted, spirit rarely ever enters the personality of a commercial medium. The old seers and mystics never offered their spirit-Fred Bell, both of whom, at that time,

Dean Clarke's Opinion.

To the Editor :- Though able to write

but a few words. I wish to express my full endorsement of the course of The Progressive Thinker in exposing fraud,

it even though it was against my personal interest to do so. I made many

recognize or employ persons whom we believe are thus abusing and degrading medlumship; so that in this sense and to this extent we do intend to let fakirs alone. But the statement as published

and the remarks in connection there with, as it will be understood generally is unjust to our state officers and work ers and will tend to retard and neutral-

ize the honest conscientious work they

Were this purely a personal matter, should remain silent. But Spiritualism

are so loyal and conscientious a work er in this cause that I feel certain you

which the writer of that article seems

President N. Y. State Association,

that proof altain Be-

In Social, Religious, Commercial or Gov

An Impartial Hearing Is the Friend of Justice. It is a Safety Valve.

WHEREIN VARIOUS OPINIONS CAN BE EX-PRESSED BY SPIRITUALISTS THEMSELVES, THE ANALYTICAL MIND WILL BEAD THE SAME, AND IN SO DOING WILL HAVE AN ACT-UAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE EXACT STATUS OF OUR CAUSE. THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE FALSE AS WELL AS THE TRUE, IS WELL PRE-PARED TO FORM A CORRECT OPINION, WHILE THE ONE WHO KNOWS NOTHING BUT THE FALSE, IS ONE-SIDED, IS IGNORANT, AND INCAPABLE OF FORMING A CORRECT OPINION. HE, TOO, WHO HAS THE TRUTH ALONE, AND KNOWS NOTHING OF THE DECEPTION GOING ON IN OUR RANKS, CAN NOT CORRECTLY JUDGE OF THE CONDITION OF OUR CAUSE. IT IS NECESSARY TO KNOW THE BAD AS WELL AS THE GOOD, AND THEN A CORRECT ESTI-MATE CAN BE MADE. THE OPEN COURT PRE-SENTS BOTH SIDES, AND IF YOU WILL CARE-FULLY READ THE SAME, YOU WILL BE THE WISER AND BETTER THEREFOR. REALIZING FULLY BOTH THE GOOD AND THE BAD, THE TRUE AND THE FALSE, YOU CAN ACT UNDER-STANDINGLY IN FORMING AN OPINION, BUT NOT OTHERWISE.

THE OPEN COURT IS A SAFETY VALVE



the gross evils which he was at that peated denials of materialization. very time practicing almost daily, and cause, I say it boldly, that I know of my got an admission from him that it was cwn positive knowledge. PAUL DESTEN.

Thousands and indeed miliions of people are now compelled to resort to fraud, perjury, theft, arson, murder and every wrong in the calendar of wrongs to get money in order that they may continue an existence, even though miserable one. Now, what is the way out of all this?

FRAUD IS RAMPANT.

ernmental Conditions.

"Fraud in Mediumshin."

What the world needs more than all also is better government.

There is no government in the world that is as good or as just to all of its culated to undermine the genius of the people as it should be. Switzerland and Zcaland are leading the way to greater freedom and better government than any other lands on our plan-Why do we not learn of them? Mainly because of our arrogant and un-

reasoning partisanism. It is said, and I think very truly, that our country produces in such abundance all the necessaries and comforts minded Spiritualists, with gratitude and of life; that a much greater population than we have could be supplied with evcrything that life here can need or desire, if only the masses had the means to acquire what they need, and there

But some one has said, cover up the were the facilities of distribution. fraudulent, give it no publicity, lest the contagion of the iniquity abound, or the These facilities we undoubtedly have. so that in its last analysis it means only the means of acquiring. More is publicity of the offenders injure the wasted and permitted to go to loss evcause.

tempt.

ery year than would suffice to feed and This advice, I am sure, would not be in accordance with the wisdom or judgclothe the needy poor throughout the length and breadth of our land. ment of Solomon; nor like the wisdom But who is going to give to them, exor genius of The Progressive Thinker, which, from its first inception, while cept a limited few in number without ever defending the genuine, would excompensation in money?

It is also ascertained that any person pose and condemn to the uttermost the wilfully fraudulent. with the physical strength to work from

four to six hours a day, through from No legitimate cause could ever bc injured by an exposure of crime, and no legitimate cause could ever be helped five to seven years, along industrial and productive lines, produces a sufficiency by a concealment of crime. It would, of necessities, which if it were stored up and preserved, would suffice to keep therefore, be an outrageous crime of them in comfort all their lives. But any spiritual journal not to expose and condemn, to the uttermost, the crying why keep it?

become producers along difevil of dishonest or pretended medium Let all ferent lines of useful industries, and ship, when or wherever found. eliminate from our land all that is use-The fearlessness with which The Pro gressive Thinker has always protested less and harmful in its results. Let us. against dishenest or pretended medium have the Co-operative Commonwealth; community of interest; the welfare of ship is deserving of the world's congrat-ulations. But this is only what might each the interest of fall; every one receiving their share in products of joint be expected of its editor, by those who know him best-as the genuine friend of genuine mediumship, but the veriest labor: none in want. Eliminate the tyranny of an unjust monetary sys foe to frauds or spiritual impostors. tem. Establish great supply houses Spiritual imposture, like religious imwhere each and every one on the pres rosture, is greatly to be deplored, but how to stop the evil, is not by hiding it, entation of a certificate of service rendered can procure every necessity and or suggesting to the spiritual press the comfort of life.

Let us have a currency that no one policy of concealing it, but by denouncing it as crime-unpardonable crimecan steal or obtain unjustly, or if they they could not use, and in its editorial columns ? which

TO TRY TO HIDE SPIRITUAL which would benefit only the one to FRAUD, WILL BE A GOOD WAY TO whom it was issued. Then what a wonwit- PLEASE THE SPIRITUAL FAKIR. derful transformation we would ness. Only the very best in every hu- BUT A BAD WAY TO PLEASE THE man soul would be educed or brought SPIRITUAL PUBLIC. out. Self-help.and co-operative help-And, now that the subject of fraud is

fulness will revolutionize the world by again aroused, especially since the re-mild and neaceful methods.

Fraud, deceit and indeed all crimes Laura M. Hyland (bless her), let the will pass away, and the world will be good work of exposure go on, which will come whith it ought to be a heaven on meet the approval of all good people, earth. Then we will become spiritual- and which, in the end; will prove th work, or to jail. DR. R. GREER. Chicago, Ill. hourly communion with those we love. who have passed from the earth life

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Cleveland, Ohio.

The Surest Way to Suppress Fraud.

To the Editor :- While genuine medi-THEY umship, and genuine spirit phenomena, LUCRE. have been the glory and grandeur of Modern Spiritualism, the fraudulent gift, and we must therefore look to and spurious have ever been its great-

such for that proof of what we are seek est curse; for the fraudulent is éver ing. Long experience and careful observaspiritual philosophy, to generate distion have taught me that for some rea trust, and to otherwise reflect on the son, not generally understood, all our spiritual cause; although the spiritual best mediums have been at one time or cause is in no way responsible for it. another accused of fraud, so-called, in While, too, the genuine mediums are the manifestations. When the charges contributing their share to the grandare sustained and the medium is con eur and glory of Spiritualism, their sciously responsible, there is no excuse

names will live in history, and be reto be offered in palliation of the of membered by all intelligent and broadfense. But let it ne the work of the So cicty of Psychical Research, or any othrespect; the wilfully fraudulent, who ers to look fairly into that subject and bring reproach upon Spiritualism for ascertain, if possible, why it is so; parthe money there is in it, will only be ticularly as it is well known that much thought of with ignominy and conof the alleged trickery is chargeable to

a psychic condition brought about by the sitters and investigators, as well as of excarnate spirits, all playing upon the subtile instrument who is accuse of all the blame. The more highly at tuned the instrument, the greater the liability to these perversions.

All right minds condemn deception but delight in truth and honesty. Let us then seek for light and truth. The writer has been fortunate enough to have had a couple of private

sittings recently with one of the finest psychics ever met with: It mattern not that there may have been accusa tions against him, as with all others justly or unjustly: I wish for the benefit of your readers to narrate briefly the main points of the sittings. My personal acuaintance with this medium is

slight, have not seen him, until recent ly, for about six years. He is gentlenanly, and courteous to all, and always ready to accord reasonable test conditions. The phenomena in his presence, which are varied, are certainly above

suspicion. At the first of the sittings referred to, sat at table, in full daylight; the me dium opposite to me. Upon the table was a single pair of slates, 6x9, and a pile of blank paper, size to fit these slates. This paper has a black glazed upper surface upon which the independent writing appears in gold or white ink. The contrast to the black surface when the writing is produced, is very pronounced as well as beautiful. Th medium is extremely passive, while the sitter apparently does, all the work I was requested to place a quantity of

this paper upon one of the slates, and did so,mixing and disarranging the sheets. This then lay before us undisturbed or untouched, on the open slate was invited to write any questions addressing same to my spirit friends." did this, folded the paper and after enlosing the same in an envelope, sealed it. This envelope never left my sight during the sitting. The medium occasionally held it, rolled up, in the palm of his hand. We sat engaged in ordinary conversation something more than

an hour before the medium felt the in- Los Angeles, Cal-

cluding those whom I had addressed, and all queries fully answered.

ena of modern Spiritualism alone that This was certainly marvelous, for there were no less than 1350 words prethe answer is to be found.' IN VIEW OF ALL THE DISCUSSIONS LET IT cipitated after closing the slates, at the BE ADMITTED THAT THERE ARE rate of 3% words per second. faster, FRAUDS, IN THIS, AS IN ALL POPUreally, than one can read. It is food for LAR MOVEMENTS, SO LOW IN THE SCALE AS TO CARE NOT IF THEY thought, and such facts appeal to all truth lovers. RUIN ANY CAUSE, PERCHANCE MAY THERBY OBTAIN

The subsequent sitting was equally acceptable. I wrote my inquiries and sealed them at home, and had like good results. Among the incidents I may mention that on' my paper containing

questions, I had addressed one subject to two spirits, not at all connected, and then before sealing decided to erase one of the names, and did so effectually, yet the message was signed by the said two Light tappings were heard names. while holding the slates. An audible request was made that the control would put the writing substance on heavier than usual in some one spot and in proof that the invisible intelligence heard this remark, on opening one sheet was found thus stuck to the upper one from this very cause. • There were 25 sheets written full at

this sitting, and at this as at the former, the communications are most interesting, and personal, and character istic of the communicators. The sub jects of my interrogatories were fully comprehended and replied to by those

whom I addressed, I will not take up more space at pres ent. Such phenomena carry conviction with them, and my wish is that all who earnestly and sincerely desire to be convinced of the reality of spirit communion would seek for it where it may CHAS. P. COCKS. he found Brooklyn, N.Y.

A Policeman and His Club.

To the Editor: As a constant reader of your valuable paper, I wish to add a word of mine as to the question of materialization. Infirmly believe that it is terialization. Infinite believe that it is not possible for ourviewed ones to re-turn in the form as flesh and bone, and all that goes to make up as we see men to-day. to-day. Many have said itlis true. But give

us the truth. Many exposures have been made all over this country, and to day we have a materializing medium in our city who has a policeman at her seances with his bullgin his pocket and he has said he would knock any one down that would grab the spirit. The fact of her maying a policeman there carries with tritle evidence of fraud. . tue

As to Mr. Hale, 4 know him, and he is well known as a man of honor. I have heard him speak, and will say he is a power. He hits straight from the shoulder. Ha told ma he denies noth-

ing, but is looking for the truth. Mr. Hale takes part in our Sunday morning meetings in the Truth Seckers, and his friends are legion, for we know bow he has suffered by those frauds here and those that have left us for our good. I ionly wish we had a thousand such

men as Mr. Hale four cause would be stronger, for he stands only for the truth, and when he takes the rostrum, wo niways "have a reast. Only the fakirs fear him that the takes to be

MRS. MARY I. FOWLER.

were the idols of many deluded Spiritual gifts for sale. As another example. analogous to the above, I might cite the ists.

Time has justified my course. As reold masters; their souls were wedded gards Mrs. R., however, they were partto their respective arts, not to the money value of their work, for they all ly excusable from the fact that she has been a medium from her childhood, and died poor. Their ambitions were of a purely spiritual nature, and their suc-cess reached the limit. How is it tocan, and does when she chooses, give genuine phenomena. But this, in my day? A Paderewski may play before opinion, is all the worse for her, for she abuses her spirit helpers, besides wickcrowded houses, receiving a princely salary, but he is only reproducing the edly deceiving her patrons, when she compositions of the old masters-nothgives spurious phenomena.

Undoubtedly there are deceiving ing more. But to come back to the subject. I spirits, as well as tricky mediums, who should share in the dishonor and hink it has been pretty well proven disthat materializations are mostly of a grace of an exposure. It used to be a fraudulent nature; why, then, encourfavorite (and a very appropriate) ex age them and those that produce them? pression of Mrs. R., that, The devil

Better have paid teachers or lecturers (non-mediumistic) who teach the had such help unless she wanted it, higher philosophy of Spiritualism, and and cannot thereby shirk responsibility. do away with the phenomena craze. It I trust that The Progressive Thinkey will only be a matter of time before is the Hercules that will purge our the local authorities will stop material-Augean stables thoroughly, and I be izations and like productions altolieve its "Open Court" should be kept open till all the vile deceivers who disgether: for as long as money is in volved in sutch exhibitions the temptagrace our holy cause have been extion to resort to fraud is ever present posed, and then, at least, given a "good and the investigator; as well as the letting alone" by all who love Truth, public in general, is continually being Honesty and Virtue.

numbugged. I know a good many will say such a course would retard the growth of Spiritualism; it may for a time, but what of it? The truth (if there be any truth at all in Spiritualism) would finally triumph. I think Spiritualists could do without

paid mediums.

family there is one sensitive, one gifted with clairvoyance: if such be true why can't Spiritualists develop some of the members of their own family, and have home circles, instead of going to wit

ness a doubtful materialization show? I have been investigating spiritual phenomena for the last twelve years and have found but precious little that would be any proof to me of the genuineness of materialization. I wish to say in conclusion that if commercial mediumship is done away with, we might get at the real truth regarding all physical manifestations relative to Spiritualism. This is my candid opin-WM. RAUSMAYER. Coshocton, Ohio.

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Something to bring the spell and power of the unknown into the prosaic atmosphere that measures man's life by his ability to earn money is a growing Western need that figures more perhaps, than the papers take note nothing deeper than the Christian mysof in the eager turning of the white man's eyes toward the martial stir. among the yellow brethren. For centuries on centuries missionaries and Otlent and seeking to unveil the temple of leis, and still the silence and the mystery remain. "Japan is the key small matters to people who have not that "the rengious and myester of the unseen for did not seem to have any restraining thousands of years.

There is the dividing of the ways, all the Christian nations of the earth, whose avowed business it is to seek first the kingdom of God and his rightcousness. Now, let alone any higher claim in the matter, would it not be well for these bustling Christian nations to wrap themselves in a few holy mysterics and purposes, if only to become a little more interesting, and less transparently measurable, purchasable and vulnerable to the entire universe.

"If you meet a man whose centrality able counsels of the Orientals, and the is unknown to you, you might as well unspeakable Turk and unconscionable snub the sun," said one of those bles. Chinese Boxers have done much to fos ter this stern idea. aed Concord philosophers, who came as Yet, in penetrating to the heart of the near to the Eastern triumph in the unseen as any beings our own land has matter everywhere, one,finds that it is harbored. But no man whose treasures picus zeal for some supposed god of harbored. But no man whose treasures picus zeal for some supposed god of were mainly on earth was ever able to truth and justice, and fancied, or perhide himself from the spubs and stabs haps real, insults to him, that creates of the hunters. Even love, which is the difficulty. Even the Chinese cry admitest of all time's children in con-against "foreign devils" shows the nature of his mind and faith as to the cealing its movements, is forever getthings he should fight for and against this cought in the snare of the fowler, things he should fight for and against, and the heart that can not shelter itself in fact, everywhere among the Orienin the heart of the eternal is never tals it is their religion and their altars, quite sure that daws shall not find and their temples and their gods, around

which all their whole life, thought, litpeck at it. So satisfied is the world becoming erature, social systems and governthat it can read all the secrets of the ments, revolve, and take their colors. natural man that it is moved to reduce And when Christ cometh, shall he do the entire population of the earth to more than this? is the natural question three or four fixed types, and keep them which they propound to Christian naall going by a few springs of action tions. Perhaps it is reserved for them affixed to those types. "Spasmodic to bring their own answer. Let them muscular contractions" determines the in, with their spiritual zeal and fervor, nature of their smiles and tears, and to the Christian mysteries along the the condition of the arteries the precise natural path of world's progress and deeasure of their loves or hates. Some velopment, and who knows but the star occult world to bide himself in is beof the Christ may again dawn on us coming an absolute necessity for any from the East. Certainly something creature who would not be turned different from the god of mammon with whom he has to do by the ex- tion. IRENE CLARK SAFFORD. with whom he has to do by the ex- tion.

govern the spiritual life, and the re-searches that are being made are comthe N-ray proposes to follow him even ford, in the St. Louis Globe Democrat, there, and psychology is doing its ut-and perhaps to no class of readers will most to hunt him down in all the secret places of his soul. Yet, once he drops down into the unfathomable sea of the parent soul, human science fishes after him in vain.

And this is precisely what all the To be thoroughly interesting one true myslics and seers of earth have must, of course, be inscrutable. The been doing for ages; and, not alone in yellow mask is the one thing to over-the wilds of India, but in the simplest come the yellow peril. To get at the inmlet of the land, where some fair heart of Japan the nations would almost child, or patient pligrim by the wayside, looks at you with eyes that stir the mys-Hayashi, with the child look of wonder tic depths of your own soul, because the diplomats' problems and policies in that "they have looked at God." It is the story of little Mattie in Mrs.

Browning's tender lines, "She has seen the mysteries hid

Under Egypt's pyramid." All the mysteries of Isis, of Brahma or of Buddha resolve themselves to teries cover, if any Christian soul cared

to take refuge in them. The papers looked upon it as teachers, statesmen and governments have been knocking at the door of the out from various houses for the street scavenger as a prayer card, indicating mystery remain. "Japan is the key to the Orient," says one of the latest and closest students of the Eastern problem, "but nobody has the key to Japan." "I have been in India all my life," said a cultured Christian teacher, with the East India exhibit at the World's Fair, "but I am only at the very threshold of their temple of life. It would take many lifetimes are small matters to people who have been listening at the gates of the unseen for thousands of verts. "a beautiful religious custom similar

effect on those in its vielnity," though the hopeless break in any meeting amusing enough under the circum-ground between East and West, that one is hunting mainly for wealth in the place which the real thing holds in the unseen, the other bent still upon build-ing up wealth in the seen. And, curi-ously enough, this "other" represents is salvation work on our shores. Likewise is supported by the strength and revolution it suggests the strength and revolution f ideals which these nations that have been silently working in the unseen and spirit forces for centuries on centuries would bring to mankind if at length they should throw off the human slumber and resolve themselves into world powers.

