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Spirit Whist Players.

It happened at a hospital; one of the resident house physicians, a young man, was sitting in his own room with a friend, says Walter Besant in London Queen. They were playing a game of double dummy. They had been playing for some little time, nothing un-They usual happening. were seated at a square table.

One of them, at the beginning of

men of science they would have been frightened.

Then one of the dummies' hands was sharply rapped on the table. "That means Play," whispered one of them, and with a gasp he led. The leading partner took the trick and returned, changing the suit to show the hand she held. I say "she," because by this time there were visible the hands and arms that held the cards, but nothing more. One of the players was a woman with bare arms showing from a sleeve of white lace; her fingers had rings upon them. The other was a man's, with an ordinary coat sleeve and white cuff. They played the game in solemn silence.

away as they came. I have never seen them since, though I have sometimes invited them to come by dealing the cards on the table.—Sel.

A Dream Warning.

A curious problem for the Societv of Psychical Research, or any others interested in dream lore, has been developed in a Holyoke, Mass., family recently. Some time ago J. B. Woodruff, of the City Coal Co., received word of the death of a niece. Lena Woodruff. in Pittsfield, and went up to the , funeral.

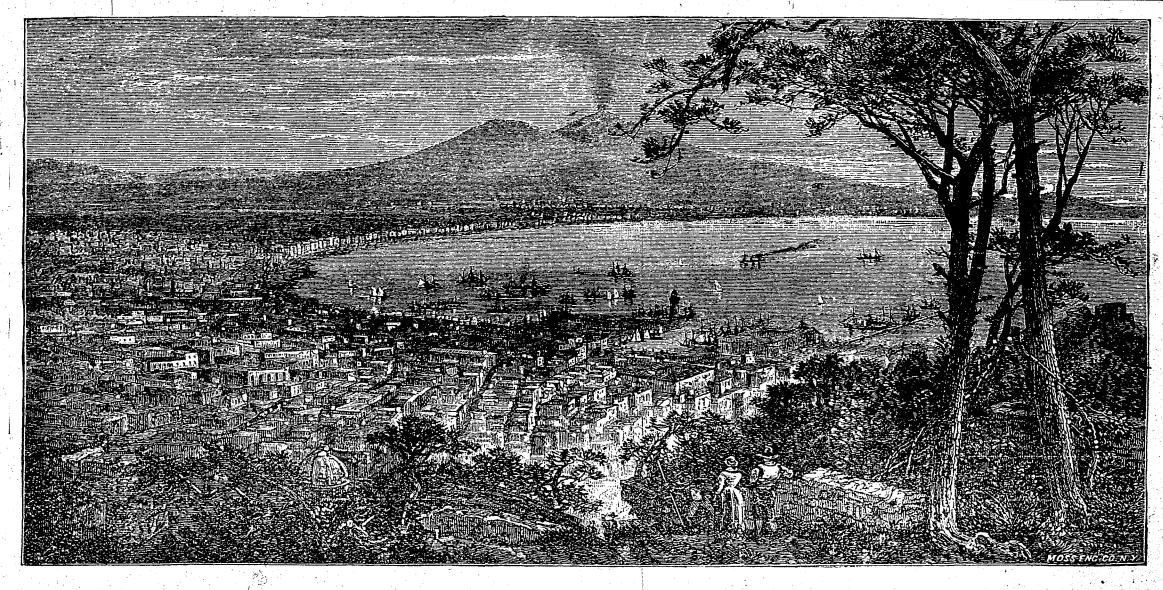
A few days after the funeral, a letter, apparently written in haste,

death the night that it happened .-Springfield, Mass., Republican.

Long Distance Telepathy.

Three years ago I was in Uniontown, a small village 25 miles, below Henderson, on the Ohio river. The young men of that town have a habit of bathing in this stream at night, and several times persuaded me to join them.

One night about 9:30, while on our way and near the water's edge. I chanced to step in quicksand, and sank about six inches above my knees. While sinking, I confess I was a little frightened, for I had read and heard of horses, vehicles.



The City and Bay of Naples, and Mount Vesuvius, Italy.

The City of Naples has a population of about 500,000. It is famous on account of the wonderful beauty of the site, the surrounding prospect, the delicious climate and clear atmosphere.

It has four public libraries, besides an unrivaled collection of art, and the precious articles excavated from the once prosperous cities of Herculaneum and Pompeii. Naples, on account of its interesting historic

possessions, is an inexhaustible source of interest for scientific, antiquarian and classical investigations.