Of course, it has been a wily devil, far more than a righteous God, that has been supposed to figure in the inscrutunspeakable Turk and unconscionable

ing nearer to the realm of the occult, the region from which originated all of the forces that at present are being utilized in the external world. The laws that the different races of mankind have formulated, by which they were to regulate their conduct in relation to each other, could only be of type representing the intellectual and

spiritual development of the race or nation at the time they were formed. They could not be any higher, but as soon as advance was made to higher planes of life religious or political the external laws changed so as to repre-sent the internal spirit in its growth. This must be if they are to be effective for it would need a despotism of the first water to be able to enforce laws that did not have at least a passive red ognition. Many good laws have failed

adoption has been the means of bring-ing life nearer to a more periect under-standing of the laws that more directly

in their intended mission because after they had been placed on the statute books they became inoperative, an interest not being aroused in the neces sity of their enforcement, and many bad laws have also failed after they had been made legal through nefarious means because they did not receive the support their advocates expected. Hu-

man life externally in all of its various forms is a type of human life internally; the dominant note sounded on the keyboard is the one proving the predominating influence of the spiritual forces in life, and in proportion to its refinement is the outward manifestation graded. HAMILTON DE GRAW.

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SHALL WE ESCHEW MEAT? Dr. Lillard Points to the Japanese to

Show What Vegetable Diet Will Do for Men.

There is a legend that before the lood, meet as a food was unknown. Phose were the days when, the Scriptures tell us, men lived to be 700 and 800 years old. According to this story, which has been handed down from the ages, it was not until the waters re ceded and man dwelt upon the earth again that he began the consumption of meat. I do not youch for these statements

Neither do I write myself down a vegetarian. It is a fact, nevertheless, that man is practically the only animal that eats dead food. The lobster lives on dead food, and so does the hyena, but aside from them and man, there are very few of the thousands of birds and animals that inhabit the earth who will eat anything but what may be described as being allve.

When a baby is born, its first demand is for live food-milk-and so I think the natural tendency is loward the live foods as distinguished from the flesh of slaughtered animals.

Nevertheless, the question as to the comparative value of the meat as against the vegetable diet is one that depends largely upon the individual. I don't think there is any doubt that a man or woman can exist without meat as well as with it. But then there are some whose systems lemand a little meat in order properly to nourish their bodies. It depends entirely upon the physical condition of the individual. his Aside from the broad aspect of the case, I think that this is a good time of

the year for all of us to give up meat, or at least to eat as little of it as we feel that we can manage on.

Meat is stimulating, and stimulation s just what is not needed, except in isolated cases, in the summer. Take some meat extracts, and one may almost become intoxicated on them. This is bad, for it is always a good rule to avoid all timulants during the heated term. As a substitute of meat, weight for

weight, there are some vegetables that are ever more nutritious and strengthening than any meat that can be eaten. Beans, corn and peas, to which I may

dd oatmeal and wheat, and all kinds

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ere, you would all be bright and happy as the lark. one by one, or more as the case might be, had started world all the grand orations that the world has ever on a voyage to Europe, or Asia, or even Africa; and at last 1 myself also started on a similar voyage, and and with the mouth, Robert G. Ingersoll gave all his when I arrived, one by one I would meet those who had gone before,

Now, instead of Europe, just change it to Celestial Land-and all tkese people are so much better and happier and heighter than they formerly were, the through the mouth. All the ministers, in all parts of voyage having changed them into beauty and bright- the world, give forth their sermons with the mouth.

Now when one is in America, and one has a very given through the mouth. All the beautiful lectures dear friend who has gone to Europe, what is it inter- of Cora L. V. Richmond are given by the mouth. venes between them? One may say it is distance, but what makes the distance? Is it not land and water Moses Hull's mouth? also his brother, D. W. Hull? and air, and are not land, water and air material All the messages from the spirit realms that have been things that separates those friends.

My wife cries out, sometimes, in her grief: "O! Car-lyle! Where are you, my husband? If you are with me in spirit, I cannot see you, or hear you with these material senses. Oh ! it is a great gulf that separates of Light for fourteen years. Think of Wendell Philus;" and I reply telepathically: "I am truly near you lips and William Lloyd Garrison, of Henry Ward but we are separated by the material—the material Beecher and Phillips Brooks. Thinks of a Daniel lies between us, dear.

ther away from you than I am, but the opaque mate- they all ate with their mouths, and fed their bodies rial lies between us. You cannot see through it with thereby, but I think that each and all of them would your material eyes which are only fitted to see mate- have said that eating was the lowest use to which they rial things; and your material ears are only fitted to put their mouths, although wholly necessary. receive the vibrations caused by material sounds. within the dark material and cannot see or hear other than the material.

Then she asks me : "Can you see me, dear?"

"Yes, for I have escaped from the material prisonhouse and my vision now not only can penetrate the material, but the spiritual has come into view like a the mouth, teachers of all grades and classes instruct vast new continent that my eyes never beheld before. their pupils and now we come to my own art, the

dear, where there was not a loop-hole or window, and How could you get along without your mouths? you had always lived there. You had heard that Your throats would be of little use without your you had always lived there. You had heard that Your throats would be of little use without your been written on these subjects by dif-there was an outside world, but your eyes had never months. Where is Jenny Lind and her mouth? terent schools, but they were superficial beheld it; and after awhile someone rolled away some large sliding doors, and a great world of light and beauty was revealed to your enraptured sight. Now the material within which you are imprisoned is like that, and when the material is rolled away from you, like those large sliding doors, a great world of spiritual and celestial heauty bursts upon your sight. You plished without their mouths, for they were declaimoan still see the prison and all it contained, yet you do ing for a number of hours every evening; and this is not want to be confined within it any more.

As my wife reads over articles in The Progressive Thinker, her soul crics up to me with a great cry +

"O, Carlyle! my dear love-my other self-come to me and answer some of these questions that so puzzle humanity. You are now where you know and can answer many of them. Here is N. B. Freeland, who asks, 'What use could a spiritual body have for feet? Why have ears where there is no atmosphere? What use can a spiritual body have for a mouth, abdomen, stomach, heart, lungs, and so forth ? "

"My dear wife, I am here in answer to your call. I never failed when in the material body, to respond to any ery for help that you might send forth. I will not fail you now, though the heavens fall-but, first, I desire to make a statement; then, afterward, try to | express itself to and within the material, while it is on show a materialistic world that the absurdities lie in that plane of existence. materialism and not in Spiritualism. My statement is the following: I am now out of my material body and You commence wrong and end wrong; and you will so do know, positively, that I have hands, feet, mouth, never be right until you commence right. There is ears, abdomen, stomach, brain, and all the organs that something more to life than matter, force, and intelligo to make up the body of a man. These, organs gence as there is something more to the mouth than The organs themselves are perfect in every respect. something more is the entering into matter of the in-This is my statement as a spiritual being through my own dear wife who is not a fraud, a falsifier or a liar; germ in all its parts, for the purpose of growth and to spiritual guardianship and oversight for that, for could see what I did not then know or think-that I should soon pass out of my form and she would be left and pointing to higher and firmer ground. helpless and unprovided for. How can I ever thank him enough? Now I have called to my aid, Robert Ga to answer these questions. While I control my wife to write he will stand near to aid me in my thoughts; and, together, I think we shall be able to make them have no music in the spirit realms? Is music someplainly understood by the people. I want you all to send to this lady, Mrs. Carlyle Peter- Does a grand oratorio already exist within a crawsilea, Garvanza Station, R. F. D., Los Angeles, Cal. for a book called 'Philip Carlislie,' which is inscribed and dedicated to me-Robert G. Ingersoll-which I, myself, read diligently and thought upon deeply, for mouth and a throat or he could not laugh. it was written by a spirit for my especial delectation, and in it the ancient spirit prophesies my own departure, and states why I should be shortly gathered to my fathers; not only this, but my exact condition of mind was therein explained and well shown up. "Now, by a great natural law, I must undo the wrong to humanity which I did; the good will take care of itself. I have tried to reach the people, through these twain that make one, before; but received a slap in my spiritual face, and so retreated to bide my time which I well-knew would shortly come. I am no coward, as 'you' all know, and would have faced hell and the devil without flinching had I been called to do so and could have found them, but this time I will stand third in the chain, and, when you slap, slap the lady. 'You are all brave men, agnostics' and materialists, soffie of you of my own making. Slap the lady. Now I will show her up to you: A white-haired, broken+hearted, grief-stricken, desolate widow, of more than sixty years of age, whose husband now stands by my side, one of the dearest friends that I have, with his great, noble heart overflowing with profound grief and sympathy for his wife. Now, show yourselves brave men and profound thinkers and slap this woman while I dodge behind the two to escape the blow, that is, providing you can think so meanly of me. "No, I do not stand behind the two to escape the me not. I came unto Spiritualists, thinking that they would gladly receive me; but they waived me aside. my barricade. Slap the lady l Mr. Ingersoll has indulged in a little harmless, jowhether in or out of the body, and now we will proasks.

Is a mouth used for no other purpose than to eat? Does the mouth, which consists of lips, teeth, tongue, and so forth, all connecting with the vocal organs, answer no other purpose than to feed the material body ? What sapient thought is here. The mouth can utter

Oh, if you of earth could know how it is with us and express-ask Hudson Tuttle how many different languages; I am a musician, never counted them up. It seems to me like this; is though all these people, Through and with the mouth has been given to the received since the first speech was made. Through, grand lectures to the world. All the speeches of Par-

liament, and also those of the Senate, by which the world is governed, at least England, and her provinces, and the United States-are given by and All the grand discourses of Spiritualists have been

Think of the mouth of a Colville; and how about given at the Banner of Light circle rooms, have been

given through the mouths of various mediums. Think of dear little Mrs. Longley and her beautiful speeches and lectures, and the seances at the Banner Webster; all these people used their mouths for a far "A friend in Europe would be a thousand times far- higher purpose than simply to eat with. No doubt

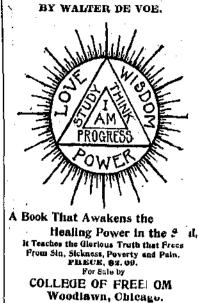
With the mouth the lover woos his bride with tales You are yet in prison, my dear. You are imprisoned of love, and with their lips they kiss each other and seal their vows of eternal constancy. With her lips the mother kisses her new-born babe, and instructs her older children in ways of wisdom, gentleness and peace, and tells them of her eternal love and watchful care over them, and sings her babies to sleep. With "Suppose you were imprisoned in a large room, my art of musical expression. O, my dear singing pupils! Think of all the great opera singers of the world, both male and female. Oh, what would they do without their mouths?

> Now I was connected with a theater, as orchestral pianist, for a number of years; and I do not know what all those actors and actresses would have accombeing done all over the world year after year, night after night.

Now we will leave out all the gossip and tale bearing, for they drop down to a lower plane. On earth ter, giving the "evolution of the indithe mouth answers more than one purpose. You eat, vidual" to its highest attainment of contalk, kiss and sing with the mouth. Strange that all this should be overlooked or forgotten by our wise other course, and manifests a new era philosophers who talk, or write rather, about the in the study of practical psychic philmouth merely being necessary for the purpose of eating to feed the body, and when the body, or the material body rather, falls apart the mouth is no longer needed; but it was, simply, the material covering that the spiritual mouth took on.

To eat means that one cats to preserve the material covering through which the spiritual may be able to

Evolution without involution, leads you all astray. have, simply, thrown off a coarse material covering. simply to eat, as I think I have amply proved, and this visible spiritual germ from out the ether, perfect as



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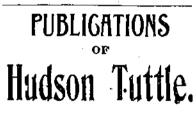
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Their Origin, Which, Material or Spiritual?

In the advancement of life from the more perfectly it comprehends the fact lower levels of its existence it realized that what is not right cannot as viewed in proportion to its development the ne-from the higher levels be lawful however much human selfishness may seek cessity of coming under the dominion of law. The Biblical account of life to argue the point that because it has previous to the operation of the creative gone through the form of legal enactor organizing forces well illustrates ment it has been made right and law-the conditions of life then existing ful. It has taken a long time and practice to arrive at that point where that And the earth (life) was without form and void: and darkness was upon the fact could be understood in the meas-

face of the deep; and the spirit of God ure that it is at present. moved upon the face of the waters.' There are social and economic condi-'And God said, let there be light, and tions existing at present that may be there was light." The dawning of that light was the unfolding of the conlegal but no amount of legislation can make such conditions right; they have sciousness in the human of the fact that the brand of condemnation placed upon the spiritual law is the directing force them by the higher interpretation of and from whence all external laws emwhat constitutes the laws of life. Pi-When they are barbarous and racy on the high seas was once allowed selfish they represent the medium to be a proper occupation, but now the through which they have been trans- ban of condemnation is placed upon it mitted. But they will, as surely as the by all civilized nations, so what at preslaws of attention and repulsion operate ent is not right but is protected under change to a higher type of manifesta the guise of legality will receive its tion when the medium through which condemnation and its legal privileges they are given to the external world de- removed by the more advanced thought

velops out of its crude systems of life, of the coming generations. comes up onto a plane of being where . There is existing at the present time it can comprehend a higher manifesta. among the civilized nations of the tion of law, then, and not till then will world a condition that may properly be the higher law be given them. termed legalized anarchy; and none have yet advanced to that condition The laws of life are only manifested to the external sense in a limited meas- where they are able to come out of that The external mind cannot underhorrible nightmare which is a constant ure. stand the gifts of the spirit. The ensource of terror to the governmental actment of barbarous and cruel laws by systems and which will continue until any nation, those that oppress the less the legalized phases that are the creafavored brother or sister, preventing tors of that awful condition are re-them from rising unto their true estate moved.

proves that such pation or government-Geology tells us that in the earlier al system has not come under the doperiods of world formation the eruptive minion of the spiritual law; because processes were more violent than at the that when manifested is an uplifting present time. They were needed as a power, helps every one however low eorganizing force and nothing could sitheir phase of development, to rise; lence those violent outbursts of nature's and when a nation makes an effort to forces but a growth to a plane of life remove from their external records where the action of those forces was those barbarous enactments it is proof not needed. The moral and spiritual that their interior life is becoming nevelopment of the world and the matemore in harmony with the higher law, rial must move in harmony, the diffiand the more perfectly that is made culty is in drawing the line of demarkamanifest the less crude will be the intion between the external and internal terpretation given to the external realm, they are closely interblended and if one moves upward. evolves a

Maryirdom has been the portion of higher life, the others feel the stimulus thousands of the world's most ad-

and advance. The positive force being the spiritual, vanced minds because they interpreted the laws of life from too high a plane to from that is evolved the energy and he comprehended and accepted by the can if understood and intelligently apmasses; but while they suffered by the plied control even the physical elethe spirit, and reasonable in deduction. hands of one generation, succeeding ments. The origin of all law is spiritones having come up to the level of that | ual, whatever the realm in which it for high ideal and made it practical, have the time being operates, in their turn-honored those martyrs of The ignorance which

The ignorance which at the present former age, they have proncunced time exists in regard to the use of those eulogies on their character, and erected spiritual forces will be replaced by a monuments to their memory. The knowledge that can utilize it and the views of humanity in regard to what destructive storms that at present are constitutes the laws of life are chang- manifesting their power will - be ing from one generation to that viewed brought under the control of a power by its successor. What may be con that will manifest its superiority to sidered right and was for the race who those external forces.

could not comprehend anything higher, | To the materialistic mind these with succeeding and more advanced statements may seem the height of abraces, that interpretation of law was too surdity. It is characteristic of that barbarous and brutal to be tolerated or form of development to condemn overyrecognized under the name of law. The thing that it does not understand. The degradation under which chaitel slav- wooderful inventions that have revolucompelled its victims to live was tionized the external world were once styled law which was enacted in due denounced as impracticable. Their

fruits are splendld substitutes, and are lawful and have placed the seal of their an ample diet for the normal man and condemnation upon that system. woman during the summer. Spinach i The farther upward life advances the

can also add as one of the finest tonics for the system that is known. I know of a physician who is ROW practicing in this city who for one whole month, with his family, lived on a bushel of wheat, and thrived upon it. I don't recommend this as a steady

liet to the ordinary man or woman, and am not advocating either side of this liscussion. What I am trying to do is to present both sides of the matter as It appears to me. The Japanese will always be a shin-

ng example of what a strictly vegetarian liet will do. Look at them. They have nfinitely more energy, vitality and endurance than the Russians, who are great meat-eating race, and in the pres ont struggle in the far East are suffer ing reverse after reverse, one of the reasons being that they lacked the tamina and endurance of their ene mies, and, also, that they are unable like the Japanese, to thrive on a mini-

mum of tood such as satisfies the little ellows from the land of the Mikado. I frankly admit that I believe a great many people eat too much meat; but at the same time, let me be understood as not meaning that the same people could get along without any meat. It might be as great a mistake for them to eat

too little meat as it is to eat too much The whole problem revolves itself into the question as to what the individual system demands. A general rule would probably be that meat and vege tables eaten in fair proportion would most effectively promote perfect health. --Dr. Benamin Lillard, in the Practical Druggist and Pharmaceutical Review of Reviews.

To the Editor:-If there ever was a ime when the subject of "Meat Diet" should prove interesting to the readers of The Progressive Thinker, it is now when the butchers' strike is on), and prices are so high as to make that article, for many, almost impossible procure. Besides, it is well enough for our people who wish to preserve their good health, to pay some attention to the judgment of science and historical facts, and then reason within themselves, as most of them are wont to do. I send the the above clipping, because It seems so apropos to the present condition of things in the city of Chicago, applicable to the ideas and teachings of

How & Woman Paid Her Debts. How a Woman Paid Her Debts. Tam out of debt, thanks to the Dish-washer business. In the past three mouths I have mude#00,000 setting Dish-washer. I never saw anything sell so easily. Every tamity needs a Dish washer and will buy one when shown how beautifully it will wash and dry the tamity dish-es in two minutes. I sell from my own house Each Dish washer sold brings me many orders. The dishes are washed writout wetling the hands. That is why ladies want the Dish wash-er. I give my experience for the benefit of any one who may wish to make money easy. I hay my Dish-washers from the Mound City Dish washer Oo. St. Louis, Mo. Write them or particulars. They will start you in business in your own home. L. A. C.

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"As we taste but to feed our material bodies, what use could a spiritual body have for a mouth !"

and, in her overwhelming grief, cannot be accused of development up through matter, which it attracts to foisting a base deceptive fraud upon the world; more- itself through the method of eating, until it is strong over, she has not the least incentive to do so, for it is enough to go on without it. I would that I could make not a question of money with her. Money does not en- the world understand this great truth, but it is passed ter into it at all, for I have left her comfortably pro- by as of no account or not true. I bide my time howvided for, as far as the material is concerned. Thanks ever; the world will go on with evolution without involution like a man without a wife, one half and not I most solemnly assert that it was not of myself that the other, until it lands in the morass of error, as the this was so, but my father's spirit who guided, as he church dogmas have landed it; then the people will look around and discover involution smiling at them,

Mr. Freeland also says that an unused organ is eliminated by "innocuous desuctude:" but why Ingersoll; and he, by a great natural law, will help me should he think our organs are unused. Organs grow and develop up through matter, especially that they may be of use. Do you think, my friend, that we thing belonging entirely to earth? Did it originate "But, first, I, Robert G. Ingersoll, desire to say that within the material? Was it eliminated from matter? fish, to be at length unwound or unrolled? Now I hear Mr. Ingersoll laughing; so you perceive that I tation of this interesting subject. Enghave ears as well as a mouth, and he must have a

> Of what use would music be here, in the spirit world if there were no ears to hear it, or no mouth, or throat, or fingers, to perform it? Our fingers have thrown off their coarse, material covering, to be sure, which renders them ten times more powerful.

Mr. Freeland speaks of a Marconi transmitter, that vibrates the ether. Precisely! And it is ethereal vibrations that our ears are adapted for-To catch and register upon our ethereal brains; for we have ethereal, spiritual brains as well as mouths, ears, fibgers, hands and feet. He asks: "Why have ears, where there is no atmosphere ?" At the same time he admits ethereal vibrations. So there is an ether which vibrates-a vibratory, ethereal atmosphere.

Ah, hal . We have you now ! A vibratory, ethereal atmosphere; and within that vibrating atmosphere we live and move and have our being; it vibrates and our ears catch the vibrations. We have spiritual lungs and we breathe it in. We have a spiritual heart and it beats, and with each throb it sends a current of ethereal, magnetic fluid through our ethereal bodies. He asks: "What ase could a spiritual body have for feet? Do spirits walk?"

Well, how do you think we get around ! Do we fly, roll, or walk, within this ethereal atmosphere? We have no wings, so we cannot fly. We do not roll like a ball, a hoop, or a barrel. That we move, or float, within the ether a great deal, I admit; but in order to blow. I would much rather stand face to face with do this we move our hands, arms, feet and legs. Nothyou, but I came unto my own and my own received ing can move without there is a resisting element ANGELL PRIZE CONTEST RECITA. within which to move, and the ether has great resisting power, and it is by our will power and the move-Now, I will try again; but allow me to retire behind | ment of our bodies and limbs that we are able to overcome the resisting force and move through it.

"Do spirits walk ?" Yes; most emphatically, yes! cose irony. His individuality will assert itself | We have feet and we walk; they are ethereal feet corresponding to our ethereal bodies, and we have etheceed to answer some of the questions Mr. Freeland real land whereon to walk. We have here the ethers. or ethereal essences of all that exists upon the earth; grass, trees, flowers, birds and beasts in their ethereal (Continued on page 6.)

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Helr Promised in a Dream.

If there is a church, more saturated with religious superstition than the Roman Catholic church, it is, beyond doubt, the Russian Greek church. From emperor down through nobles and aristocracy, down to lowest peasantry, all-except the few who like Tolsici and the nihilists, have broken from priestly thrall-are dominated by a superstitious priesthood, which is viewed with awo and blindest reverence as mouthpieces of God.

According to the New York Sun, concerning the recent birth of a son to the Czar and Czarina, the religious superstition connected with the event gives the clergy a renewal of the hold upon the imperial family and people. This is evidenced by an incident which the people of St. Petersburg are eagerly discussing. The Czarina about a year ago dreamed that she saw one of the saints of the Russian church, who expressed sympathy with her desire for an helr. He directed her to open his tomb and remove the relics therefrom and her wish would be gratified.

The Empress related the dream to the Czer. She did not know the name of the saint, so the Czar collected ' picinces of all the Russian saints and the Empress identified St. Seraffim as the one of her dream.

The Emperor and Empress went personally to his shrine in a forest on the Volga. The tomb was ordered opened. The body of the saint was in a state of perfect preservation and the relics



Many Spiritualists, usually those fessional clairvoyant medium or palm-ist, so much the better. Experience in patient business and content in the basis the light, have an insatiste thirst for active business and experience in bucking up against the world will help her. the phenomena.

"fake" furnishes the supply.

'dead easy."

day.

cause?

our "religion" for protection.

the crime.

The act is somewhat in nature of work done by Anna Eva Fay, but in no Spiritualism came to them through a medium, no doubt, and it is so beautiful way is it an imitation. I shall intro-to know that the loved ones gone in duce many new and unbeard of effects. death are still alive and conscious, and imitation is the natural require-ments I will teach her the rest. ments I will teach her the rest. 1 shall with them every day, that they cannot put her at the head of a company play-pause to think of the philosophy; they ing week stands. I am willing to pay a with them every day, that they cannot are so hungry to see the dear ones that reasonable salary, but as I furnish the they rush to every scance in the coun- money, the ability to manage and the important secrets, I do not propose to pay in the land has a minute description of any large salary. For her this will be in the land has a minute description of both sitter and spirit friends, and the make a name and reputation, a chance same spirits appear just the same at to travel and as I intend this to be my each scance, though given by a different permanent business she will have an assured occupation for many years. medium in a distant city.

Can you not put me in communica-tion with a lady who is the right person for me. Let her write me, giving full They make the demand and the These descriptions are soon in the particulars of herself, age, salary ex-

hands of every member of the "secret pected and any effects she is able to accomplish. Also have her send her lat circle," and they are put. down as st photograph. I take this means of finding an assist-ant as I dislike the undue and undesh-There are many genuine mediums who have no "stock tests," and who able publicity of an advertisement in

would not stoop so low as to use even the newspapers or the Spiritualistic one pointer that came from the human press. Thanking you in advance for any faside of life, but their tests are not so vors extended to me, I am, very truly yours, S. BALL.

(Address omitted.) Do you wonder why it seems apropos and eminently fitting to discuss this very important question, just at this time? We believe in the facts as they come from the spirit side. We believe in the phenomena and philosophy of Spiritual-

Spiritualist, but it must arrive some ism, but we do not endorse the employ-How often have correspondents utment of fraud to gain converts to our tered the words in these columns: "We cause.

must clean our own door-yard, and not Are you ready, dear old conscienleave it for our neighbors to do." . In tious, cautious friend, to go into parttheir envy, as a rule, our "Christian" nership with, or to hire out to, a being neighbors would rather make our doorwho would demand that you sacrifice vard look unclean to the world, but if your most sacred possessions (honor, we go into it with the lawn-mower, the nobility, dignity and your very spiritrake and sufficient determination the uality) for the dollars that you might world will see that it is clean, and we get for it? Would you brazenly stand need not proclaim it from the housetop up and represent the arisen loved ones or advertise it in the secular press. of your friends? Do you sanction the It should be the aim of all devout acts of these conscienceless villains Spiritualists to make Spiritualism the who would tear at the bleeding heart of

purest religion, the most profound phila sad and sorrowing mother by bringing sophy, and an absolute fact in science. back her babe in the shape of a rag Can this be done by harboring fraud doll. and then mocking her devotion because It makes additions to the and agony when her back was turned and her money deposited? If not, why Spiritualists condemn the Catholic would you have us do so by maintain-

church because they know that the ing perfect silence over so horrible a very scheme that holds them in power swindle, when known to be such? is deception through and through, and Is this the way to reform our cause yet, when the spiritual press deems it and maintain an honorable place among proper to point to the deception in the other institutions of this country?

ranks of Spiritualism, there are those To say that those who come into Spirwho raise their virtuous hands in holy itualism through fraudulent manifestahorror, and would pull down the curtain tions make good Spiritualists, may be between the eyes of the world and these telling the truth, but is that any reason wily rascals, who take advantage of the we should advocate the employment of opportunity and encouragement offered fraudulent means by which to increase them and crawl up under the wing of

our numbers? It is known that there is a truth under-To "hold our peace" would be conlying Spiritualism, and that truth is all sidered by the best legal authority, that will make our cause substantial. "aiding and abetting," or sanctioning That truth will live when the name of Spiritualism will be defunct; it -bas

Ninety-nine out of a hundred of those lived before and is sternal, and upon who censure the editor for this act, the strength of that truth lies the hope would be still more rabid in their deand the aspiration of the scheming nunciation of the frauds, were they in | sharks who would fatten upon its nupossession of one-tenth of the data furtrition. nished this office.

Must we, can we, shake them off Only recently a detective sprung a This is the question, and the vital quescearch-light on a so-called medium in tion.

Milwaukes, and caught her standing The police are about to begin a genwith trumpets in her hands, through eral crusade against mediums in Milwhich an instant before she had been waukee, we learn from a reliable giving spirit messages. source; not on account of mediumship, things are uil

A Paychic or Mediumistic Horse. According to the Associated Press dispatches) Withelm von Osten of Ber-lin, Gerniagy, who has for a long time made investigations of the intelligence of animals, has reached results in edu

cating an Orloffor stallion that causes amezement among scientific men and psychologists. Some of those who have lested the mental powers of the animal are Dr. Studt, the Prussian minister of education. Prof. George Schweinfurther, the famous African traveler; Prof. Karl Stunipf of the Berlin university; Herr Schillingen the naturalist, and Ludwig Heck, director of the Berlin Zoological Gardens

The horse, besides adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing sums, does examples involving several of those operations, finds square numbers and not only simply repeats what is taught, but solves fresh problems put 'to him by examiners in the absence of his master, showing a grasp of the principles of arithmetic. The stalllon also forms little sentences, remembers them next day and discriminates twelve colors and shades, giving their corresponding names. The animal distinguishes musical tones, indicating where they are situated on the chromatic scale, and picks out discords, designating which tone to omit to restore harmony He communicates by a system of hoof

you mean.

beats, representing the alphabet. Prof. Schillings has taken much interest in displaying the horse's accom plishments to other scientists. Dr.

Studt says Herr von Osten would have been burned as a wizard in the earlier sges of the world. When the exercises are prolonged the horse becomes nervous, inattentive and mistakes become more frequent, Prof. yon Osten affirms that the horse

is as well educated as a boy' who has gone to school for the same number of years, and the professor desires that a commission of specialists be selected to take the horse under observation for four weeks. This probably will be done with the view of determining whether he conventional idea that animal instinct and human intelligence are es sentially different, is true.

Verily, that horse is entitled to immortality.

Superstition Exemplified.

The New York Bureau of the Chicago Tribune sends to that paper the following piece of information, which illustrates the methods of the Roman Catholic church to cultivate superstition in its devotees:

"In the smallest Roman- Catholic church in the city a reliquary, said to be one of the most precious and represenative of any in America, was shown at mass to-day. It is the Bohemian church of St. John, in East Seventyfirst street. Authenticated by the vatican, and accompanied by a certificate signed in 1842 by Cardinal Patruzi then in charge of the vatican collection of sacred felics, the church has a cabluet collection that cannot fail to im² press the devout.

"In the center, upon a silver cross, is a little piece of wood, said to be a por-tion of the cross on which Christ was crucified. Near this is a part of a red robe worn by the Savior after leaving the sepulcher. There is also a scrap of the title of the inscription on the cross a chip from the table of the last suppor, a shred of rope used to bind Jesus, a piece of the pillar at which he was

scourged, a splinter of the crib that held the Christ child. a bit of soil from the grave of the Blessed Virgin, and a piece of the cloak of St. Joseph.

"Alongside the columns supporting the altar are affixed small pieces of bones of the twelve apostles." The more ignorant and superstitious.

the better Catholics they are. It is the well-informed and thinking ones, the church is in most danger of losing, though the chains of early priestly are hard to be

What Is Matter?

The majority of people think they know a great ism; but what are sound and luminousness, fragrance deal about matter. They name its so-called proper- and hardness, but sensations? And, of the external ties and qualities, never doubting that they are de- factors mentioned, what do we know, except in conscribing an external substance as it exists per se, in- nection with the subjective factor f. We need not purstead of the different ways in which their conscious- sue these reflections far, to become convinced of the ness is affected by a reality of whose ultimate nature truth of Tyndalls remark, that "matter is essentially, they know nothing. They imagine that outward transcendental in its nature." By psychological anthings are directly mirrored by the senses, and that alysis, our conceptions of matter are reducible to sen-they are exactly what they seem to be. Tell them sation, "the common act of the feeling and the felt;" that to us matter is a congeries of qualities-weight, and this is what Fenelon meant, when he said of matresistance, extension, etc.; that these words imply and ter, "It is a je ne sais quoi, which melts within my, describe our own conscious states, and the effects on hands as soon as I press it." us of an external reality rather than the reality itself Let no one imagine that these facts give any sup-

-and they are utterly unable to comprehend what port to the theory that there is no objective reality.

and that everything resolves itself into the various It is none the less true that mind and matter form states of the conscious subject. The doctrine of the a synthesis, and neither can be conceived without the relativity of knowledge, as Kant and Spencer have other. We are compelled to think of mind in terms shown, leads logically to the conclusion, in accord of matter, and matter in terms of mind. The hard- with the universal reason and common sense of manness and softness (resistance), for example, which we kind, that there is something beyond consciousness ascribe to matter are sensations; the substantial form that, in co-operation with the organism, produces the in which we are compelled to represent mind is neces- sensations of which we are conscious. sarily material. What is the externality i What can be affirmed of

Every perception, every sensation, implies a sensi- it? We turn to the great philosopher Kant, and he tive organism and an external reality acting upon the tells us that knowledge of the object unmodified by organism; in other words, two factors, without either the subject can never be known, since subject and obof which sensation is inconceivable. This is what ject co-operate in every act of cognition; and that, Aristotle meant when he described sensation as "the "though the existence of an external world is a necescommon act of the feeling and the felt." sary postulate, its existence is only logically af-

Without the living organism, what are sound, color, firmed." fragrance, hardness, softness, light, and darkness, or "As well might the bird, when feeling the resistance any of the so-called secondary, not to speak here of of the air, wish that it were in vacuo, thinking that the so-called primary, qualities of matter? then it might fly with the greatest case." And Spen-Can there be sound without an ear to collect and eer says, "The antithesis of subject and object, never transmit the aerial vibrations to the acoustic nerve to be transcended while consciousness lasts, renders where, to use a materialistic terminology, they can be impossible all knowledge of that Ultimate Reality in assimilated and transformed by some mysterious pro- which subject and object unite." Mr. Fiske declares cess into sensetion, or where they can be so modified that we cannot identify it with mind, "since what we that the motion in its subjective aspect becomes the know as Mind is a series of phenomenal manifestasensation we call sound! Without an eye can there tions," nor with matter, "since what we know as Matbe luminous effect?

ter is a series of phenomenal manifestations. Thus is There must be both vibrations of the air and an Materialism included in the same condemnation with acoustic nerve to have sound, undulations of ether Idealism." What is the Ultimate Reality that proand retinal sensibility to have light, emanations of duces in us coexistent or sequent states of consciousparticles and an olfactory nerve to have fragrance, ness, that appears to us under the forms and appearand external objects and nervous sensibility to have ances of space, matter, force, time, and motion f Who hardness or softness. Vibrations of the air, undula- shall tell? It certainly is the basis of all phenomena, tions of ether, emanations of particles, and external mental and physical, and constitutes the enduring objects may all exist in the absence of a living organ- part of man. B. F. UNDERWOOD.

A Ball Game With a Moral.

A game of baseball that came off Saturday last in West Paterson, N. J., was one of the most remarkable ever played. The remarkable feature of the game lay neither in the skill of the players nor in the size of the crowd that witnessed it, but in the fact that it was played between the local nine and a eam of ministers. Swift as mountain deer came the

young men of Paterson to meet them, and on the diamond, for more than two hours, victory swayed back and forth between the enthusiastic contestants.

It matters not which side won-although that honor, I believe, fell to the local team-the main thing is the fact that the ministers played, and played well, and played with tremendous enthuslasm.

The two thousand spectators enjoyed themselves: the players enjoyed them selves, the ministers as much so as the thers: and all the world, with the exception of a few old fossils, is glad that he game was played. That game of ball means very much

more than appears on the surface. It was more than a same of ball-it was a game of ball with a moral, and the moral is nothing less than this: That the ministers are at last becoming reason able.

There was a time-and that time was not very long ago, either-when religion was the gloomiest thing in the world.

"Hung be the heavens with black," eemed to be the motto of every clergy

Hobody Knows But Mother.

> Nobody knows the weary cares, The many trials which she bears, Hidden behind the smiles she wears:

Nobody knows but mother.

Nobody knows the hopes and fears, The lonely hours, the silent tears, The faith that lasts through dreary years: Nobody knows but mother.

Nobody knows how deep the blight When Death came like a thief at night, And stole her baby from her sight: Nobody knows but mother.

Nobody knows how deep she wept, When silently she often crept To know if baby only slept:

Nobody knows but mother. Nobody knows the mental strain,

The aching heart, the frantic brain

When baby would not wake again:

Nobody knows the grief she bore,

In her fond heart how deep the sore,

Nobody knows but mother.

To be forgotten never more:

Nobody knows but mother.

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which were there as described givn to the Czarina. News of their Majesty's mission to the shrine became known through the past year and hereafter it is certain to become a Russian Lourdes or Mecca.

There is a tinge of Spiritualism in the matter of the dream or vision of the Czarina, and the incident shows that spiritual infinence is active everywhere, among the high and the lowly alike. dignitaries of church and state not excepted. Indeed we may truthfully say that Spiritualism is extending among all classes, the most intelligent and best educated, the lowest and most ignorant, and all the great mass that ranges between these extremes. None is exempt from its manifestations and influence, from the least to the greatest, the superstitious or the non-supersti-

tious. Of course, to the superstitious churchly Russians the affair is rated as miraculous, and St. Seraffim will be ac-corded high veneration and worship.

To the intelligent and well-informed Spiritualist the incident is easily susceptible of a spiritual, non-miraculous explanation.

Worthy of Notice.

proposition, received by a conscientious the act. friend, and sent us a few days ago: To the Editor:-Enclosed find a let ter received by Brother D. L. Haines. rescue because they operate under the name of "Spiritual Medium," when the and it has been decided to give the man no reply, but to warn the public of his exposure brands them as "fraud" and vile scheme, and give him such a venti rot as "medium" at all?lation that he will get no patronage from Spiritualists. I hope that you will But the odor is becoming more and more obnoxious, and the fakes more J. M. WHITE. use the letter. numerous, as the exposures made in the Franklin, Neb.

ably rapidly recently, and, for instance,

read the following audacious business

secular papers prove, having been read I am preparing a demonstration of clairvoyance and psychical phenomena by at least 35,000,000 of people, and something must be done, and that soon, for the stage, which will be quite start-ling, and as it has several new features, I have no doubt will attract no little ator the cause of Spiritualism will suffer among all thinking, reasoning men and tention. women

For this act I need a lady who has The fact of spirit communion will engood stage appearance, good general dure as long as there is one genuine education, good command of language, manifestation, but our cause cannot long survive as a factor of great worth one who is a judge of human nature and who can get the most startling and dra- to the world, and remain so seriously afmatic effect in answering a more or less flicted by these barnacles of 'destrucsimple question. If she has been a pro- tion.

Opportune Suggestions.

DIUMS' RELIEF FUND.

Comes Like a Specter.

There are two things in Moses Hull's notice of Hudson Tuttle's Arcans of

Spiritualism which are worthy of especial thought by Spiritualists. Aside from his hearty and general commendation of the book. Mr. Hull says: "The book as a whole should be studied. So thoroughly convinced are the Morris Pratt school faculty of this, that our leader of the psychic class has determined to use it to some extent in her lessons.'

It is of especial interest to Spiritualists to note that there is not another institution of learning in this country or any other, that maintains a psychic class, in which the psychic side of life raised her voice, repeating in measured and its nature and phenomena are made a special line of study. As understood by Spiritualists, psychism is ignored by all the great colleges and universities, if not absolutely flouted and contemned by their faculties.

This matter of psychic fact which is always with us, and is of deep import to mankind, is largely treated as if it were unworthy of notice, and its phenomena beneath serious consideration-a mere matter for contemptuous jest and ridicule-by the governing forces that con-trol the studies of these institutions.

The Morris Prait Institute is thus unique in making a distinct study of this important subject which is of so great interest to Spiritualists in partic-

This fact does seem to be worthy of notice and special thought, and to constitute a special claim of the Morris Pratt Institute on the patronage of those Spiritualists who feel interested in its special line of work. course

"Origin of Life, or, Where Man Comes From." "The Evolution of the Spirit from Matter Through Organic Pro-cesses, or How the Spirit Body Grows." By Michael Faraday. Prince 10 cents. cente

Philadeiphia, Pa., Aug. 15.-Clad only While the good church people are in undergarments, Miss Mary Black, a conducting their reform saloon; busipretty young woman and a distant rela-tive of ex-Governor Frank S. Black of ness , we suggest that they enlarge the scope of their operations so as to in-New York, walked up the alse of the scope of their operations so as to in-Fortieth Street Methodist Episcopal clude reform gambling hells, moral church, corner of Walnut street, inter-, brothels, plous get-rich-quick concerns, rupting the Sunday evening service and announcing in solemn tones, "I come with a message to you from Christ," It was just as the pastor, Rev. N. B. to induce veligious aspirations and form beer and moral whisky, warranted to induce religious aspirations and Masters, concluded a prayer that Miss Black entered the edifice. She tiptoed godly life and conversation. It must be admitted that this new en through the vestibule, then with arms terprise opens up vistas of wide exoutstretched she walked slowly toward pansiveness in the direct line of cog-

nate businesses. It opens a new era in the pulpit. Over her shoulders hupg loosely the folds of a silk bodice. Her eyes were moral progress—in a horn. SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF ME.

tones, "I come with a message to you from Christ.