The volcano of Vesuvius is situated near the east shore of the Bay of Naples, and about ten miles from the city. It is a solitary mount, having a base of about 30 miles in circumference, and is estimated to be about 4,000 feet high. It is the most interesting volcano in existence.

a new game, had to deal to his own dummy, as is the rule at double dummy. When he had finished, a most wonderful thing happened. The cards of the two dummies were taken up by invisible hands, which arranged them and held them in the usual fan-like form. It was as if the cards were in the air. The two men looked at each other and at this phenomenon with stupefaction. If they had not been

It became apparent that the lady played a masterly game. She held good cards; so did her partner. They scored in the first rub—double, treble and the rub; and in the second—treble, single and the rub. "Never," my narrator told me, "did I play with a finer player. She seemed to know by instinct where every card in the pack was." At the end of the double rubber

the arms disappeared. They went

was received from the girl's brother, Charles Woodruff, living in Leadville, Colo. It read as follows: "I have just awakened from a horrible dream. I dreamed that Lena was dead, and the impression was so strongly fixed that I got up out of bed to write this. Let me know at once if she is all right."

As near as the Woodruff family can figure from the dates, the brother dreamed of his sister's

and even men going out of sight in the sand. But I was finally extricated by my comrades, and was soon breasting the waves of the beautiful Ohio. I slept that night without a disturbing dream; arose next morning and went to my business. This was Thursday, and I intended going to Henderson the next Sunday, as was my usual custom. At about 10 o'clock on Thurs-

day, I did not know why, I sud-

denly felt a strong impulse to write home and say I was well. In the evening mail I received a letter, asking simply: "Has anything happened to you? Write at once." Our letters had passed on the way.

I took the train for Henderson on Sunday morning, and when I arrived my first question was: "What did you think had happened?" Whereupon I was told the following by my mother:

9:30 I dreamed I saw you driving in a buggy, and that you suddenly disappeared beneath quicksand. The dream was so vivid that I sprang to the floor and screamed. I was telling my dream at breakfast the next morning when I noticed your brother John's face turn very pale. I asked him the cause, but he made no reply. When we got your letter in the afternoon, he then said that he had the same dream as myself."—Suggestive Therapeutics.

The Spirit Form.

I saw a darkish vapor leave my father's head when he died, about 12 years ago, and it formed into a figure, full-sized. For seven consecutive nights I saw this figure in my own room, and saw it go each night into the next room, in which the death occurred. It became more distinct and brighter each night, until it was quite brilliant, and even dazzling by the seventh night. I should say that it lasted a minute and a half on each occasion. It was dark when the phantom used to appear. I was quite awake, going to bed. T. A.

Interesting Experience.

B. B. KINGSBURY.

Annales des Sciences Psychiques for May-June contains some very interesting matter. Among such is the following case of Telepathy:

"On Sunday," says Dr. Marcel Baudouin, "March 5, 1899, at Paris, I was on a non-professional visit with Madame X—. It was half-past 11 and we were talking about common matters. I had known this lady since 1887. She was 39 years of age.

"All at once, in the midst of the conversation, without having talked to me of Madame Z—, her sister, (whom she knew to be sick for several years, and whom she had seen several days before, at different intervals), knowing her to be very much fatigued, she burst into tears without the least motive. At this precise moment, she seemed to make a great effort to restrain herself, wiped away the tears without saying anything, and immediately set about talking of pleasant matters as before this crisis.

"Of course. I was very much surprised at this attack, so very sudden and without apparent cause; but knowing the susceptibility of this lady, I changed the conversation, in order not to attract her attention to this tearful crisis, which I attributed to a sudden painful remembrance of something.

"We continued to talk for about an hour and a half. At this moment, the door-bell of the apartment sounded, and a very sharp sound of a call bell was heard. A person had come to ask Madame X— to go immediately to her sister, who was extremely sick. As Madame Z— was living at another part of Paris (four or five kilometres distant) Madame X— understood that she must depart at

once. I then took leave of this lady, who said, on leaving me: 'I feel it strongly; my sister must be very ill. If she is deceased, I will tell you to-morrow.'

"On the next day I was informed of the sudden death of the sister of Madame X——, at about the time of her peculiar experience."

Spirits in Spring Hill, Kans.

E. J. SCHELLHOUS.

To the thinking, intelligent mind there is nothing so interesting and important as a knowledge of man's future destiny, and there is no actual means of acquiring a knowledge of it except by the return of those who have passed from this plane of life, and revealed the character and condition of the life beyond.

Every system of religion is founded on the immortality of the soul, and ever since the question of Job, no answer has been given except that furnished by spirit return. And, strange as it may seem, all Christendom is denying the only proof of immortality and the only method by which it can be proven. The general neglect of the people in taking an interest in a subject of such momentous concern to them seems strange.

"Dealing with the dead" is repulsive, as is seen in the general dread manifested in haunted houses and supposed supernatural apparitions. Most people would flee at the sight of their spirit friends, among whom they had once lived in happy companionship. Such is the result of false education. Therefore, a knowledge of the nature and condition of life beyond the event called death is of infinite importance to the inhabitants of earth. Among the many sources of information, there is one at Spring Hill, Kansas, of a unique and remarkable character.

W. W. Aber is the mere, passive, unconscious instrument employed by a delegated band of spirits belonging to the "Star Circle" thus described in a book entitled, "Rending the Vail": "There are many different circles, or bands, in the spirit-world, and the Star Circle is one of the best and strongest known. The spirits in this circle have banded themselves together for the purpose of benefiting those on a lower plane than themselves, and especially on the earth plane. Any spirit who is adapted spiritually for this work can become a worker in the band. . . . These spirits are doing a noble work for both the spiritual and material worlds. By their thoughts and actions, they are bringing sunlight into many darkened lives." (p.286.)

Every word spoken or written comes directly from the spirits while in materialized form, in full view and hearing of the circle. Writing is done with unparalleled rapidity; sometimes over 1000 words written in a minute, while the spirit is talking on a subject different from that being written. Here is an opportunity of affording every imaginable means for information coming directly from the spirits and without mortal bias, and excluding every possibility of fraud or deception.

Having in former years completed the work, "Rending the Vail," the spirits are now engaged in another work, in which are given narratives of the experience of hundreds of spirits of the higher and lower spheres. The importance of this matter demands all the efforts of laborers in the Cause,

and the co-operation of others is earnestly desired in getting a knowledge of this work before the people.

Where it is known, "Rending the Vail" has a rapid sale. It is a work of real, substantial merit, unique in character, and well-nigh inexhaustible in its resources of scientific and spiritual knowledge.

The writer of this has been for several months an eye and ear witness to what is above written and is able to verify it all.

[This book is for sale at the office of the Philosophical Journal.—ED.]

THINGS THAT NEVER DIE.

The pure, the bright, the beautiful, That stirred our hearts in youth, The impulses to worldless prayer, The dreams of love and truth; The longings after something lost, The spirit's yearning cry, The striving after better hopes—These things can never die.

The memory of a clasping hand,
The pressure of a kiss,
And all the trifles sweet and frail,
That make up love's first bliss;
If with a firm, unchanging faith,
And holy trust and high,
Those hands have clasped, those lips have
These things shall never die.

The cruel and the bitter word,
That wounded as it fell:
The chilling want of sympathy,
Who feel, but hever tell;
The hard repulse that chills the heart,
Whose hopes were bounding high,
In an unfolding record kept—
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand
Must find some work to do;
Lose not a chance to waken love—
Be firm, and just and true.
So shall a light that can not fade
Beam on thee from on high,
And angel voices say to thee—
These things shall never die.

CHARLES DICKENS.

Intuition vs. Fear.

M. LENA MORROW.

There is an inner perception, a spiritual consciousness of the truth, which the ancients have termed wisdom, and those of later times, intuition. We are so in the habit of speaking of the chronology of events in terms of the past, present and future, that we specify the past as history, and the future as prophecy. Now, in the highest sense of the word, there is no past, no future; simply the Eternal Now, which includes "that which was and is, and is to be." It is the sum total of all these.

History is prophecy, and prophecy is history. Therefore, to know, to feel, to sense, to perceive a condition is the power or ability to recognize that condition as already existing (referring to time in the technical sense), or to recognize it as a future event. Now, this intuitional power is ofttimes confounded with that which is produced by fear. Fear creates an impression, and the thought sent out through the fear doubtless helps to bring about what one has feared.

Now, in discriminating between intuitional knowledge and that which is born of fear. we note this marked distinction: The intuitional knowledge comes from within; it is truth recognized by the higher self. The knowledge that comes through fear is based upon facts outside of the inner self; it is the result of reasonings and comparisons—it is the mental attitude of the skeptic who ridicules faith. Fear always and ever produces bondage.