Awed by the apparition, the congrega-tion, numbering upward of 300, sat speechless. None knew what to do and the silence was like a pall and in an-other moment as the girl stood helpless that was being raised in order to secure the thousand dollars promised by our treasurer, and to strengthen the work. before them women wept and prayed. that of July 1, but as the friends herein Assisted by other men and some of mentioned were a little late, we give the women whose nerves had been them the privilege of having their con-caimed Professor. Foster persuaded the tributions printed with those of former girl to go home with him, donors. Mrs. E. M. Lindsny, \$5; Jacob

She was taken to her home by a family of the name of Hyde. She appeared to Truth Seeker, fourth contribution, \$2; Tuth Seeker, fourth contribution, \$2; be rational upon all subjects other than religion. Later she did not recall go mon, \$1; T. F. Malitz, 65 cents. Our ing to the church, in which she was an sincere thanks are due to each contribing to the church, in which she was an active worker.—Chicago Chronicle. utor.

We trust the Mediums' Fund will not If this incident had occurred in a Spiritualist meeting, what a text it would have afforded some ministers to be forgotten in future days; the N. S. A. is paying out a large sum monthly in expatiate on the evils and dangers of pensions for mediums, and we feel it to Spiritualism. But as it was one of their own fold—the case is different, of be a most blessed work.

"Spiritual Fire Crackers, Bible Chest-nuts and Political Pin Points," By J. This pretty volume contains, affyseven S. Harrington. A pamphlet containing of the author's latest and choicest 79 pages of racy reading. Price 25 poems. Neally bound in cloth, and with poems. Neatly bound in cloth, and with portrait of the author. Price 75 cents.

but on account of the numerous expos-Probably not one of these sacred relures, and of swindles that have been ics in this "reliquary" is what it purperpetrated and the swindlers caught in ports to be, although "autnenticated by the vatican." Must we, as Spiritualists, rush to the But thoroughly believed in and held as

sacred, the collection of pieces of old bones, etc., "cannot fail to impress the advout," that is the superstitious believers. 😁

A Voting Constituency of Mothers.

When Judge Bbn Lindsey, of Colorado, the highest authority in the United States on Juvenile courts, was asked what effect the influence of a voting constituency of mothers had had in the success of the Juvenile court system of Colorado, he replied:

"The Juvenile court of Denver has always had back of it the support of the women and whatever successes it may be credited with is largely, if not entirely due to their efforts."

Colorado have been so satisfactory that It is hard to understand how it encounters opposition in other states. I have never observed one evil as the result of woman's suffrage.

We have in Colorado the most advanced laws of any state in the Union for the care and protection of the home and the children, the very foundation of the republic. These laws in my opinion, would not exist at this time, if it were not for the powerful influence of woman's suffrage which, at all times, has been back of them and those who have conscientiously and faithfully administered them.³ I know that the politicians in both

parties reckon seriously with the wo-man vote and I know that men of immoral character have been refused places upon party tickets because of the fear inspired by the woman vote.

"We believe we have the best Juve-nile law, the best child-labor law, the best computery aleducation law, the best laws for the prevention of cruelty To'the Editor:-The following sums to children and the enforcement of the have been received for the Medium's'. Relief Fund, to be added to the amount obligations) of fathers to support wife and child, and the best administration of these laws of any city of the Union." In view of the fact that every irresponsible, unreliable and malicious ca-uard of the failure of woman suffrage in Colorado is suized upon to exploit their predictions by opponents of political power for wamenothe testimony of a man like Judge Lindsey, an acknowledged expertin child saving, will be of value to those who want the truth in regard to woman suffrage in practice. PROGRESS.

A Correction Corrected.

In The Progressive Thinker of August 13, I made a mistake in correcting a mistake in reference to Dr. Franklin and the Age of Reason. The mistake consisted in using the figure 8 instead of 9. Dr. Franklin died in 1790, and the Age of Readon was not written till 1193 or 4. J. S. LÖVELAND.

"Mark Chester; or a Mill and a Mill-ion. A Tale of Southern California." By Carlyle Petersliea. A pure psychio story, elevating and reformatory. Pa-per covers, 10 cents.

man and every church member. Sundays the ministers preached main-ly on "death and the judgment," and on the same doleful themes the people thought all the week days through. The idea prevailed that the world was mortgaged to the devil, and that those who took any interest in its pleasures

were sure to be damned. It was given out from the pulpit that it was a sin to be happy and pretty nearly everybody felt that the pulpit was right.

There was little joy in the world. In the presence of the terror that everywhere reared its awful creat there was but little disposition to laugh, but a slight inclination to be merry.

Man's business in this world was to make sure of his "calling and election" for the world to come; and it was at his everlasting peril that he permitted him-self to daily with the pleasures that eral.—Rev. Thos. B. Gregory in Chicago American.

met him by the way. I am still many decades younger than Methuselah is reported to have been at the time of his death, and yet I can well remember the time when the few of remember the table who persisted in en-my acquaintances who persisted in en-joying themselves as they went along talent did not say they were there. were looked upon as being mighty talent did not say they were there. They did if the Breeze did not say he My words within her ears' cold cham-bers ring a degree that was exceedingly danger-

It wasn't "safe" to allow oneself to fall in love with the pleasures of this world—a world that was soon to be licked up in flames and crumpled in the fervent heat of God's wrath like a leaf in a red-hof furnace. As a joy killer the old time religion was perfect. The incense of its pessi-mism hung like a pall over the heavier

dress under the hollyhock and he said, mism hung like a pall over the beauty of the world. 'The life that now is was "I gues I will walk on." The Breezy Breeze breezed some of the "medials" of the camp until they

a curse-and the one to come was ireadfully uncertain. But it is evident that a change is

It was a little far on, when the edit When ministers play baseball, and enjoy it, we need no extra argument to

prove to us that religion is experiencing home "new birth." The Breeze feels the Ravenna minis-When ministers play baseball, and enjoy it, we may be sure that, in their

ter ought to arrest the Katydid. The editor said, "I don't care if he does. opinion at least, there are some pleas-ures of this world that are not to be de-Katy will till his soil." When the court reigned o'er her she said, "Katy did, spised.

whooped.

In a word, after a long, hard fight, hu-Knty did." The Breeze says, "The mosquito man nature is beginning to win its rights. Long scouted and scorned, it is now beginning to be recognized. Its claims are being allowed. It is enter-ing into its patrimony. Upon the world, long cursed by the-ology, is falling the light of reason; and it is beginning to be perceived; on all brads, that human challess in o sin

Mrs. Coffman, on Saturday atternoon hands, that human gladness is no sin, and thagit is contrary to no law, hu-August 13, gave a very interesting lecman or divine, for men and women to ture, followed by the answering of get what pleasure they can out of the questions written by persons in the au-tice that has been diven to them. It is only wrong to do wrong. It is evered; in truth, they were answered not wrong to be happy, It is wrong to be solfish, to be oruel, to be dishonest, to be untruthful, to be less than a manly man or a 'womanly woman-but it is not wrong to enter life that has been given to them. voman-but it is not wrong to enter

with zest into the enjoyment that the "The Truth Seeker Collection of And so it was a grand thing when those clergymen played baseball. It is true they were beaten, but they played well, and, incidentally, did a mighty W. P. Phelon. Frice 25 cents. And so it was a grand thing when

DEAF. As to a bird's song she were listening, Her beautiful head is over sidewise Lake Brady Camp, Ohlo. bent, An old-fashioned literary entertain-

Henry M. Edmiston.

Her questioning eyes lift up their depth intent-

ment was given at the auditorium on She, who will never hear the wild birds sing.

was not there. When the first edition of the Breeze

bers ring Faint, with the city's murmurous subtones blent; Though with such sounds as suppliants

was brought forth the hand clapping may have sent, To high-throned goddesses, my speech

takes wing. Not for the side-poised head's appealing

grace

gaze, nor hair where fire in shadow lies-For her the world's unhallowed noises

Melt into silence; not our groans, our

cries, Our curses reach that high removed

place Where dwells her spirit, innocently

wise.

-Henry Cuyler Bunner.

THE ROOM.

Here in this old deserted room, Where cobwebs, fringe the tapestries Swayed by the breezes in the gloom, My heart renews life's ecstasies. There where the dusty shade's

down, Against the yellow light 1 see bended form whose silver crown Is more than queenly crown to me.

There in the quilet corner nook A leathern chair leans to the wall-There bended o'er some cherished book A form arises in the pall; form I looked to with delight In days of childhood when I trod,

vagrant and a tott'ring wight, A trembling babe o'er vernal sod.

list the voices faint and sweet Borne to me in soft roundelays, Like echoes from some dim retreat Of life's exquisite choral days. And while the mould'ring tapestries Swayed by the breezes in the gloom Crumble to dust, life's ecatasles Bring back the sunshine to the room. -Horaca Sevmour Keller.

Secretary,

MARY T. LONGLEY,

THE PROGRESSIVE THINKER

Host of Angelic Spirits Assist

Shulhoff in her humanitarian work. She attributes from hip malady it was said that she must always re- men to look after eleven or fifteen babies, although An' th' flowers o' love are blighted of their blossom her success to the Lord (only a kindly spirit) and main a cripple. But faith and prayer, according to we've always been able to manage it so far. And as says. "I just leave it all to him-all the providing, the story and belief of Mrs. Shulhoff, cured both moth- long as friendless, homeless, or destitute women and Sort o' sets his feet a travelin' in a safer, surer track, and owned by them. that is. And of course he sends bread and milk for er and daughter. Grateful and fervent, they looked children come to us, we shall take them in." the babies. He wouldn't send them to me to go hun- about them for some unselfish work to do. gry or starve.

I don't expect to. We just spend and are spent for babies was that towards which they felt special lead- home a small present or "divide" with the proxy Just to feel th' kindly pressure of a sympathetic hand. the babies-and we love them, every one!"

cago infants, had faith and courage a year ago last was also lacking for the support of the babies. The a mother or child gone hungry or the rent been long more than one child. owing. In one way or another the necessary money has always come in.

to keep them in their present flourishing condition, ing, was loved, perhaps, the most of all. and when the nerve wearing tasks of day and night baby tending are recalled.

believes God sends them," says "Grandma" Shul- elly, it was so sweet." we seem to be getting along."

Work Is One of Love.

ers, no price set upon the care and affection rendered other medical assistance, when anxious concerning the babies "God Bends us." The needy mothers who the babies, but in the main the small shavers are well are in destitution and distress are helped, fed, tended, and lusty and speak well for the "treatment of set upon their feet again in similar spirit; sometimes faith." a needy, destitute father is stirred to new hope by the and reclaim it.

concerning which he felt so utterly, wretchedly help- responsibility of any kind to be metf less until led to Mrs. Shulhoff's vicinity and friendship.