With this discrimination clearly in mind, the way by which one may discern between an impression

through intuition, or through fear, is to analyze it, and see whether or not it is based upon knowledge gained through comparison or reasoning, or whether it is a revelation of truth from within. In order to be able to do this, it will require the constant entering into the secret closet of one's own heart and shutting the door, and there learning the truth; which truth will in time be revealed openly. We are not to discard reason entirely, but rather let it be a servant instead of a master.

Only by the shutting of the door do we bar out doubt and fear. When the spiritual eyes are opened, when one has learned how to enter into the Holy of Holies, and shut the door, then will fear be entirely cast out, and the true self be cognizant of the knowledge that makes one "Wise unto Salvation."—World's Advance Thought.

Telepathy and Clairvoyance.

W. J. COLVILLE,

There are few thinkers and still fewer experimenters in the field of psychical research who are ready to draw a hard and fast line between one phase of psychical phenomena and another, for so closely interblended are various phases of psychical activity that it seems practically impossible to separate them, so persistently co-existent even though distinct are they.

Clairvoyance means clear sight, and we may not incorrectly add that one of the principal meanings of Clairvoyance is seeing at a distance, a distance so much greater than ordinary as to make the range of vision appear decidedly peculiar. In cases of simple Telepathy the general inference is that a message is distinctly conveyed from one place to another, and from one person to another, by some far subtler agent than is recognized in the ordinary affairs of common life.

When the factor of Clairvoyance enters, the phenomena become complicated, demand further investigation and present a far more intricate problem for solution. It is sufficiently marvelous for most people to be told that a person, a thousand or more miles distant, can transmit his thought accurately, causing you to understand his meaning as though he were actually by your side physically, and conversing with you face to face; but in the case of many of our experiences, vision as well as feeling and mental perception have to be taken into account. Many experiences have been designated telepathic, which included additional evidence in support of Clair voyance.

The successful telepathist is one who can and does fix his mind on one object to the exclusion of all others; he has acquired the excellent all-important habit of thinking of just one thing at a time, never permitting two thoughts to become entangled. The seer or clairvoyant is one who as resolutely gazes upon one thing at a time, never allowing his vision to be confused, or his attention distracted, no matter how great the provocation or temptation to eye-wandering may be.

Sir William Crookes, one of England's most illustrious scientific men, has on several occasions given publicity to his theory of brain-waves, and to the kindred conception of an ether-substance, along which intelligence can be transmitted at an almost incalculable rate of speed to practically interminable distances. The sensi-

tive man or animal who can feel the quivering or vibrating of this ether is "mediumistic" to an unusual extent in the estimation of investigators in the psychic field who are not personally so suscep-

tible to impressions.

Crystal-gazing, or even looking quietly into a glass of clear water, is an introductory help to many embryo sensitives. Any practice, indeed, which serves to induce comfortable passivity of mind and body, is favorable to the display of Clairvoyance; but by passivity we do not mean what a great many people suppose is intended by that much abused word. Activity in desire and expectancy must precede passivity in action. There must be an end or object in view, or there is little reason in the attitude of the clairvoyant. It is not usually very profitable to simply sit gazing into vacancy, ready to see anything which may present itself in a crystal; there should certainly be some definite end in view, or object to be gained, if the exercise is likely to prove profitable in any determinable direction.

There are a great many things we wish to know which transcend the scope of material discovery, and if our quest for this additional knowledge is legitimate, it is perfectly reasonable to believe that we are endowed with some means or faculty whereby we can make these discoveries. Once let the idea of Clairvoyance be rescued from the clouds of mysticism in which it has so long dwelt, and psychical investigation will be so far simplified and rationalized, that the exercise of Clairvoyance will be as natural and regular as the employment of physical eyesight. Cleared or clarified vision is necessarily extended vision, and the thought of extension applies quite as much to insight as to farsight or foresight.

Science is now rapidly demonstrating the presence of the myriads of objects unseen by the avercerned with the aid of a microscope, and often photographed without the employment of other or more delicate apparatus than that in constant use among photographers. If a Clairvoyant says: which you do not see because you are not equal to discerning it." there is nothing more wonderful in that augmented vision of the human seer than in the proof afforded by photography or microscopy of the presence of the same objects. The present age is one in which man is coming to believe in himself as well as in something external to himself, and in consequence of this ever-enlarging view of man as man, the old glamor of supernaturalism is waning, while a lawful recognition of psychic phenomena is gaining ground continually.