"We pray for support and assistance," says the The baby meanwhile blinks and smiles and prospers, well fed, well tended, lacking not even affection. woman whose faith, if it has not already moved Titled lord and humble peasant on a level here one purpose. They are for the soul to use for a great OUR ELEVEN PREMIUM BOOKS. must be many purposes; not, simply, to see with. And across the room from the big bed that enshrines mountains, has at least been potent to accomplish the the mothers that produced them, in our world's him are tiny girl twins whose mother will strive hard seemingly impossible, "and it always comes somehow. And thus of each and every organ of the body. They are our own publications. to keep them with her by and by. Six other infinites. 'Where two or three shall agree together,' says the humanity; They not only serve the body but the indwelling a mother, poor and humble, loves as well her spirit, and are needed as much, and even more by the humble child, They are neatly and substantially imal fragments of humanity, all well and thriving, Bible, and my daughters and I are of one mind in this bound in cloth. share the four rooms on the top story. The two little matter. And, as I said, it is the Lord's work and we No other publishing house in the spirit than by the body. And as deeply as the mother who has gold around her United States excels them in the me-"big boys" of the family, sturdy and laughing tod- trust him to look after it. The material body can and often does get along dlers, neither of whom has yet attained the dignity of "I never go out and look for the children; in fact, the third birthday, have the freedom of the house- I am careful never even to seem eager to take them. chanical work-binding, printing and piled. -* # very comfortably without-some of its organs, but the And as nature has decreed it that all things shall pass paper. spirit body never, for if a material member is missing The three volumes of the "Encyclopeaway, hold save only the front parlor, where their two pret- They are all brought to me, and in strange ways somethe person is conscious-and it has also been proveddia of Death, and Life in the Spirit It is no event unlooked for that we all shall go some ty and girlish "aunties" give music lessons, in the in- times. Providence would not send them without the that the corresponding spiritual member is still intact. World," contain more valuable data tervals of bay tending, in order that fruit and milk means to keep them alive and well. day, If a man loses his leg he is conscious that his spiritual tervals of bay tending, in order that fruit and milk means to keep them alive and well. and breakfast foods and good bread and butter may "I never speak, even to my dearest friends, of our be forthcoming for each member of the large family. needs or the needs of the babies. I would not for land there are lively times on the top, story of 571 worlds make appeal for aid or assistance, and all the on Death and Spirit Life than can be leg is still with him, proving that spirits have feet, dug up in all the libraries of the world. Then comes the valuable work by legs and arms. And there are lively times on the top story of 571 worlds make appeal for aid or assistance, and all the My wife has asked me a great many times since I Hudson Tuttle, "The Religion of Man passes on. West Congress street if the proper time for meals is money we make ourselves we 'turn in' to the work. and Ethics of Science." passed out of the body: "Dear Carlyle, have you eyes Then the excellent work by Dr. J. M. But somehow, in some way, enough is always supplied It is then we feel the value of her counsel and her to see with as here, and ears to hear; have you feet even momentarily delayed. Peebles, "The Seers of the Ages." to take good care of the babies and any one else whom love, we may happen to have with us. Now and then When her spirit has departed for its mansion up the most emphatic and positive manner: "Yes! I have. to take good care of the babies and any one else whom Then comes the "Great Debate Be-How Her Unbounded Faith Was Born. tween Moses Hull and W. F. Jamieson. Back of the good work performed so quietly and friends give us money; once or twice, when we have above. I can see you and hear you; and each and every organ It will fill an important niche in your unostentatiously lies the simple story of a woman's been practically stranded, it has come by letter; sev- It is then we feel regretful, if a thing was left undone, of my body is intact, ethercal and spiritual. Paul library. eral times I have received it with no clew to its origin For the comfort, ease or pleasure of our dear old truly said, "there is a natural"-or material-Then follows "Ghost Land," "Art Magic," "The Next World Interviewed" faith. A long time ago Mrs. Shulhoff herself had four lit- or donor. And other things come in strange ways, angel one. "body, and there is"—an ethereal or—"a spiritual It is then remorse goes gnawing through our bleeding body." Even the Christians, Catholic and orthodox, and "A Wanderer in the Spirit Lands," tle children, one of whom died some years back. A too. second, the son, is married and lives in Wisconsin. "We wanted a baby carriage not long ago, for inand the "Occult Life of Jesus." all believe this; and they are right as well as the Spir--consciousness, All these ELEVEN PREMIUM The fwo daughters, at home and with their mother, stance. If we had been choosing one we should have It is then an obscure future blights our hope of happi- itualists. BOOKS are furnished to our subscribshare in and sympathize with all her unselfish, philan- selected a double carriage, on account of the twins, ness. Miss Abby A. Judson has been visiting me of late, ers for \$3.35 (postage prepaid)-a price thropic efforts, heart and soul. Growing up together, but we didn't make mention of this when we prayed And the world looks gloomy to us when the thoughts and she is very anious to control my wife to write, never before known in ancient or modand much with one another, mother and daughters for the perambulator. A few days later we had a upon us dawn and she will tell you of our earth, water, fauna and ern times... Read over our premium list baby carriage sent us, however, and-it was a double That we love her and we miss her, when our mother flora. have always kept close. and then send for them. They will de-Three years ago the mother was ill, given up by a carriage, just right for the twins! passes on. DR. T. WILKINS. light you. They will constitute a per-(To be continued.) ennial fountain of knowledge for you Kanana and a second second and your family. After paying postage about all we realize for these eleven Human Mind, and said, in part, "I can- ; but the perfection of artistic handiwork progress for the race could never be entirely in the hands of the ladies who LILY DALE liady, did much to make our visit pleasbooks is \$2.22-an achievement only acnot imagine any limitations to the uni-was realized when the auditorium was verse, though Peter Parley wrote of a reached. Busy hands, under the direcachieved till the mothers were made purchased tickets and invited their partners, but the most ardent advocates ant during the two days that we were complished by The Progressive Thinker free and placed on perfect equality with sailor who sailed to the end of the tion of Mrs. Pettengill and Miss Flor-world and found a high wall, which he ence Ahl, with Mr. and Mrs. Further, man. Mrs. Lillie was heartily cheered, -a miracle in modern business enterof feminine supremacy were hardly With the usual farewells we left for Notes of the City of Light Assembly. and in response came forward and Cleveland, Thursday morning, arriving there at about 10 o'clock; we were met prise! prepared for the surprise that awaited spoke in reverent feelings of the arisen climbed, and looking over, saw a heap had been active all the night long and when the entire band filed in arrayed Everything at the City of Light is moving steadily forward with assured ones whom she saw clairvoyantly, and prominent among them Marion Skidof old moons on the opposite side. You transformed the great platform into a cannot conceive of the end of space veritable bower of beauty, surpassing in women's apparel; needless to say it In the World Celestial. by Mr. Pope and conducted to his beau brought down the house, and the hours if ful home on Archwood avenue. After that followed were strikingly hilarious. a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Showers by night and sunmore than a limited space. Reason is overything in the line of decorations more, for whom she voiced the mes-By DR. T. A. BLAND. a very pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs shine by day afford a most delightful not a representation of consciousness, climate. Lectures and classes follow in succession, and activity on every plane This life should be the basis of evolusage that the work being done was what they had hoped for in the past; ever before produced. Evergreens and inexpressibly delightful."-Hon. C. A S. M. KINGSLEY. Pope, they informed us that they had yellow blossoms covered the columns Windle. "It lifts the reader into enchanting realms."-Medical Gleanor. planned a reception for us, and in the on either side of the stage, and above the weight of the burden may seem op evening about twenty of the Spiritualist friends gathered in. The evening was Report From the Camps. is the watchword of the hour. the decorated arch was stretched a pressive, but it is only temporary; The tion for another life." "It is intensely interesting."-Rev. Minot J. "It is intensely interesting."--Rev. Minot J. Savage. "Three things make this book remarkable. Its suthorship, the astounding claims put forth in is, and the philosophy and revelation of a future life it contains."-B. O. Flower, in the Arena. "It will give us courage to pass through the deep abadows of death to the sun-lit clime of the World Colestial."-Rev. H. W. Thomas. "Everybody will be charmed with it, for it is not only a great Spiritual book, but a most pesuliful romance of two worlds."-Banner of Light. mental science advocates are teaching . Mrs. Campbell spoke Sunday morning on "Body Building." scroll with "Woman's Congress" in large letters. The front of the stage, brave souls are working with you, and After four weeks of camp work, Mrs. very pleasantly passed, with music, short talks and recitations. Light rethe practical application of the truths the work which is greater than any one Morrill and myself are again at our hich Spiritualism has been giving for hich Spiritualism has been giving for the speaker was followed by Mrs. festooned with yellow, tied with huge Lillie, who received her subject from the audience, "The Growth of the Soul." ed with an evergreen border produced She said: "The soul is the intelligent, a most charming effect. In the back home in Grand Rapids, Mich. We startwhich Spiritualism has been giving for can couceive must be done. freshments were served, then with hearty handclasps and good wishes Miss Edna Grant rendered a sweet solo and was recalled for a second song. more than half a century and the people ed July 15 for Lake Brady, arriving there the 16th. We were met by the accept it cordially. from all, we bade good-bye to our newpresident, Mr. Rouse and the chairlady, Mrs. Charlotte Gilman of New York made friends. Patterson addressed a fine audience on conscious Ego. Dr. Buchanan said, 'We ground was a large white flag of peace, Mrs. Holls, and given a cordial welcome was the next speaker, and was received Friday morning we started for Mich-Mental Healinghave soul, brain and body and that we over a section of which was arranged with a long-continued round of apby all. It was our first visit to the welligan. We arrived at Haslet Park Sat-The lyceum sessions held at the audi- become body as well as soul builders by the small flags of every nation, and be It is Printed in elegant style and bound in eloth and gold. Pric 51.00. plause. Mrs. G. has just returned from known Ohio camp and wewere churmed urday morning. We found the camp in the usual hurry and bustle of opening, Europe, and said that the International with its beauty. We found the camp in good condition, with bright prospects for the future, and we enjoyed our stay torium every Friday morning are full of various processes.' The soul, like a neath it the pictures of Mrs. Skidmore, Interest, imarching with band music, seed, finds its own way of growing, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B carrying flags and banners affords the is dependent largely on its environ. Anthony. Over the electric lights were Council held in Berlin, Germany, was but a very delightful and restful place. After one week's stay there, which con-The Mystic Thesaurus, or initiation in the Theoretical and Practical secrets of Astral Truth and Occult Art. By WILLIS F. WHITEHEAD, Editor Agrippa's "Nat-ural Magic." The book treats of The Symbol of the Cross, Spiritual Gifts, Inspirational Con-reption, Initiative Exposition. The Astral Broth-erhood, Message of the Brotherhood, The Magic Mirror, and Celestial Companionship. It is good text book for students of the Mystic, and Will be sent postpaid, in paper, for 81.00. the most inspiring she had ever attendkeenest delight of from 60 to 70 chil-dren, and their songs and recitations show the faithful labors of the philan-ists want the best light that can be arranged in bountiful profusion with the ed. It was composed of delegates from there very much. cluded Mrs. Morrill's engagement, we While there we had the pleasure of national councils all over the world and went to Grand Rapids, staved one night neeting Mr. Bond the president of Lake meets every five years. It was a quesin our home, then on to Forest Home thropic teachers. Mrs. Peterson and given, the greatest amount of 'truthmost surprising taste and skill, and eliction how Germany would preceive this Helen Camp, Florida. We also met for Camp in northern Michigan, located at the first time, the veteran writer and her assistants may well feel proud of that can be received. We have sent ited unbounded odmiration. great movement, since whildren and Snowflake, on Intermediate Lake. the splendid results achieved. Friday afternoon Mrs. Helen Camp-are willing to accept truth from every The exercises of the day were opened churches, kitchen and clothes are the by Mrs. Humphrey, president of the limit of interest to German housewives. for teachers of the various cults, and lecturer, Dr. D. M. King, President of This camp is just the place for a sum Maple Dell camp. He cordially invited us to visit his camp, and Monday, July mer outing. It is a charming spot, surrounded as it is by wooded hills; bell talked on the Education of Chil- scource.' Willing Workers, as chairman, who The delegates represented the best presided with easy grace and ability. A quartet of ladles sang, "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," and Mrs. Parkhurst rendered a vocal solo. Sunday afternoon Dr. Patterson dis class of people among the arts and pro-fessions, and doctors; who are studying 25, we bade farewell to many kind friends at Lake Brady, and left for Madret one feels as he enters these grounds Letters of inquiry are received daily coursed on "The Law of Success." that he is far from the worry and bustle from most intellectual sources concern-ing the possibilities of the City of Light lectured on "Japan Revisited." the woman questionsscientifically, after ple Dell. VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY. of city life, and in close touch with We were met at Ravenna by Mr. the manner of the Germans. A recep Mother Nature. This camp is located Tuesday afternoon was the day ap-pointed for Mrs. Gilman to speak, but for investigations along phenomenal and mental lines, and they are all here. Helen Campbell, the speaker of the tion was given by the Empress of Ger King, and while enroute to the camp he LUARITA HILLOOUTING Lectures by the Swami Virekaanda, on Rajs Porst or Conquering the Internai Natzre, and other sub-fects; also, Patanjali's Yoga Aphorisms, with com-mentaries and a copious glossary of Sanskrit terms. Revised and enlarged, 12mo., Cloth. 41,50. Rnja Yoga is an ancient system of Indian Philosophy, and one of the four Folief methods that the Vedants Philosophy offers to obtain freedom and perfection. Bwani Vir-can adits during the three years following the Par-liament of Religious at Chicago, he was cordially re-ceired in America, where the breadth and depth of his tochlogs wore soon recorguized. His teachings are universal in their splication. The book is cheap edding. For raje at this office. on the Pere Marquette railroad, three morning, gave an intensely interesting many and banquet by the city governpointed out to us the birthplace of Modmiles from Central Lake, and five miles from Belair; the county seat of Autrum The most skeptical can secure the evifailing to arrive in time, the platform recital of her two years' experience in ment of Berlin, where the officers wore ern Spiritualism in Ohio. It was an old dence if willing to investigate. Mr. Lockwood's class lessons conwas occupied by Willard J. Hull, who paid glowing tribute to President Pet-Denver, Colo., where she registered as big gold chains and made pompous a voter and went to the polls on elec-speeches. The Empress) had a chain house standing by the road side, surcounty. A few earnest workers are speeches. The Empressi had a chair rounded by trees, and Mr. King instriving to make this camp a success tinue with unabated interest, and peotengill and to his old friends, Mr. and tion day, and did not encounter any of brought to Miss Anthony; and stood formed us that raps that could be disand we feel that they will succeed. They have platted the grounds into pie are being taught an understanding | Mrs. Lillie; also to the memory of Mr. the direful results predicted by the while the talked to her. SEvery honor tinctly heard in the middle of the road on purely scientific lines of what has Skidmore and other tried and true ones opponents of suffrage. She recounted was conferred that the "great capital were heard in this house about six lots, which will be leased at a nominal who had been loyal supporters of the aivine gospel taught on these grounds. long been considered mysterious. various amusing events in connection could bestow, showing the dignity of months after the Rochester rappings sum. Those desiring a sumer home in Mr. Conway, a wealthy oil operator with this novel experience, and ex the movement that lies so near the began. The house is unoccupied, but northern Michigan equal to any of the from Texas, is making his yearly visit Woman's Day, one of the fairest of plained many of the benefits and advan-to Lily Dale, and takes a wholesome in-the season and a grand gala day at the tages which were made manifest as the Gilman said she did not like to put six stands there an old landmark to the summer resorts, and much more restful, memory of Modern Spiritualism. should at once avail themselves of this terest in all our proceedings. Col. Van Horn, of Kansas City, is a great pomp and display. A large ban-keen observer, and allve to everything ner bearing the inscription, "Lily Dale of the afternoon and referring to the ex-point of the fact that we learn by doing We found Maple Dell a delightful cpportunity to secure a lot, by writing THE LIFE RADIANT. BY LILLIAN WHITING.-In this book Mist Whiting aims to portray a practical ideal for dally living that shall embody the sweetness and exaltations and faith that lend enchant place, well shaded by grand old maple to the secretary, Mrs. Ruth Eastman, Mancelona, Mich. trees, from whence it took its name. f interest. Mr. J. S. Drake, recently of St. Louls, suspended just within the gateway. "Its inspiration touches not only the made by progress in work. If humanof interest. They have a fine auditorium, hotel and D. A. MORKILL. numerous cottages. The officers and members are very enthusiastic and are Grand Rapids, Mich. and the husband of Maud Lord, is a wel-come visitor and is enjoying old place, while drapings and festoons of She recalled the well-known fact that development by prayer we might have and exaltations and faith that lead enchant-ment to life. It is, in a measure, a logical se-quence of "The World Beautiful," leading into still diviner harmonics, it is calculated to ren-der the soul in harmony with the universe. It is truly an inspiration. Price, cloth, 81,00. working for the good of the camp. "Wedding Chimes." By Delpha Pearl Hughes. A tasty, beautiful and approfriends, along with the rest and recu-peration from business cares. On Saturday, August 13, Dr. Patter-auditorium. Badges of yellow were ev-man's Suffrage movement was organ While there we had the pleasure of meeting for the first time, Mrs. Mattie priate wedding souvenir. Contains Hull, and also of listening to a very interesting and instructive lecture etc., with choice matter in poetry and which she delivered Tuesday afternoon. riage ceremony, marriage certificate "Concentration, Meditaerywhere in evidence, and bright yel lized, and pointed to the fact that all sition of women as cooks and care-takon and Breath.". Iow blossoms were profusely worn by along the lines of Spiritualistic teach ors of children. Mr. J. Clegg Wright lectured Satur the ladies, on the waists and in the lags the thought had been emphasized. The dance in the even in the ladies, on the waists and in the lags the thought had been emphasized. The dance in the even in the ladies had a short visit with Mr. Gastion and Breath." The Religion of Science. of the Spiritualist and Liberal ministry. By Dr. Paul Carus. Ver thoughtful and in presting. Price, 25 cents. day morning on the Evolution of the hair. Everywhere women had the floor, that intellect knows no sex, that real packed house and was supposed to be ton, of Lily Dale. Mrs. Brown the land- Price 75 cents.

To the Editor:-As you well say, Spiritualism is physician as a speedy prey to tuberculosis. "Cali- "I haven't the faintest doubt but we shall be able world wide, and of course co-extensive with Spiritual- fornia or Florida may prolong her life, but nothing to keep up the work'on the 'faith basis.'. It's marvelism is spirit influence. A large and influential band can save her." This was the doctor's verdict.

For years it was "borne upon" the thankful wo-For myself, I want nothing. I haven't bought a men, together with the other daughter who thought

So Mrs. E. J. Shulhoff, a Chicago woman, as set fray the expenses of the proposed sojourn in Cali- who, with her tiny child, was tenderly cared for dur-

Couldn't Save the Most Loved Babe.

At present eleven children, the oldest 21/2 years old, ers providential she was led from the small apartment thing of the eager spirit of the martyr or devotee eviand nine under 10 months of age, are sheltered in the into the large house now occupied and the first child dent in her glowing eyes and quiet manner. Ex-nameless, informal home at 571 West Congress street. was quickly brought to her, a distressed young mother tremely slender and frail in physical appearance, the shadows black. One of these babies is cared for by its mother, a frail being saved to happier days through the effort. Other brave faith that is in her inspires every movement. girl now able to help a little with the care of some of children followed, one by one, save in the case of the Her daughters, youthful, attractive, accomplished, When some feller cheered you onward with a pat the other diminutive morsels of humanity, but the twins who naturally came together, until fifteen ba- are no less in earnest in their devotion to the work, to babies" and require frequent and generous feedings death was inevitable but who was saved much suffer- go out, do nothing but care for poor little children, You will never miss th' minute that you stop to do th

"I do wish we could have had that baby's picture," hearts." says the proxy mother of so many infants. "We can-"But it's all right when one loves the babies and not think how any one could have deserted it so cru-

hoff, quaintly, smiling upon the two eldest charges. Though herself a firm believer in the power of heal- Grandma Shulhoff is playfully demanding her attention. "We haven't ing through faith, strong in the long held intent humanitarian work. had a night of uninterrupted rest since November, but never again to take medicine or medical treatment,

Mrs. Shulhoff exacts no such rigorous faith from the destitute mothers who stay in her house with their children. A skilled physician visits the home upon No charge is made by the three devoted baby lov- occasion, several times the inmates have called in

We forget that she must leave us and take with her

To this treatment Mrs. Shulhoff and her daughters, knowledge that his cherished child will be tenderly following the famous example of Dr. George Miller, cared for until such time as he may be able to support who for many years maintained an orphan's home

in London upon a similar basis, yield complete trust "If ever I do get into work again I'll-do something and confidence. Do they lack money wherewith to nice for these other babies," fervently promises one buy the next meal, or milk for the babies, or some nesuch father who, his wife in the insane asylum, was in cessity for the house or the older patients? Is the rent sore straits to know what to do with the tiny baby due and the household pocketbook empty? Is there Then our heart-strings draw us closer, as we sense

Support Always Rewards Her Faith.

"I haven't the faintest doubt but we shall be able An' his cards is mixed so badly that he don't know

of spirits are constantly at work in aiding Grandma Concerning the daughter who had always suffered it takes lots of strength and endurance for three wo-

Mothers Liend Aid When Able.

garment for myself or my daughters in two years, and and felt with them, that work in behalf of destitute and able to secure desirable positions they make the

forth in the Tribune, who, because she believes a fornia or Florida, as for the various kinds of expens- ing several months, left 75 cents when she departed as higher power called her to work among destitute Chi- ive treatment frequently proposed for the daughter, earnest of the help she would like to extend to ing several months, left 75 cents when she departed as Just a little word o' comfort; just a little note o' other unfortunates were she able. Two young moth- An' cago mants, had faith and courage a year ago last husband and father, now no longer opposed to the ers, partially recovering the strength depleted May to rent a targe nouse with no visible prospect of makened and factor, now no longer opposed to the ors, partially recovering the strength depieted upon th'rack, being able to pay expenses. A large number of work for the children, but willing to assist with it, homeless and delicate infants, frequently accom-panied by mothers equally ailing, have been cared for in which the family resided procluded the telicate is made for the care and long and home effort. But as a rule no material return of any kind glum an' blue panied by mothers equally aming, have been cared for the value in which the family resided precluded the taking of is made for the care and love given, and the only claim upon this care and love necessary to secure the fullest possible benefits is that of need.

Modest and shrinking in manner, earnestly depre-But in strange ways which Mrs. Shulhoff consid- cating praise or publicity, Mrs. Shulhoff has some- Like a black-winged monster hoverin' 'round about

main burden of their support and tending devolves bies laid claim and siege to the hearts of the devoted do which they believe a special call to have been sent Why, 'twill never cost you nothin' just to do a thing upon Mrs. Shulhoff and her two daughters, equally baby lovers. The sick little baby, motherless from them, and as the woman who lovingly mothers eleven like that— devoted to the babies. No light task, this, when it is birth, and for several months left to the neglectful little stray babies quaintly expresses it, "when young Cheer some weary-hearted feller with a friendly little remembered that all the little ones are "bottle tending of a drunken neighbor, the baby whose early women give up everything, spend all their time, never

they must have grace and faith and love in their

There is something sublimely beautiful in the above Oh, you'll brighten many pathways if you'll learn th' philanthropic work, carried on by "Faith." An in-

Grandma Shulhoff is their medium to do a beautiful DIVINE WRIGHT.

WHEN OUR MOTHER PASSES ON.

the while,

A PAT UPON THE BACK.

When th' days ard dark and dreary an' a feller's in th' dumps,'

what is trumps;

ous what strength and endurance have been given us; When th' sunshine leaves him stumblin' an' a-gropin' in th' gloom,

an' their bloom.

When you boost his courage upward with a pat upon th' back.

Sometimes when the women assisted are stronger An' it gives a chap th' confidence to take a firmer stand

ing. But the money which had been lacking to de- mothers of the numerous other babies. One woman, An' his eyes 'll git to fillin', when you whisper in his ear

cheer;

he'll bear afflictions torture, when he's placed upon th' rack,

An' th' load you struggled under was almost too much for you;

An when all your sky was clouded, an' you only saw despair,

you everywhere,

shadows black,

pat!

deed.

Or regret th' kindly action to th' feller who's in need. little knack

visible host of spirits cluster around that home, and Of assistin' others onward by a pat upon th' back. Grandma Shulhoff is their medium to do a beautiful . -E. A. Brininstool.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT REALMS. 'Continued from page 2.)

When our mother lives among us and we see her all forms; for all entities and all forms are as eternal as we are ourselves.

All are but parts of one stupendous whole, and each fills its position and place. You of earth are accustomed to think that each organ of the body has but one use. You say, the eyes see, the ears hear, the tongue tastes, the feet walk; whereas, each and every organ of the body answers a great, many different purposes. The eyes not only see but they express all the various emotions of the soul; they weep when the spirit within is grieved; they smile as does the mouth and lips; they flash with anger; they express joy, and hope, and love, and tenderness. But for the eyes there could be no great paintings in the world; no beautiful buildings nor architectural colorings; no symmetry anywhere. The eyes answer for more than

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that sweet smile. We forget, while she is supple, and goes lightly to and fro, That she soon will get so feeble that she can but slowly go; We forget when she embraced us in our childhood

days now gone, we see the dumb clods cover her, then wisdom

her closing day;

And we weep in bitter sorrow when her spirit goes away.

Aug. 17, 1904.

.. GENERAL SURVEY .. THE SPIRITUALISTIC FIELD-ITS WORKERS, DOINGS, ETC., THE WORLD OVER.

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WRITE PLAINLY,-We would like to impress upon the minds of our correspondents that The Progressive Thinker 18 set up on a Linotype machine that must make speed equal to about four compositors. That means rapid work, and it is essential that all copy, 15 Jp-sure insertion in the paper, all other re-quirements being favorable, should be written plainly, with link on white That means rapid work, paper, or with a typewriter, and only on bear, it was consciousness recognizing those things in that way. 'And it was one side of the paper.

ITEMS .- Bear in mind that items for the General Survey will in all cases be adjusted to the space we have to occu-py, and in order to do that they will generally have to be abridged more or less; otherwise many items would be crowded out. Bometimes a thirty-line item is cut down to ten lines, and ten lines to two lines, as occasion may require.

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KEEP COPIES of your poems sent to this office, for they will not be returned if we have not space to use them.

The camp meeting at Lily Dale, N. Y., will close September 4, instead of September 14, as appeared in the announcement

Will C. Hodge writes from San Diego, Cal.: "Our temple meetings are fine and Spiritualism is in the ascendancy in San Dlego."

Utica, N. Y., Aug. 11.-Joseph Fala-tice had a couple of guests who talked Spiritualiem and handed him a blank paper, telling him there would be writing on it in the night. Joseph rose and was amazed to find a message illuminated on the paper. It told him to bury \$1,000 in his cellar and soon he could dlg up \$27,000. Falatice heeded, but another man who heard what Joseph had done, stole \$200 of the buried avenue. Mrs. N. E. Hill, the pastor, de treasure, thereby revealing the game to the police. The visitors were arrested. dress was most powerful and touching Dr. J. H. Randall will lecture for the Bociety of the Psychic Forces, 361 East

Forty-third street, Wilcox Hall, Sunday evening, August 21, at 8 o'clock. Mrs Isa Cleveland, pastor. Ashland, Pa.-Grace Weisshold, only

three years old, is one of the most remarkable children in the country. Bhe speaks four langauges and besides bas decided musical talent, playing Beethoven.