Culture of the psychic faculty is not so difficult, neither is it so very easy as some suppose. It requires persistent attention rather than laborious effort, just as the close attention we pay to anything often rewards us far more than toilsome attempts to force ourselves to acquire knowledge. Night and darkness have been frequently associated with Clairvoyance, because night and shade do not afford opportunity or invitation to excessive physical exercise, and we cannot, as a rule, do two things well at once. One by one our tasks must be fulfilled; one by one our occupations must be dealt with. and as it seems impossible to be awake and asleep at the same instant, so does it seem almost

incredible that we can be seriously occupied with material cares and at the same time keenly alive to what lies beyond external ken.

Concerning Spiritualism and spiritual gifts in general, we have only to say that though a mass of error has been mixed up with truth during the past half century and more, there is so much of truth in any demonstrable philosophy of human immortality that through the steady and rapid advance of scientific study of all psychic problems now in progress, quite early in the twentieth century there will arise new, high, noble phases of mediumship thoroughly convincing to the inquiring multitude that physical dissolution is in no sense "death" in the old, blind, barbaric meaning attached to that sad word. We are here and now spiritual beings and we remain such. 'Death hath no power to part the fond; they are together still," is a perfectly true statement which actual experiences can fully verify.— Harbinger of Light.

The Sub-Conscious Mind.

L. KRIECKHAUS.

The curious tricks which the brain sometimes plays upon us, often quite unconsciously, have led to much speculation and investigation by scientific observers; but no satisfactory explanation is found to account for some of these. They often remain a mystery as much to those to whom such incidents occur as to those who witness them.

One Sunday evening, having been gone from home all day, I returned at about dark. My niece, with whom I was living, greeted me with a somewhat troubled and puzzled expression on her countenance and the exclamation: "Well, we had the queerest thing happen a little while ago that ever I saw. Uncle Fred was here with the family. They remained only a little age eye, yet capable of being dis- while, and Walter (the youngest boy) stood right there by that window all the time they were here. He did not move from there, and when they were ready to go his cap was gone. We have hunted the whole place over and can't find "I see a form or object beside you it. He laid it on the piano when he came in; nobody touched it. But now it's gone, and he had to go home bare-headed!"

From some unaccountable reason I involuntarily put my hand to my head, and, hesitating just a moment, said:

"Walter's cap is down at the bottom of that closet," pointing to the corner of the room.

My niece looked at me with a sort of cynical expression, remarking: "Well, if it's there, why don't you go and get it?"

"It is there," I said, quite positively, but she would not move to go and look.

Finally, having several times repeated my assertion that it was there, I hesitatingly walked over, opened the door, and, pointing to a dress lying on the floor, said: "It's down there in the corner, under that skirt."

"Well," said she, still more ironically, "if it's there, why don't you pick it up?"

I stooped down, picked up the dress, and there lay the cap!

My niece's eyes became very large. To say we were both surprised is a mild statement. I was as much dumfounded as she was. To reason out how the cap got there, though that was quite immaterial, was easy enough; but what puzzled us was how did I

know it was there? I had been gone all day, and this occurred immediately on my entering the house and before I could possibly have observed anything which could indicate where or how the cap had been lost.

Having somewhat recovered from her surprise, my niece remarked, in a joking way: "Well, if you can find that, maybe you can find something else for me. I was down town shopping last Tuesday, and bought some handkerchiefs. I am certain I brought them home, and though I have hunted the house over and over, the handkerchiefs are gone."

As before, I put my hand to my forehead, stopped a moment and answered: "They are down in the bottom of that wardrobe."

Then she did laugh; "for," said she, "I have hunted through that wardrobe a dozen times, and I know they are not there."

"Yes, but they are there," I answered, certain that I was right, though I had no reason for saying

She looked at me doubtingly, turned slowly to the wardrobe; opened the bottom drawer, turned over a few things, and there, still in the wrapper as they came from the store, were the lost handkerchiefs!

How did I know they were there? I realize that I have reached the dividing line and gotten a slight glimpse into that sphere of mental action which is distinct from the ordinary conscious use of the mind, and that I have made a very slight use in these instances of certain mental powers, possessed, I believe, by every one—faculties and functions dormant for the want of exercise and development, but perfectly normal in their action. For a long time I have not attempted to use these faculties or powers, or whatever they may be called, and I have in consequence lost the ability to know things without the use of the ordinary five senses; but I am convinced that practice and exercise tend to improve them. just as does the daily regular practice at the piano, or the constant use of the brush, improve the musician or the artist.—Republic.

Never Admit Defeat.

Never admit defeat or poverty. though you seem to be down, and have not a cent. Stoutly assert your divine right to be a man, to hold your head up and look the world in the face; step bravely to the front, whatever opposes, and the world will make way for you. No one will insist upon your rights while you yourself doubt you have any. Hold firmly the conviction that you possess the qualities requisite for success. Never allow yourself to be a traitor to your own cause by undermining your selfconfidence.