The Spiritualists of Topeka are planning a revival in Topeka this winter. From private sources a large amount of money has been obtained for that purpose, and the work on an unusually large scale will be carried on. The building of a temple, worth in the neighporhood of \$20,000, is included in the plans. The Occult Science Club is the principal in the movement. The cru- that our Sunday school will reopen Oc-

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ATTENTION LYCEUMS. -- During une, July and August the Progressive Lyceum will be sent to Lyceums for one cent per copy. This will enable you to increase your subscription onehalf its present number, with no extra expense, Address J. W. Ring, care of the Spiritualist Temple, Galveston, Texas.

be light,' it was consciousness that rubbed open its eyes to see the light. When God said, 'Let there be a firmanent,' it was consciousness awakening to recognize space; and when God said, 'Let the waters be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land ap-60.' And so on through the whole chapter of creation until we have a universe externalized according to the rulfolding the awakening consciousness loding the awakening consciousness

into the power of recognition." L. Worthen writes from Blodgett's Landing, N. H., Lake Sunapee camp: "August 9, at 2:45 p. m., meeting called to order by the president, John Gage, A lecture followed by Edgar W. Emerson, lecturer and test medium. Aug. 10, at 10:30 a. m., conference, which was very instructive. At 7:45 p. m., a seance by that veteran, Mr. Emerson. Every test was acknowledged to be true. Aug. 11, at 2:15, lecture and tests by Mr. Emerson. Aug. 12, at 10:30 a. again. Aug. 14, at 10:30 a. m., a lecture hy Dr. C. E. Watkins, who took his sublect from the audience. He spoke well.

At 1 p. m., a scance by Sadie L. Hand, assisted by Mrs. Minnie M. Soule. At 2:45 p. m., a lecture by Dr. C. M. Wat-kins, on Psychical Researches. It was well received."

Chas. H. Green writes: "Sunday Aug. 14, 1904, the regular services of he Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission were held in their hall, 378, S. Western livered the evening lecture. Her adin its import, being both interesting and pleasing to either skeptic or Spiritanglers. ualist. Following Mrs. Hill were numer-cus tests by Sisters Cutter and Ancounties, and to reach it by rail passen drews. Mrs. Weaver also gave a few tests; authough short, were enough to bring the thoughts of the most skeptical investigator to our work and to exlowa: cite an added interest in the phenom-

ena of Spiritualism, in the minds of Camp. Waterloo, Iowa. I serve the Enboth investigator and Spiritualist. glewood Spiritual Union during Schiem-Dr Rurgess also delivered a short address. It is certainly most gratifying 5900 LaSalle street. to us, and should be to all other Spirit-

unlists, to see the large number of peospeakers in the ranks of Spiritualism, ple, some Spiritualists but a great many who are not, who attend our meetings, camp, Sunday, Aug. 28, 1904. our hall being usually filled to its ca

pacity at our evening services. The superintendent of the Sunday-school, in Shakspeare' will be the subject of the address at the Church of Spirit Com-Rev. Thos. S. Warner, has announced munion, 4308 Cottage Grove avenue, Sunday evening, Aug. 28. The human mind, in whatever field of labor, ba it music, art, literature or science, when its success amounts to genius, comes inpeaker Sunday, Aug. 21. We look forvariably to more or less conscious comnunion with the spirit world and Shakspeare seems to have been no oxception. As with the Bible so with the un rivalled poet, no one can appreciate them as can the Spiritualist. Mrs. Pearce is organizing a ladies quartette. and we hope to have this interesting feature added to our musical program next Sunday night. A strong lecture by Dr. Randall and a fine duct by Mrs, Pearce and Mrs. Hobbe, ably accorna nied by Mrs. Sherks, were the features of last Sunday's service. Mr. Coates

When writing for this paper ise a pen or typewriter.

We go to press sarly Monday morning, hence communications intended to that current issue should reach this office not fater than the previous Batu/lay morning. Bear this in mind.

Dr. G. B. Warne, president of the iniols State Spiritualist Association, has been at the Clinton Camp, Iowa, during be past two weeks.

An instance of telepathic communcation, premonition, or whatever torm may be used to describe the phenomenon is brought to light today with the announcement of the death at Muncie, last evening, of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aquilla Jones. Mrs. Jones was formerly Pearl Bronenberg, of Anderson, the dauughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Bronenberg, of Anderson. Recently Mrs Jones' mother left for a trip to Adirondack mountains for the benefit of her health. She returned to her home unexpectedly last evening. Mrs. Bronenberg says that while she wasstopping in the New York mountains

she had a premonition that all was 1.st well with her family at home. Al-though she tried to throw off the thought she was unable to do so. Ĭt finally became so strong that without wiring her husband she boarded a train for home. Her thought was that her husband, who is an invalid, was suffering. Upon reaching Anderson she hurrled to her home on West Ninth street and met a messenger at the door with a telegram announcing the death of her little granddaughter at Muncie.-Bulletin, Anderson, Ind.

The second annual camp-meeting of the Association of State Spiritualists is now being held at Surprise Lake, Washington, and the meeting will continue until August 21. The ground on which the camp-meeting is being held was purchased by the state association one year ago, and the site is a beautiful one. On the grounds at the present time there are fourteen tents, occupied by people from various parts of the state, the majority, however, being from Tacoma. Regular meetings are held on the grounds each day, but the meetings on Sunday are most largely attended. The camp-meeting opened one week ago to day and at that time the address of welcome was delivered by Rev. Frances A. Sheldon, of Tacoma. A the afternoon meeting, Roy, Loie Prior, of Seattle, addressed the meeting, and at the evening meeting, Rev. Flora Heckman was the leading speaker. Meetings will be held to day at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 2:30 and 8 o'clock p. m. These meetings will be addressed by prominent Spiritualists from various parts of the state. During the week meetings are held each afternoon evening, with the exception of Friday evening: On that evening social dances are given and refreshments are served At the close of the camp-meeting the regular state convention of the Spirit

ualists will be held. No more ideal spot could have been chosen for the holding of the annual camp-meetings. Lake Surprise is a handsome body of water, covering an extent of about oighty acres, and it is fed by subterranean streams. The lake is well stocked with black bass and is quite a resort for This lake is located near the dividing line between Pierce and King

gers on the interurban train get off at Edgewood.-Tacoma Ledger. Harry J. Moore writes from Clinton "All mail will reach me directed to Cedar River Park, Spiritualists

ber, and my Chicago address will be Mrs. R. S. Lillie, one of the ablest

will speak at Haslett Park (Mich.) T. W. Sherk writes: "'Spiritualism

> place, seeing mediumship manifestug the return of apirit in all the differ

nalyzed and Considered From the Standpoint of M. Adele Thieman

Inherent in the physical construction of man resides that faculty, dormant in some, active in others, which for ages has been referred to under orthodox teachings as "Conscience." It is designated as "the still small voice," censor and director of man. By those mindful of their "conscience" the question has oft been asked, "What is conscience? Where does it arise? and whence does it receive its informations?

The conscience is nothing more or nothing less than the spirit of man, residing within his physical body during man's sojourn on this mortal plane of life.

Man is trifold in his nature-spirit, soul and body. The spirit is the highest life. It is

the source of wisdom and love. All spirit is pure.

Soul is the life of the body, the consciousness. Spirit is the life of the

 Spirit, soul and body are so closely interwoven that each seems a voucher for the other, the higher heing sponsor for the lower; that is, soul is the sponsor to the body and the spirit stands sponsor to the soul.

Where the consciousness or life of the body, through ignorance or disobedience, deliberately disobeys rules of health and hygiene, the body is made to suffer. Still the body cannot live independently of the soul, and the body beng made to suffer for the imperfections of the soul, proves their temporary inlissoluble tie.

The attributes or agents of the soul are reason, knowledge, experience, desire, ambition, will power, emotion and others. These agents mingle and bring to, or take out of the soul-fount such quantity of their own constituency as well be required for the spiritual progression of the individual while receiving his primary education in the physical world. The soul-fount, with its soul-servants, possesses the alternative of right or wrong, good or evil, advantage. There is a constant battle be tween spirit and worldly desires of the soul. As these desires are manifested for good and evil, spirit is over watchful, ever wakeful; but man by his strong sordid desires, wealtens the spirit, which is thereby disabled and prevented from exercising its natural functions of soul sponsor, in holding in check strong wayward currents of the soul. Where anger, dishonesty, greed and other faults and vices are predominant, and where a tendency to evil is strongly accentuated in man, the spirit is smothered by the turmolis of such einful reasoning, and thereby the soul loses its guiding staff, and man is thrown hither and thither upon the billows of life. Reckless ambition, desires and greed all tend to lower the spirit power. Spirit loses its strength and becomes as dead. Being as dead it is impossible for it to communicate with the Boul. And this is the state where

science, so-called, is dormant.

Where the ambitions of the physical man are of a higher nature, and all soul attributes are exercised and employed in lofty aspirations, spirit works with soul. Soul, the life of the body, restricted in its capacity, is instructed and assisted by spirit, pure and limit-less, and spirit holds its proper posi-tion, that of guiding star to the soul life of man. This directing force is erroneously called conscience. And still the word is not altogether misapplied. For conscience means an inner knowledge, and knowledge is the first requisite to any directing force. Where the soul puts aside wrongful reasoning, spirit will guide, and though the con scious man makes mistakes, still each attempt at betterment brings the spirit in closer touch with the soul, and in the very consciousness of their close relationship soul seeks the shelter of spirit. Each evil overcome with good; each at-

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tack; but if we wish to have a pleasant uninterrupted fest under the boughs of the shade giving oak! we don't want thorns, thistles or weeds of any kind to surround it, trying to take the nourishment which should be given to the tree, besides troubling us in various ways.

Mrs. Mand R. Gales' writes: "The Spiritualists of Winfield, Kansas, have organized a local society known as the Spiritual Society of Occult Science, I would like to correspond with good peakers and mediums. Address nie at No. 1303 Bo. Manning street, Winfield, Kansas.

Dr. Beverly writes: "The Spiritual Science Society, at Arlington Hall is prospering during the summer months. Our hall is being decorated. We will be ready for our next party Saturday evening, Oct. 1. This will be a swell affair and we invite you all to come and coloy something novel and entertain-ing. Our orchestra will give you music that will make the oldest member dance with delight. All who are visiting in the city are especially invited to attend our Sunday meetings and enjoy the day. We always have plenty of medium:s and the best talen that can be procured."

Correspondent writes: "Lora Holton-Upson held two grove meetings, Aug. 8 and 14, in Geo. L. Congdon's beautiful grove, on the banks of Fox river, Elgin, ill. She took her subject from the au dience and answered questions pertaining to the philosophy of spirit return. She finds The Progressive Thinker a welcome visitor i nihe home of Eigin Spiritualists. Her permanent address is 495 East 43rd street, Chicago, where she can be addressed for fall and winter engagements."

Dr. Louis H. Friedman, the noted healer writes :"After enjoying Chester-field and Vicksburg camps, I came to St. Louis, Mo., to see the fair, and possibly combine business with pleasure. I am now stopping at Mrs. Cadman's house, 4242 Cook avenue. I have met a great many people who read The Progreasive Thinker, and all agree that fakes should be stamped out of grand old Spiritualism. But what is the differonce; everybody who is practicing mediumship is called a fake by the authorities. You have to way license in everytown and city in America (very nearly) to practice any phase of mediumship. I shall remain a few weeks at the above address, when I shall roturn to Chicago for my winter work. All socleties who desire me to give public demonstrations and talks, can write me for dates."

There will be a social held at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Burland, 3019 Ver-non avenue, Thursday evening, Aug. 25. There will be readings, palmistry, music, refreshments, etc. It is for the benefit of the Light of Truth church, corner Forty-seventh street, and Cottage Grove avenue, where Mrs. Burland holds two services every Sunday, at 8 and 8, p. m.

Grand Ledge Camp, Mich.

The camp-meeting at Grand Ledge continues to be well attended, the people seeming to take great interest in all the meetings. From Sunday, Aug. 7 to Friday, Aug.

12, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kates were the speakers. As usual their work was highly appreciated by our people.

From Sunday, Aug. 14 to Thursday, Aug. 13, Rev. B. F. Austin was our speaker. We feel that his work was extremely profitable to his audiences, as his discourses were eloquent, logical and instructive. Mr. Austin will always

be a welcome visitor in our state. The conference meetings are quite a feature at our camp this season, presided over by our chairman, Mr. Uscar

m., conference; at 7:45 p. m., a seance by Mr. Emerson. It was one of the largest held on the grounds this year, and was well received by all. Aug. 13, at 2:15 p. m., a lecture by Dr. C. E. Watsins, the great slate-writer. Mr. Irving F. Symonds, the business manager of the Banner of Light, and Mrs. Minnie M. Soule of the spirit message depart. ment, and a lady friend, were at our camp over Sunday. We were glad to receive them, and hope they will come

est Spiritualistic society in the city. The church which it is planned to build will be known as the "Topeka Church of Spiritualism" and the Occult Science Club will practically be in charge of its organization. - Topeka Journal.

O. E. Kropp writes: "The next regular meeting of the Chicago Spiritualists' League will be held at the hall of the Hyde Park Occuit Society, at 319 East 65 street, on Monday evening, September 5, 1904, at 8 o'clock sharp. Take Spirit messages will be given after the Jackson Park car."

Two hours after waking from a dream in which she fancied she saw her mother and sister killed in a rairoad wreck, Mrs. Angle Williams Devine. 5478 Ellis avenue, learned that both mother and sister had been lost in the Colorado wreck. Mrs. Devine has gone to Pueblo to attend the funeral of her sister, Carrie Downing, and to assist in the search for her mother, whose body was washed down the river by the raging flood. Neighbors of Mrs. Devine declare she related the dream to them before the arrival of the papers giving particulars of the wreck -- Chicago Journal.

Miss E. R. Flelding writes from Washington, D. C.: "Mrs. M. T. Longley,' secretary of the N. S. A., and Miss Agnes Winke, spent two weeks at Asbury Park. Prof. Longley is at Onset, Mass. Mr. F. H. Wood is expected-home from Boston, where he went to join the G. A. R. encampment. The Ladies' Ald of the First Society is pro-gressing, and the meetings held at the grove down the Potomac were well at-Hon. Theodore Mayer is busy at his desk. Washington has had very cool summer and nearly all the prominent mediums have remained in the city. The Second Society which has its camp named Camp Fox, after the Fox Sisters, will break up camp in a few weeks and return to the city."

C. I. Kehligua writes from Canton, Ohio: "We will furnish any speaker who will come to us on trial for permanent salaried position the use of a ball every day and every night, should they wish, and a room and office for readings, including a well-fitted place to heal, and guarantee a fair to fine income from the start and a very substantial one later, should they prove satisfactory. We wish such a. worker or workers now. Will they write? Address me at No. 215 West Fifth street, Canton, Ohio."

The Los Angeles Express says: "Mo tion is an expression of life, and life is God," said Dr. G. E. Chesbro, as he spoke last evening before the First Spiritual Mission of Los Angeles. "Motion, under the impulsations of the one supreme force or power of life-the direct means by which all manifestation is produced, has always marked in its train a perfect order of arrangement with all things which give rise to the idea of intelligence. Hence we have life, motion and intelligence, all unseen, comprehending this vast immensity called eternity while consciousness was ssleep. But the unfolding of life by the nower of motion into outward visible expression called creation fit in fact nothing more nor less than that which is recognized by the awakening -consciousness. When God said, 'Let there year, Joseph Kizer.

sade for a big following will be led by tober, 2, 1904, with the promise of leap-this organization, which is the strong- ing forth into the front rank of Spiritnalistic Sunday-schools. Sunday, Aug. 28, our speakers will be Mr. Geo. Montgomery and Rev. Thos. S. Warner; Mr. Montgomery addressing us in the afternoon, and the assistant pastor deliver-

ug his discourse that evening. Both Mr. Montgomery and Mr. Warner are very able speakers, able at any time to command the most respectful attention from their audiences. The subjects of both speakers will be specially selected. We respectfully tender an invitation to any or all of the Spiritualists or investigators, to attend our meetings at our

bell, 378 S. Western avenue." H. F. Coates writes: "Being away on a short vacation. I beg to announce that will return August 28, trusting that the much-needed rest will be received. invite my friends to come as usual, aiter the above date."

Mr. A. C. Curlis gives an account of an attack on Col. Ingersoll by an ortho-dox minister of the gospel. Really, his attack is a tissue of lies, and unworthy of notice, in view of the fact that any answer here would not reach the persons to whom the lies were told. His

statement, too, of immoralities practiced in a city of this state are false in all respects. Such a thing was never heard of.

Mrs. Isa A. Cross writes: "The Hyde Park Occult Society will be again favored by a lecture from Walter DeVoe, and we always get something grand and spiritual from him. Those who do not attend little realize what they are missng. He will lecture on August 28, at 8 p. m. Mrs. Kline will be the message nedium, and she is doing some fine in placing her name, expecting her preswork. Come and get some new ideas and a message from your dear ones. Don't forget the time and place, August 21, at 319 B. 55th street. Everyone will receive a cordial welcome."

Mrs. M. E. G. Howe writes: "After serving the Clackamas county (Ore.) camp of Spiritualists three weeks, with lectures and messages, Mr. Howe and myself assisted the Progressive Society of Portland on Sunday evening, July 24, Mr. Howe, by special request, deliver-

ing his address on 'The Life and Works of Thomas Paine,' I following with messages. Monday we left Fortland for McMinnville, Ore., where he delivered his lecture on 'is Spiritualism of the Devil?' to a mixed audience. I followed with messages, and held a large circle

the next evening. Back to Portland on Thursday: a large number of camp triends and Fortland people tendered us a reception on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Armstrong, which was a most pleasant affair. Saturday we left Portland by boat for San Francisco. after being away from home six weeks, all of which time wo were working to establish the truth that life is continuous and communcation possible." Officers elected at the Chesterfield

camp are as follows: President, Levi Mock: vice-president, Capt. David Kilgore; recording secretary, Lyda Jessup; financial secretary, B. B. Patterson; treasurer, Henry Bronnenberg; trustees for three years, M. Bronnen-berg and W. T. Lynn; trustees for one

gives messages at each service." On Tuesday evening, Aug. 16, about fifty members of the Rising Sun Spiritualist Mission, assembled at the home of the pastor, Mrs. Nora E. Hill, for the purpose of going to the home of the president, Mr. C. Kirchner, as a sur-

rise party to Mrs. Kirchner, who was to leave for an extended trip to Wash ugton, Ballimore and Philadelphia. Ev erything was quietly arranged, and all were in the house and gave the Indian yells, ere Mrs. Kirchner knew what was bannening. It was a surprise indeed and everybody had an enjoyable time. Refreshments were served and a safe

yourney was assured by the good wishes extended at the parting. Mrs. Kirch-ner will be away from the mission about six weeks, and will do some mis slonary work at the various societies she will visit.

W. H. Klser writes: "Mrs DeWolf Kiser will not be at Waterloo camp, lowa, this year, notwithstanding her name appears on Waterloo advertising. Perhaps the authorities meant all right ence without previous arrangement or consent on her part, hence no appointent to be there. However, that her

many friends who read The Progressive Thinker may not be disappointed, but know of her whereabouts, I will gay that she expects to be in Chicago after August 23 for about ten days. Her location may be found by inquiry at 251 S. Hermitage avenue. She sends love to all the friends who may read this letter, and to those who are writing her, expecting to see her at Waterloo."

Mrs. M. A. Gray writes: "There is no publication I value higher than I do The Progressivo Thinker, and I mean to be a subscriber for it as long as 1 am able to peruse its contents."

Priscilla E. McArthur writes: "I wish to endorse the Open Court which is now In session in your much beloved paper, and also the methods which you adopt in promulgating Spiritualism in its entirety. To my way of thinking, you will rid the cause of the stigma that 'false prophets' and fakes have been trying with their Blue Book and artificial toggery to place upon it. Instead, as some seem to fear, of beilttling Spiritualism,

thing of beauty and a joy forever, and We who have been within the fold of

erly. They add much to the and zest of our assembly. Mrs. Marian Carpenter will be tuoa.

ward with pleasure to her coming as her work is always entertaining. Tuesday, Aug. 16, the annual meeting of the Michigan State Spiritualists was held in Lansing, and many from our camp were in attendance.