There never was a time before when persistent, original force was so much in demand as now. The namby-pamby, nerveless man has little show in the hustling, bustling world to-day. In the twentieth century a man must either push or be pushed.

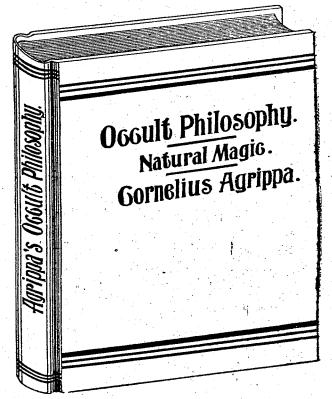
Every one admires the man who can assert his rights; and has the power to demand and take them if denied him. No one can respect the man who slinks in the rear and apologizes for being in the world. Negative virtues are of no use in winning one's way. It is the positive man, with original energy and push, who forges to the front.— Success.

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SAN FRANCISCO, OCTOBER 27, 1900.

Florence Cook.—According to a recent number of Echo de l'Audela, Mrs. Corner (formerly Florence Cook) has had a successful seance in Paris. The correspondent of this paper, who is vouched for as intelligent and honest, describes in some detail the materializations of "Marie" and a sea-captain, the medium being all the time tied to a chair.

Intuition. — In discussing the "sixth sense," the London Daily News announces that woman possesses this sense to a marked degree, in evidence of which there is the instance of the woman residing in the hotel at Amalfi the day before the landslip who refused to stop another night, because she could "feel" that the earth was moving, says Harper's Bazar. Similarly, domestic animals manifested symptoms of unrest and apprehension before the serious earthquake of 1897 in the Riviera, and it is commonly noticed that previous to earthquakes generally, and before great storms, dogs, cows and horses "feel" the approaching disaster.

Religious Rites and ceremonies are but the form of religion. Spiritual life depends upon the mental attitude of the individual, and if sacraments and ceremonies tend to create the best mental conditions they serve a useful purpose. But it is the rankest folly to affirm that good thoughts and pure affections can come only through priests and sacraments.

One Whose Desire is ever for the highest good in his own life never has to rely wholly upon his own powers. He will be met half-way by some down-reaching spirit from the higher spheres, to aid him onward and upward. There are always those ready to respond to the spirits' needs when earnestly sought for.

Our Friends.

Spiritualists occupy a unique position, midway between the two extremes of Christianity on the one hand and materialism on the other. They are both fighting us with the desperation of despair. If the philosophy of Modern Spiritualism be true, then both of them are mistaken. The Christian prefers our hypothesis to that of the materialist, and the materialist very much prefers us to the Christian.

In the meantime, we are pressing steadily forward, assimilating truth wherever we find it. The Christian may waste his energy crying "devil," and the materialist make himself hoarse shouting "ghost." Our slogan is "Truth." That life is continuous we have demonstrated; that communication is an assured fact between the different planes of being has been proven.

That "all is spirit manifested upon a multitude of planes" we firmly believe. We have no bible but the truth; we have no creed but the truth. We want the truth, and we do not care where it leads us. Every cherished hope, every fond desire, every preconceived opinion, all must give way to the truth. We are not fanatics; we are truth-seekers. So firmly are we convinced that "truth is mighty and will prevail," that we can serenely fold our hands and wait, with a consciousness that what is ours will come to us.

We accept all that is good and true in all the religions and philosophies of the past, and with "eternal progression" for our watchword, we press forward. The skye terrier will still bay at the moon, and the bumble bee will probably continue his warfare upon the church steeple. We still maintain that a religion which needs defense is not worth defending. If you know any truth, and can demonstrate it, let us know.

The World's Wonders.

There was a time when there were said to be only seven wonders of the world; but, according to prophecy, signs and wonders have increased. To the ordinary observer it is a source of wonder how so many people manage to get through the world without brains.

Another wonder is how people of brains can study the Christians' bible-book and remain Christians; there is enough testimony between its lids to convert the world to Spiritualism, if the glamor of superstition could be cleared away. How does the chronic reformer expect to redeem the world by legislation? And when will Spiritualists learn that things will not do themselves?