Rena D. Chapman, one of our campers, was re-elected state secretary. LAURA MATLOCK, Sec'y.

PASSED TO SPIRIT LIFE.

(Obituaries to the extent of ten lines of fifteen cents per fine. About seven words constitute one line.]

from his home in Los Angeles, Cal. Dr. and Mrs. Chesbro conducted this most, beautiful funeral service. It seemed like bidding a good old Spiritualist friend adjeu for a safe and happy orage to a fairer clime, from whence he could come to visit his friends at will. This service had a wonderful effect upon the church friends who were present. A. VOSS.

Mrs. Mary J. Kendrick, mother of Mrs. Josie K. Folsom, the celebrated niedium, passed to spirit life, August 11, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. the distance.

Grabel of Chicago. Her remains were taken to Louisville, Kentucky, for inter-Milwaukee, Wis. ment. Mrs. Kendrick was nearly 76 years of age, and although a life-long member of the Episcopal church, she had been convinced of spirit return through her daughter's mediumship. Her death is the seventh that has occurred in the immediate family since

last October, including Mrs. Folsom's husband, who passed away Feb. 28. Mrs. Kendrick's huspand was a promi-uent attorney of Louisville, and she was a cousin of Congressman Kendall, of Kentucky, and Judge Elliott of the Supreme Court of Kentucky. Of a family of thirtzen children, all have preceded her to spirit life but, four, Hon. M. B. Kendrick, attorney, of Newport, Ky.; Mrs. Josis K. Folsom, of St. Louis; Mrs. Louise Bronstein of Frankfort, Ky., and Mrs. Grable of Chicago.

William Van Linck doparted this life

at San Francisco, Cali, August 7, 1904, of heart disease, aged 49 years, 8

The funeral services were held Aug. 9, at Canther Brothers' undertaking parlors, at 1200 Mission street, and were conducted by Prof. Geo. F. Perkins. The address throughout was very beautiful and' comforting and given with strong spirit power, as was also the songs, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Only a Thin Vell Between

The services were concluded at the I. O. O. F. cemetery, by the reading of the beautiful poem, "Scattor the Germs of the Beautiful," and invocation. The remains were cremated, according to the wishes of Mrs. Van Linck.

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As the body suffers for the misdeeds only will be inserted free. All in excess of the soul on a physical basis, so also of ten lines will be charged at the rate is the spirit made responsible for the misdeeds of the soul on the spiritual misdeeds of the soul on the spiritual piane.

All importections of the soul will John Servis passed to spirit life, Aug. Lave to be perfected by the spirit after its departure from the body, and each one must make atonement for himself And as the pure spirit is the real man and the innocent party to a crime it be hooves each individual, in justice to his own spirit, to acquire, day by day, an elevated and pure line of thought as a basis or undercurrent for his acts.

By doing this the voice of the spirit or so-called conscience will be heard by the soul, and man shall be led by the spirit "ever faithful guide" through the rugged vales of this mortal plane to his promised Canaan now dimly viewed in

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EVERY DAY.

Every day hath its dawn, Its soft and silent eve, Its noontide hours of bliss or bale; Why should we grieve?

Why do we heap huge mounds of years Before us and behind And scorn the little days that pass

Like angels on the wind? Each turning round a small, sweet face As beautiful as near;

Because it is so small a face We will not see it clear: We will not clasp it as it flies, And kies its lips and brow;

We will not bathe our wearled souls In its delicious Now. And so it turns from us, and goes

Away in sad disdain; Though we would give our lives for it; It never comes again,

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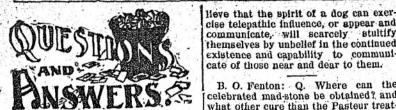
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public use: G. H. A.: Q. I would like to know if the following phenomena are of ordinary occurrence or not, and what they denote, and how explained. My father authorities assert that it is not on died of spasmodic asthma. About one useless, but develops a fatal diseaseyear later a medium came to this city on business in company with another person who told that the former was a they never met a case of hydrophobia, medium and had recently found it out at a town in Minnesota where he met case.

another medium and they worked to-Whenever a dog or cat bites, it is algether in that line to locate some anmost taken for granted that they are tient and lost mines. At the hotel some mad, and there is a nervous collapse of the guests prevailed on this medium from fright. In ninety-nine cases in a to give a test. In doing this he acted hundred, with ordinary methods for out my father to perfection, having a wounds there would be no after effect. spasm such as he had when alive. The Now all these go to the Pasteur instinext day a friend spoke up and said to tute, are treated, and if they recover, me that he heard of the occurrence and are sent away "cured," but if the treat wanted the particulars. I was reading ment kills them, "the patient came too a magazine and as he spoke I held the late."

open book in both hands, open about the middle, each half held between We venture to maintain that if one hundred perfectly healthy individuals thumb and finger quite tight. To an-swer him I let the book go to my lap, as large a percentage would die of it, as still held by both hands as before, and are incurable among those who are bit when telling him of the phenomena of

the night before the book pulled out of The legislature of Obio, under the inmy hands, and taking a curve, sailed fluence of the doctors, has made the over to him and would have landed in "graft" easy and profitable. If Johnny bis lap had he not been sitting in a high is scratched by his pet cat, the "family arm chair. As it was the book struck doctor" can recommend him to the in the chair arm and fell to the floor. It stitute, or escort him. The state will was indeed new and strange to me. pay up to \$500, of which the doctor will

Such manifestations cannot be get a fat slice for recommending! A A. Such manifestations cannot be get a fat slice for recommending: A said to be ordinary occurrences, and more corrupt piece of legislation was yct they are not uncommon, and few never forced on a free people. Spiritualists there are who have not Notes From Texas.

had similar experiences. The re-enacting of the discase afflicting the snirit The eighth annual convention of the by the medium, is often witnessed at l'exas State National Association of seances. When the spirit comes through Spiritualists will be held in the city of the medium, again in contact with San Antonio, Texas, September 30 and earth-life, the conditions of that life. October 1 and 2. Reports of the pres-

at the time of its departure are revived. ent officers, of the ordained ministers and missionaries will be received. Le Rouser Q. What is the number Delegates to the National" convention of spiritual societies in the United will be elected, also officers for the States; number of Spiritualists; numcoming year. Mr. John W. Ring, who ber of fournals devoted to the cause has for several years filled the office of and number of volumes issued on the president, positively declines the nomisubject? nation for re-election and a new presi-A. It is difficult to furnish accurate dent is therefore a necessity. 'The statistics on this subject, as the cen-

work of the state moves gradually sus report is incompetent, and probably along and the seed of liberal and apirit. not half the societies affiliate with the ual thought has permeated the mental

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friends.

Religion of Joy.'

years.

In the preface Mr. Tuttle gives some

SEEN AND HEARD. cise telepathic influence, or appear and stultify themselves by unbelief in the continued existence and capability to communi-Brief Notes on Topics of Interest,

cate of those near and dear to them. by Hudson Tuttle. B. O. Fenton: Q. Where can the celebrated mad-stone be obtained? and

No one can read this little brochura by that erudite scholar and clear, un-biased thinker, George A. Bacon, with-out profit and pleasure. The subject is what other cure than the Pasteur treat-A. The "mad-stone," has been kept in the relic-room at Columbus, Ohio, but biased thinker, George A. Bacon, with out profit and pleasure. The subject is almost exhaustless, and the difficulty is its use is now forbidden by the board of health. It is said by the doctors to be useless, and by preventing the patient

to tell the wonderful story of Buddha itualism." In every sense of the word the Godman, in the narrow compass of this book is timely, and adapted to meet thirty-two pages, and not omit the es- the needs of a progressive people. from at once applying to a Pasteur in-Whatever efficacy it may have, is unsential facts. This Mr. Bacon has done oubtedly mechanical, depending on its with a delicacy of touch most admiraabsorption, and a piece of dry clay or ble, and the treatise is like a clear-cut chalk applied to the wound would as efand brilliant gem.

Buddha was born in northern Hindostan at least in the sixth century B. C., The method of the doctors is peculand his religious system is now accept iar. They have been forcing legislation ed by nearly one-third of the inhabit-ants of the world. His birth and life to protect the dear people against themselves. Not that the people want such legislation, but the doctors want it, to strengthen their trust. The doctors have been surrounded by miracles and myths, which were reproduced by the writers of the life of Jesus Christ, and have gone daft on the matter of antiremain scarcely changed, or at least. toxins and virus injections. The tyran-nous laws enforcing vaccination are they do not lose their identity. The story of the Mediator, the Godsupplemented by enactments favoring man, has come down from immemorial

time, its representatives changing, but the ideal remaining. The Christ of a thousand years ago is unlike the Christ It is not the real Christ men of to-day. worship, but their ideal of the highest. excellence, and thus every individual has a Christ of his own. In Mr. Bacon's words, Buddha, the

savior of India, taught: "The truth is holy and sweet; the truth can deliver netism," two chapters on "Spirit, Its you from evil. There is no savior in the world except truth. To abandon of Death." "Mediumshin, Its Phenom-all wrong-doing: to lead a virtuous life. cna, Laws and Cultivation." "Mediumall wrong-doing; to lead a virtuous life, all wrong-doing; to lead a virtuous inte, and to cleanse one's heart—this is the relicion of all Buddhas" The peculiar feature of this scheme is

religion of all Buddhas." that the value of the Pasteur treatment Buddhism is a practical religion is problematical, and eminent medical which does not conflict with science. authorities assert that it is not only Self-sacrifice it holds above all sacrifices. It places good deeds before be-lief. The fate of the spirit after death laboratory rables. Noted medical men who have practiced a life time, say that will be decided by the goods deeds in and many doubt if there is such a disife.

The Demonism of the Ages and Spirit der the influence of some thing he saw, Obsession.

We have had time to scarcely more than glance at the book issued by J. M. Peebles, on Reincarnation, before he remembers us with another and larger volume with the above title. The broadside the Doctor poured into the reincarnation doctrine should have silenced the enemy, but we presume not single soul will be changed in views. for a doctrine founded on fancy and ig-

noring reason is not to be changed by reasoning. Demonism is an ambitious book, of 382 large octavo pages, and the author has gathered material from all sources, so exhausted the subject that it is and safe to say that it will be many a year before another book will be required on this subject. The belief in evil spirits or demons, of all peoples, is rapidly sketched. China, Japan, Korea, India, ancient Greece, supply material. A rich gleaning is gathered from the early Christians, and church history.

The conclusion is that there are evil spirits and these have in times past and do at present largely enter into affairs of men. Obsession has recently called out a

good deal of attention, and there is no difficulty in gathering volumes of narratives, giving personal experiences. While it cannot be doubted that ignorant and evil-disposed spirits gan , con-trol those sensitive to their impressions, it does not follow that all these instances are obsessions. Spirits, good or evil, cannot control a medium unless there is similarity, and when an individual says that he is controlled by evil spirits, he confesses to being on their plane, and does not extenuate or excuse whatever he may say or do under such influence. Nine-tenths or more of all cases that have come under my per-

THE ARCANA OPS SPIRITUALISM. thorough study of this glossary will be THE BELL WITCH MYSTERY of great assistance to some of our work. Hudson Tuttle's Lafest Book-Moses It is hoped that the readers of The Hull Weighs It in the Balances and Progressive Thinker will supply them- ject of much superstitious awe in the Finds It Not Wantings but Good selves with this book and thoroughly community.

Enough to Use as an Text Book in the study it, MOSES HULL. Morris Pratt School Here Is What Franklin, Neb., Camp.

The camp-meeting at this place closed with a large attendance Sunday night, hundred years to come. Aug. 14. During the last ten days of Mr. M. V. Ingram, a well known jour by Dr. Casterline of Edgar, Neb., whose appreciated his masterly lecture on the mony collected among the oldest inhab-Bible.

Hon. C. H. Moody, of Jewell county, This book contains history, philoso phy, science, reason, pathos and appeal ical lecture on Labor Day, which was such as will be hard to find elsewhere said to be the best lecture ever delivin Spiritualistic literating. It is a book which it seems to me any right-thinking ered in Franklin.

Woman's Day was celebrated in bebis library and keep to hand to his camp, and a prominent feature of the see a witch and kill it with a silver bul-Mr. Tuttle is a well-read man on all employe of the Geneva Industrial School of Geneva, Neb. In the evening, the topics discussed; besides that he has been an carnest student of, and an active worker in Spiritualism from the first. In the language of the Jews I Moody as medium.

will say, "This man speaks not as the Rain his interfered some, but in Scribes and Pharisees, but as one having authority." There are in this book of 351 pages, day of the camp, at which the following besides, Preface, Introductory, Glos-sary, and a few poems by Mrs. Tuttle, officers were elected: W. W. Shelburn, president; C. H. Moody, vice-president; fourteen chapters under the following D. L. Haines, secretary; Rosco Burton, headings: Two on "The Evidences of assistant secretary; Mrs. D. L. Haines, Spiritualism"; one day "Matter and treasurer. Board of directors, R. G. Force, and Their Relation to Spirit." Douglas, Rosco Burton, Mr. Boulton, Mr. Bowers, Mrs. W. W. Shelburn, Mr. Others are entitled, "Spiritual Atmos Wm. Lca. The papers have treated us with the

netism," two chapters on "Spirit, Its Phenomena and Its Laws," "Philosophy greatest courtesy, and the citizens of Franklin have given the kindest of treatment to campers. To mediums

thinking of visiting this camp in future, I will say that their money is absolute-"The Spirit's Home,", "Resume," "A General Survey of Spiritualism," "The Old Religion of Pain, Spiritualism the was a great success.

J. M. WHITE.

Grand Ledge, Mich., Camp.

From what we learn through side-

of his experiences, including a medium ship which came to him and in fact con verted him to Spiritualism. Being un lights, the season is not generally favorable-in a financial sense-to camps or resorts of our state, owing, it is be-lieved to campaign year, and a greater heard and felt, and intelligence which was beyond himself, and which was honest and truthful, his Spiritualism desire to see the World's Fair. Howcame to him to stay-yto increase in ever, the Grand Ledge camp for the past two weeks is as prosperous as in power and usefulness with increasing former years. There are more camp-

In an ordinary newspaper article not ers on the grounds than last year and many quotations can be made from the attendance from far and near is his book. Indeed quotations are not about normal. A little improvement each season tes what the reader wants. The book as a whole should be studied. So thortifies to the interest manifested in make ing the camp in time, a thing of beauty oughly convinced are the Morris Pratt

and a joy forever. This is more espe-cially true in the improvement of the School faculty of this, that our leader of the psychic class has determined to use ostrum which heretofore looked like it to some extent in her.lessons. On page 20 Mr. Tuttle says: Paradise lost. Mrs. Russell, with the

"If death makes no change except of condition, the individuality being peraid of two volunteer ladies, have transformed it into Paradise found. J. W. Ewing, the president, is an allfectly preserved, communications must

tecily preserved, communications must be like their source, and the psycholog-ical influence exerted illoof mediums be good or bad according to the moral and intellectual status of 'the, controlling spirit. But the law of affinity strictly holds, and a bad spirit can no more force a sensitive into wrong doing than can a human companion. On the other hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails as yet, but the baid spot on his head is hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails as yet, but the baid spot on his head is hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails hind quarters hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails as yet, but the baid spot on his head is hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails hind quarters hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails hind quarters hand, good spirits 'possess' the tails hind the print of the moral the commenced to the print of the print of the possess the tails hind quarters hand here the tails the print of the posses the tails hind the print of the posses the tails hind the posses the tails hind the posses the tails hind the posses the tails here the posses there the posses the tails here the po

This, although directly against the right with his symptoms. A good, fire of railery at the expense of Mr. This, although diready against the right with his symptoms. A good, here of railery at the expense of Mr. diotrine taught in the model. The moral, financial and intellectual influ-Great Psychological Crime?' is as true ence to the camp. as any gosper everypreaches?' of the moral financial and wife have filled their your horse to the rock, Mr. Wall; I'll be 'On page 21, he shows where first conditions. I and gone. Very in pretty soon, to entertain you."

ualism differs from the theologies it good people. "The weekly dances and music are ment" commenced. Noises like dried sends to the stow-away of worn-out su-

simply fine. imply fine. Mr. Edgerly! Oh, say! you ought to in showers were heard, the voice all the "The doctrine of spirit evolution carries with it the following constructive see him as chairman. You look all over time keeping up a steady course of light and destructive propositions: (7) Man the rostrum as you go in. You see ev- talk. has not failen from a state of perfec-tion; has not been and cannot be 'lost chairman. Watching a large arm-chair the house of Joel Bell, the son of John

tween God and man are those mortal thing rise and fall convulsively just placed his medicine case on the floor,

11 Read This List of 1 (Continued from page 1.) PREMIUMS.

Whatever may be the explanation of the Bell Witch mystery it has taken such deep hold upon the popular mind in that section of the country that it will probably not let go that hold for a

the camp the work was materially added nalist and author, wrote the history in by Dr. Casterline of Edgar, Neb., whose much detail, from notes left by John peautiful solos attracted, many who also Bell's son, William Bell, and from test itants of the county. Of the truth o what he has stated as facts-gathered Kansas, delivered an eloquent and log-Ifrom the testimony of witnesses who ical lecture on Labor Day, which was heard and saw-there can be no reason

able doubt. A "witch killer" appeared upon th scene and announced that he could work day was a lecture by Mrs. Wilkins, an let. He remained several days, making many preparations. He finally decided that Kate was

Queen Victoria delivered a lecture on afraid of him and would not appear Woman's Sphere, using Hon. C. H. while he was there. He thought it best to go home, and return later if the fam ily had any more trouble. He saddled

spite of all obstacles a successful busi- his horse, mounted and was about to deness meeting was held the last Satur- part, but the animal would not "move a peg." Whipping, kicking, spurring and scolding were alike unavailing. The horse would rear, plunge, kick, lie down and all of those things, but it would not move off. Finally Kate came to the rescue. "I can make that horse go," said she; "let me get on behind." Without waiting for permission she mounted, as it would seem, for the horse started off at once, snorting and

leaping, and finally rushed furiously down the road. Kate laughed about this occurrence

many times. "I scared that old man nearly to death," she said. "I stuck ly sure. The Sunday night closing him full of brass pins. He will spit pins and fox-fire for the next six months.

Lord Jesus, how he did beg. I told the old scoundrel he came here to kill me and I was not going to let him off easy. He said if I would let him alone he

would never come here again.' A woman named Ayers is yet living, who, as a baby, is supposed to have received a spanking from Kate. The baby was very tretful and the mother had to get up frequently to rock the cradle. Finally Kate said, "Patsey, why don't you slap that child, and make it behave itself? If you won't, I will."

The parents distinctly heard a noise like someone spanking a child, and the baby cried as if it were being murdered. The father and mother rushed to the rescue and the blows ceased. Careful search failed to reveal anything or anybody in the house. Mrs. Ayers says her mother told her about it often, and stated that she behaved like a little lady all the remainder of the night.

William Wall started on horseback to visit the Bell place. When he was near the house Kate called to him, saving, round business man and is yet a "Hello, Bill Wall! You going to see "hustler" in his age or about sixty the witch?"

hand, good spirits possess the tails as yet, but the ball spot on his head is it a newy weight had been praced manic qualities, charRy, "pity, love, pin-feathering which—to the Spiritual which enable them to brite⁶ the sphere of the lowest and add them to rise to higher conditions."