We often wonder how a person expects to control others, when they, cannot control themselves? and how Spiritualists expect their papers to thrive, when they do not

even subscribe for one and pay for

The reader may begin where we leave off, and go on ad finitum multiplying the wonders of the world. But the greatest wonder of all is, that we, seeing the imperfections and failures of others, do not try to avoid them in our own lives, and in the formation of our characters, and know ourselves/before we proceed to criticize our fellow-man, or "presume God to scan."

Toleration a Virtue.

A writer in the Two Worlds says some things on the subject of toleration which commend themselves to our mind, and we recommend them to the careful consideration of all Spiritualists:

One of the greatest virtues in human life is toleration, and yet how little we see of it. It is the lack of this virtue which is at the bottom of all the jealousies, schism, and disorganization of the spiritual and all other societies. We not only like to have our own way; we mean to have it. There all the trouble begins. Infinite toleration in men would bring heaven upon earth. It is because so many want to be first that there is no one left to "play second fiddle." All want to be soloists, and few, if any, care to be merged in the chorus. If there is to be harmony, there must be first and seconds — and even thirds. The unity of all brings beautiful and complete harmony.

Evil Omen.—A French paper gives a curious statement of the gift of an ancient Hindoo statuette, by Gustave Le Bon to Sadi Carnot, some time before his election to the presidency of France. He obtained it as a gift from a Hindoo prince, who desired to rid himself of the idol, because it was shown to have been the occasion of the elevation of the person into whose possession it came to a royal position, but at the same time indicated that the person thus honored would be killed. The donor was reigning, but feared the dagger. The person who had received the idol gave it to Sadi Carnot, while Minister of Finance, with the story or legend attached, and warned him not to accept it, if he feared its mournful mystery. But Carnot accepted the image with pleasure. He was unexpectedly elected President in the next Congress.

After her death, in Mme. Carnot's will was found an earnest request not to keep the Hindoo idol. Afterwards, as is well known, her husband was assassinated.

Material Atoms possess a peculiar quality of absorption, or assimilation, and every experience through which they pass becomes a part of themselves. No change of form or altered condition can eliminate the record of the most trivial experience. Psychometry has demonstrated this to be a fact, and the unthinking have jumped to the conclusion that matter is intelligent, and that atoms think.

The atoms which compose our corporeal forms retain the experiences of the past, and from this probably comes the conviction, so strong in some, that they have before existed in another form; and the theory of re-incarnation is the result.

. Well Said.

The Rev. C. Ware, in one of our much-valued contemporaries, sums up nearly the whole matter of religious beliefs in these sharp words:

Spiritualists to day are under no delusion as to what their religion is. You need not call it religion if you don't like; you can call it science or philosophy. But the principle is the same, and it is this: The life a man lives and the things a man does determine his condition in the hereafter. There is no hocus-pocus in the shape of orthodox belief, vicarious atonement, salvation by faith, etc., but there is the inexorable operation of one great law, the law of cause and effect. What a man sows in acts and motives that will he reap in moral and spiritual results.

Letter from Mrs. R.S. Lillie.

Just as the Journal forms were ready for the press, we received the following very interesting letter from Mrs. Lillie, who represented the California State Association at the National Convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 16-19:

The Eighth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualists' Association is now at the close of its first day's work. A large number of delegates were assembled at the Forrest City House on Monday evening, according to the program as previously announced, and it was a pleasure to grasp the hands of old-time friends of the past, and see the earnest expressions of love, and feel the hearty welcome that each accorded the other, coming. as they had, from far and near over the vast field of Spiritualism.

Brother Thomas Lees of Cleveland presided on this occasion, and first presented Mrs. Loe Prior, who is speaking for one of the societies of Cleveland, Ohio, at present and who gave the words of welcome to the officers of the N. S. A. and visiting delegates, to which response was made by President H. D. Barrett. Numerous delegates were called upon for remarks and then dispersed to begin work in earnest in the morning.

Of course, the first day's work is mostly of rather an uninteresting nature. But this first evening, as I am writing this upon the platform, the voice of Mrs. H. L. P. Russegue of Hartford, Conn., rings out to the great audience with some of the grandest thoughts and most thoroughly inspired utterances, which are holding, as by a spell, her hearers, and bear us back somehow into the past, when it seems to us that these grand inspirations were more frequent than at the present time.