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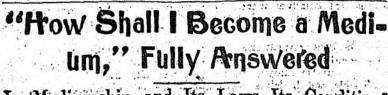
The membership of these societies inadequately expresses the number of Spiritualists in this country, from the fact that so many conceal their belief and do not affiliate with organic movement. The number of those interested has been placed at three millions, and we accept it as a conservative estimate. There are five journals weekly-pub-lished, and the library of Spiritualism contains at least 1,000 volumes.

Aurin Hill: Q. How explain Rider Haggard's dream of his dead dog?

A. Perhaps no writer of fiction has a more wayward and vivid imagination than Haggard. In fact his exciting stories have little to recommend them bevond weirdness and improbability. The condensed story is that the author in a kind of nightmare sleep, became conscious that a favorite dog was dead The knowledge seemed to be imparted by the dog. He says: "In my vision the log was trying to speak to me in words. and failing, transmitted to my mind in an undefined fashion, the knowledge that it was dying." For this he offers two explanations. If the dream occurred at the moment of the dog's death, then it was by means of telepa-If, however, as he thinks most thy. probable, the dream was three hours after the dog's death, "then it would seem that it must have been some nonbodily, but surviving part of life, or the spirit of the dog, which as soon as eep gave it an opportunity reproduced these things in my mind, as they had already occurred, I presume to adviseme. of the manner of its end or to bid me farewell.

It is well known that some persons are mediumistic, or sensitive to spirit influence when in sleep that are not when in the waking state. The author appears to think his experience is unique, but numberless facts could be produced parallel in significance. Before attempting an explanation, the facts should be clearly stated. Mr. Haggard is not sure of his premises. If the dream was coincident with the dog's death, telepathy is a plausible theory; if three hours after, impression from a spirit desiring to impart the in formation and employing a vivid image picture, solves the question in perfect accord with the known laws of

It may be true that animals for a time retain spiritual, form and substance.. If so, then the dream offers no "The Light of Egypt." difficulties. ... Whatever may have been his motive for this sensational story, and 2. An occult library in Spiritualists should be generous and text-book of esoterio knowledge as thank all concerned, for it has called taught by Adepts of Hermetic Philosowide attention, and those who can be phy. Price \$2 per volume.



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atmosphere. Mrs. Alice Baker will spend the month of August at Delphos, Kansas, camp meeting, and will resume her work in Dallas the first of September.

Mrs. Laura B. Payne has been doing some helpful lecture work through the state since her recovery from a run of gestion. fever in Beaumont. Mrs. Payne's abil ity as a missionary in many ways qualifies her for the state office and her o move at and for their pleasure, is as name is already mentioned as a candidate for sinte president.

The work in Galveston moves gradu ally forward with President John W Ring as leader at the Temple. Services have been continued during the entire summer and Mr. Ring will not leave nome until the latter part of September, spending the month of October on a lecture tour in the north and east, attending the National Convention in St. Louis.

Very impressive services were hel at the Spiritualist Temple, Mönday August 8, over the mortal remains of little Henry Tiarks, aged seven, who passed to spirit life, Sunflower Day, Sunday August 7) at 1. 1 5p. m. The vocum room was decorated with a profusion of floral offerings and fully 200 people listened attentively to the truths of Spiritualism as presented by Mr. Ring. The singing added very much to the impressive services and many declared if that was Spiritualism, it was

certainly beautiful and comforting. Mrs. Isa Wilson Kayner will resume er work in the state as missionary the first of September, and localities desir-ing her services should address her care of the Spiritualist Temple, Galveston Mrs. Kayner will most likely spend Octoper at the Temple in Galveston, and will then be open to engagements in various parts of the state for the next four or five months. Mrs. Kayner's work proved satisfactory in various parts of the state where she ministered

and each locality has looked torward to her return.

The German-American Spiritualist Society in Galveston, located at the west end of the city, is doing a great amount of good, with Mr. C. Baumann as leader; there is perfect harmony be tween this and the Temple society, and their efforts are therefore more effectual. COR.

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terrible as ruinous. Eminent students of hypnotism agree that it is impossible to control a sen sitive to do anything against which his noral sense rebels; in other words, to do what he would not do of his own

will, if impelled by strong motives. Here is the adamantine wall, defending man from all exterior influences. The medium is able to dictate the character of his control, and if he allows 'such control, he should direct and reform it, as he would if he was brought in confact with the same grade of mortals. There is more danger of such mortals,

fellow companions, hypnotizing, and controlling, than of spirits who meet with far greater difficulties. Dr. Peebles has gathered up a mass facts, of more or less cerdibility and theories, and his book is a valuable ad-

dition to the library of Spiritualism. Obsession means more than control. into sensitive may receive messages and be impressed by all grades of spirits, Obsession im and yet not obsessed. plies a prolonged influence which absorbs and takes the place of the medium's personality. If the medium allows his influence to be prolonged into the possession of the individuality, he is re-sponsible, and all the trouble comes from a misunderstanding or ignorance of the laws of impressibility, and the conditions of spirit life.

HUDSON TUTTLE. Onset, Mass., Camp.

We have been having a feast of good things at this camp. Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond has been with us and gone. Mr. W. J. Colville has been here the last week and certainly he does attract the people; his classes are larger than other classes; he seems to reach the people, they understand him; and he is

always willing. Mr. Colville has been very kind to the lyceum, giving two benefits for the same. Saturday was Massachusetts State

Association Day, and a good audience in the interest of the association was present; fine talent was presented, Mr.

leo. Carey, Mrs. Sarah A. Byrnes, Mrs. Alex Caird, Mrs. Carrie P. Pratt Mr. W. J. Colville, Mr. J. H. Foss, Mrs. Carrie F. Loring, Mrs. C. Fannie Allyn, and President George A. Fuller. Mr. George Carey and Mr. W. J. Colville were the speakers for Sunday, and over one thousand people were at the camp to

hear them." The Bridgewater Band gave three

Onset is a delightful spot, and all should visit the place. HATCH.

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onal observation, and of those corded, judging from the attendant circumstances, do not require spirits, good or bad, to account for. They are plain ly results of hysteria, from vital deple ion, or selfhypnotism, when the mind is deceived by some dominating. sug-The doctrine that we are sur rounded by a world of demons, invisi-ble, irresponsible, and man is a puppet

perstitions. He says:

on account of belief, but is the natural and gotten into a Tom Thumb materialheritage of humanity." In his talk on "Spiritualism, What it cabinet, O Lord! But never mind,

Is, and What It Does," he says, on page Oscar is all right. HE IS GOOD 24: "Suffering soul there is hope. WHEAT AFTER YOU FIND HIM. There is a guide out of darkness into There has been but very few medithe clear sunshine of ammortal light. ums for the different passes on the It leads to the highlands overlooking grounds thus far, but are now beginning

the murky fogs, and we can see far out to come in swarms. into the infinite beyond. That guide is Farmer Riley is in evidence, but un-Spiritualism. By this hame is meant less you are able to sit up all night and vastly more than the phenomena which sleep in your chair between acts, you result from spirit action. Spiritualism will not get a sitting with him; but if is a system of thought which goes down you are able it will be a sitting indeed. to the foundation of creation, and as- Good, jovial, honest fellow, is Riley.

cends to the sphere of the highest intel-B. F. Austin. Well, I will not insult gence. It is a system commensurate his intelligence by dubbing him Reverwith the universe, from the attraction end. He doesn't manifest his reverof atoms to the formation of thought, ence in windy prayers and theological rom the birth of worlds to the ascenembellishments nor blandishments. He

sion of an angel. throws his clear-cut reason and facts at "This Spiritualism is' the foundation you in a way to delight you, or to make It runs of all religious systems. you dance on a hot griddle according to through all as a golden thread, woven the plane of intelligence you occupy. diverse patterns, always bright, The Great Australian Healer came for beautiful, indestructible, however dark a day or two only.

the background against which it is re-Edson A. Titus, Ph. D., M. A., B. S. vealed. It forms the escence of all po-etry, and supplies the pivotal facts of title enough for one man to stand upon history. It is the essential doctrine of before God, it will be because there all sacred books, without which they isn't room enough left in the spirit have no significance." The various realm for his feet; but he is just simply Christian churches repose on the dom- leacher and demonstrator of massage onstration through Jesus of Immortal- treatment, from Ontarlo, Canada, He ty, and the Bible from Genesis to Reve- is making success in healing at the lation, records the communion of spir-its with mankind." - "IL", and personage. Can't stop joking long

iere. " 1.

TO-MORROW.

Fret not thyself for the morrow.

There's enough in a day alone.

'The only time that's our own:

Be trouble to-morrow, but ever

is care and labor and sorro

its with mankind." A start with mankind." Its with mankind." Its with mankind." Its with all the personage. Can't stop joking iong to spit. You have to look up eubconnectous theories bor action of a start are to see his soul hod.? Say! honestly, spoiled beyond redemption. If am sorry if he should die standing up, he would

that I have not room to make extensive only have to pull his legs and feet up, quotations from them. 9. The chapter devoted to the Evidences right. of Spiritualism, is filled with just such evidences as all our speakers and writ-labs of praise over their cook (Mrs.

ers need to use in their arguments with Brown, of Marcellus, Mich.), and her and for skeptics. ··· , mr :....

and for skeptics. Interview of the sector of "The Relations of Matter and Force to excellent management of the lunch

Wash I tot Spirit." The chapter on "The Parosophy of ding out like an acorn on a cent. Death," if thoroughlygstudeed and un-derstood will entirely take the sting out of the thought of Death; may cause the erybody screams, Oh, it's so good to be one who comprehends it to look for-

ward with joy and not with dread to the event called death. On "The Spirit's Home." Mr. Tuttle takes a different view from that gener ally assumed by Spiritualists, but I can see no reason why his views may not

be correct. They are certainly reasonconcerts during the day, and Mrs. Alex Caird gave a fine scance in the evening. The Glossary at the end of the book should be studied by Spiritualists who Tolday is the day for endeavor,

mispronounce many of the terms, and who use many others without any com- If we use it aright there will never prehension of their meaning ... I heard a leading speaker, not long since several

times mention the Merm (psychrometry

spirits or angels who bring knowledge, over the top of the table. You rise in and soon after heard an explosion, as They are saviors one and all, equally your seat, a little for a better view of he supposed, inside of it. Feeling sure essential in his reception of truth, and the phenomena, and you discover a that every bottle was smashed into aspiration for the highest ideal excel-lence. (3) Evil is the imperfection Edgerly, the looked for chairman. Now, and found everything exactly intact. of a lower state or condition conflicting this would not be so bad, but for Expressing his amazement to Mr. Bell with a higher, and as such will be out strangers not being conversant with that gentleman said that such occur grown. (4) Mortal life is not proba- Spiritualistic methods, will speculate as rences were common there, and he rences were common there, and he ionary; immortality is not bestowed to whether or no they are not mistaken never paid any attention to them. H. M. WILTSE

izing seance, with an arm chair for a Chattanooga, Tenn.

WEDDED-PAXON-M'COY.

A very pleasant wedding party as sombled at the home of Dr. Horace Paxon, of Hamburg, N. Y., on the even

ing of July 27. The bride, Miss Aimata Paxon, is the niece of Dr. Paxon, and the groom, Clarence H. McCoy is a res ident of Jackson, Mich.

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per was delicious, and served by the dear friends of the bride. A pleasant departure from old cus toms was the showering of the happy couple with sweet peas instead of rice.

The wedding gifts were many and both useful and beautiful. Mr. McCoy is thought a great deal of by the people of Jackson, Mich., and will take nis bride to the home he has prepared for her in that city. They are both firm Spiritual ists, and not ashamed to own it. The writer officiated at the wedding.

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OCCULT MYSTERIES.

Mrs. Samuel Alexander, of Detroit, has clairvoyant MYSTERIOUS REALITIES IN THE DOMAIN OF) power. While a resident of Birmingham she had a THE OCCULT.

In spite of the increasing testimony to mysterious communications such as clairvoyance, spirits, telepathy and others outside of the ordinary methods, says the Detroit Free Press, how little we yet know! The skeptical call them hard names and let it go at that. Others call them long names-hypnotism, psychological phenomena, etc., but do not 'really know what mindreading and hypnotism are. Dr. Funk, the Brooklyn publisher, has recently brought forward a number of remarkable incidents, especially that in which the medium disclosed through the courtesy of the alleged spirit of the late Henry Ward Beecher, the location of a missing valuable coin, which no one had been able to find but he had no explanation to offer,

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No Coincidence Here.

One indolent explanation of these phenomena is that they are mere coincidences. But what coincidence is there in the following. A New England acquaintance of mine had a son about 14 years of age who returned home from school in a neighboring town Friday afternoon and stayed with his family until the next Monday morning. One Friday he failed to appear and no trace of him after he had arrived at the railway station was gained. After days of fruitless waiting and search, even to the dragging of a pond near his parents' residence, his mother in despair resolved, contrary to all previous prejudices, to consult a clairvoyant: "I see a body under a boat in a boat house," was all that her trance yielded. The mother rejected the solution, but another member of the family, on investigation, found the boy's dead body just where the clairvoyant had described it. Before reaching home he had evidently gone to the boat-house, probably for a row, and stumbling and falling under the boat, had been unable to rescue himself.

The Twin Brothers.

Was it a shrewd guess? If so, here is a case of another sort: A few years ago I met in Chicago a young man of 25, who for some weeks previous had slept badly and in the daytime had been, restless and de pressed. He was sure that his twin brother, then in the Philippines, was ill, in spite of a letter written in high spirits to a friend a short time before. He had had too many experiences to be deceived. For they had always been the closest relations as well as resemblances between the two. They dressed alike, and always wore hair and beard in the same fashion. Without consultation they always ordered new suits the same day. When one went to the barber's he was almost certain to hear that the oher had just been there. If Frank had nose-bleed, Fred soon suffered from a similar attack. They would frequently speak of the same subject simultaneously; or if one spoke the other would say, "I was just thinking of that." They were almost always conscious of each other's wherabouts, and would call one another up by telephone at any moment, regardless of the location. When Frank arrived in New York from Europe one day he went to a different hotel from the one where he was accustomed to stop. While dining with a friend he asked to be excused because his brother was trying to get him by telephone. Though his friend said, "O, nonsense !" he found that his brother was at the Chicago end of the wire, having by some impulse called him up at the hotel instead of his usual stopping place.

While in Chicago Frank once became suddenly aware that his brother had been taken ill at Geneva Lake, forty miles away. He took the train and without inquiry traced his brother to a farm house where he had been taken after his attack. Fred himself was subsequently aware that his twin was ill somewhere along the line of the Milwaukee road. He mentally rejected every station along the line until he had himself put off in the suburbs of Milwaukee where the trains did not usually stop. He went straight to the house where his brother had been carried after the sudden illness to which both were subject. Again, when one of them while in a hunting party in northern Wisconsin was lost, the other in Chicago was aware of the difficulty and knew when he was rescued. Whenever they desired to locate each other they would shade their eyes with the hand and have a vision of each other's situation and surroundings. This consciousness of each other's existence was, so to suffocating. In about ten days a letter came informspeak, unconscious. Not second nature, but first. ing the daughter that her mother had been almost as-They hardly knew what it was to think or feel inde- phyxiated by charcoal fumes. It was the same night pendently of each other. Hence the surviving brother was not in the least voyant-not a professional, however-saw a friend's surprised when a cable from Manila announced his relative shipwreeked but rescued off the coast of Brabrother's death. For only an hour or two before it zil. It was subsequently proved to have happened accame, he had a sensation of grief and bereavement as cording to the dream. though he had stood by his brother's death-bed. hardly explains the sympathetic consciousness of mothers and sons, wives and husbands, brothers and then." sisters who are not twins, and even between those who are not akin.

vision of a neighbor dying a mile or two away, surrounded by her family, while the forms of several of the dying woman's deceased friends were hovering above her. The woman had died at the exact hour of he vision and announced to her family the presence of her departed friends. Mrs. Alexander also had a vision of Garfield in some kind of conflict at the hour of his assassination and several hours before she had beard of it.

While living at Drayton Plains the late Mrs. Augustus Leggett, of Detroit, heard her son Percy, a soldier in Virginia during the civil war, exclaim: "Mother, mother!" She knew that these, were his, parting words. When the next day the messenger arrived she said before he could announce it. "Yes, Percy is

dçad. He töld me last night." In April, 1890, Mrs. Paquet, of Muskegon, confessed to feeling depressed and, on suddenly returning from the pantry, saw her brother, Edmund Dunn, standing before her. He seemed to be falling forward, apparently impelled by a rope looped around his log. Then he disappeared over a low railing like

the bulwark of a ship. "My God!" she exclaimed. "That was Ed and he

is drowned !" In the course of the afternoon her husband came in

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"I've just got a telegram. Ed's sick in Chicago." "Sick!" she cried. "He's drowned. I saw him go overboard." Her husband admitted that he was only breaking

the news to her gradually. "He was barcheaded," she continued, "and had on a henvy blue suit without his coat. As he went over the rail I noticed that his pants were turned up so

that I saw the white lining." She proceeded to de-scribe the appearance of the boat at the point where her brother disappeared.

The facts were that her brother, a fireman on the tug Wolf, at Chicago, was adjusting the tow line to a vessel at the mouth of the river at 3 o'clock that morning. While doing so the line got twisted about his leg and dragged him over the side of the vessel. He was dressed exactly as his sister had described him, and, having just bought a pair of trousers that were too long for him, he had turned them up, showing the lining. The captain of the tug thought that he had had an attack of vertigo, but one of the crew testified to the tow line's catching him just as his sister saw it. She also had given a correct description of the vessel and its position. One phenomenon of this vision is especially noticeable and that is the lapse of several hours between the occurrence of the event and her vision of it.

A vision not so tragic came to Mr. Wilmot of Bridgeport, Conn., on board the steamer Limerick, from Liverpool to New York in 1889. He dreamed that he saw his wife come to the door of his stateroom. but on seeing another man in the upper berth she hesitated about entering. She finally did so and stoopng down, caressed, kissed him and withdrew. Next morning the passenger in the upper berth reproached him for having a lady come and visit him and behave in that manner. He would not be convinced that the two had had the same dream, and that the intruder was the image of the man's wife. Subsequently meetng the wife on their arrival in New York, the passenger testified to the "goings on" of the husband during

the voyage. "A week ago Tucsday ?" she asked.

''Yes.'' ³⁴ Was the lower berth wider than the upper one ?"

"Yes. It had to be. It was in the after part of the ship.'

"And I was afraid at first to go in, on your account?" "Yes."

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from unusual emotional feelings, and a serene smile upon her face.

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I know several such instances that occurred in women were intimate friends and the clairvoyant had Michigan, some of which are reported in the annals of several visions of the other from time to time. the Society for Psychical Research. Detroit, Mich. EDWARD G. HOLDEN.

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She never allowed the tonglie of gos-

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"And then I did, and kissed him?" "Yes."

She had dreamed her part of it just as the two pasengers had theirs.

Other Amateur Clairvoyants.

Not long since a Chicago woman' told a friend whose mother was in Paris that she had dreamed of her mother struggling for breath as though she was that the Chicago woman had dreamed it. This dair-

A Washington woman having had a vision of a According to Galton, there are two kinds of twins friend in the same city falling up the front steps of -those that correspond to the progeny of animals her house sat down and wrote her exact description that have more than one at a birth, and the others cor-responding to those double-yolked eggs that are due to two germinal spots in a single ovum. It is these, "spreading yourself all over the front yard. But I he says, that have such close sympathies. But this don't understand; for I don't in the least remember any steps from the sidewalk to your front door I saw

But she had dreamed true. The incidents happened as she described. Her friend was dressed as she had seen her, and the steps had quite recently been added on account of the new grade to the street. The two

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