A very sweet voice aext greets my senses in song—that of Flora E. Russell of Alliance, Ohio, followed by an address by W.H. Bach, editor and publisher of the Sunflower of Lily Dale, N. Y. Brother. Bach has been low down in the valley that "borders the river of death," but has again taken up his work on the earth side, and seems

equipped for the conflict in behalf of truth. His remarks were upon the literature of Spiritualism, and were timely, earnest and instruc-

One encouraging feature of this Convention is to see that so many of the workers are young people; the accusation can no more be make that we are all old and gray. Our youthful president has been a busy worker on the platform to day. His wife, Marguerite Barrett, was introduced at the reception by Mr. Hatch of Boston, Mass., and Xilia (or sweet little baby Barrett) as the youngest member of the Boston Lyceum and the baby of the N. S. A.

Mr. Bing, a young man from Galveston, Tex., rehearsed eloquently some of the experiences through which he had passed at the time of the terrible disaster, showing that in those hours there were given him and others evidences of loving care, sympathy and helpfulness from the spirit-

The evening is passing on and Mrs. Zaida B. Gates is giving loving words from spirit friends in a way I like. She is sincere, soulful and earnest. She goes into the audience from one to another, delivering the angelic message.

One of Mr. Longley's sweet songs has just been rendered beautifully by Zetta L.-Eise of Ohio, and now as I close, the well-known medium, Margaret Gaule of Baltimore, is giving spirit messages in her earnest manner, and the evening now closes with a violin solo. Thus passes into history the first day of the Convention. I am enjoying it, and wish the good friends of California were here with us.

R. S. LILLIE.

Do not be Discouraged because you cannot always live up to your highest conception of an ideal life. The symphony of life is not composed of all high notes, and every singer, great or small, must run the scale, and regard no note of small importance.

Do Not Worry.

There are three times, especially, when we should not worry-past, present and future.

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Don't worry at all.

The Annual Convention of the State Spiritualist Association will be held at Tacoma, Wash., on Nov. 22 and 23. All Spiritualists and others are invited. Our president, Lillian S. Nagell, is at Council City, Alaska, and expects to endure the rigors of a sunless Winter; but she has the glorious faith of knowledge with her.

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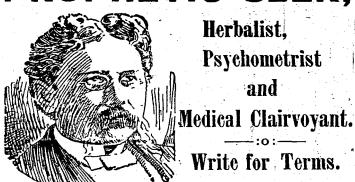
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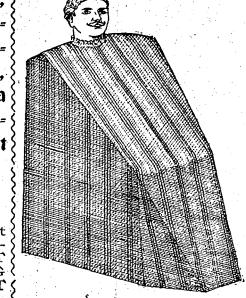
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Mme. Young's Meeting.—Mrs. Sarah Seal spoke to a large audience last Sunday evening in Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. Her subject was "The Spirit World, the Spheres and the Causes Which Underlie Affinity." The psychometric readings and independent messages by Mme. Young were of a high order, as well as the music by Prof. Young and Prof. Bothwell Brown.

Mrs. Meyer's Meeting at 335 Mc-Allister St. last Sunday evening was large, and was well entertained by Mrs. Clara J. Meyer, Mrs. Darmes and Mr. Wilson. Music by Mr. Meyer.

The Benefit Social tendered to Mrs. Sadie Cooke by her many friends was held in Occidental Hall on Friday evening, Oct. 19. Miss Stella Callender and Miss Berg sang solos, and M. S. Norton made some short remarks. The dancers had a good time to the music of the Case Orchestra. Mrs. B. F. Small presided. and the affair was both pleasant and profitable.

Prof. Molt has returned from anextended trip to Alaska. He is much improved in health, and looked happy and prosperous when he visited the Journal office to say "Hello!" and tell us of the wonders of that far-away

Executive Committee. - At the last meeting of the State Board, an executive committee was appointed who are expected to be always on the alert in the interest of the spiritual cause in California. Societies or individuals desiring information, or who have suggestions to offer, or who want to donate money or service to the propaganda work, are invited to communicate with W.T. Jones. 601 California St.; C.H. Wadsworth, 298 Jersey St.; M. S. Norton, 1429 Market St., San Francisco, or Thos. Ellis, 962 Clay St., Oakland.

A Reception will be given to our delegates to the National Convention when they return. The time and place has not yet been determined; but when you hear of it, please attend the meeting, for there will be much of interest to Spiritualists.

Mrs. L. D. Lyness of San Jose delivered her second lecture in Golden Gate Hall last Sunday evening. subject was, "The Evolution of the God Problem." The subject was handled in a masterly manner. Mr. J. T. Lillie and Mrs. Sadie Cooke furnished the music. Mrs. Jennie Robinson followed this office at \$1.50; postage 12 certhe lecture with spirit messages, which extra; the original price being \$2.00. were well received. Next Sunday evening it is expected that Mrs. R. S. Lillie will be again at her post.

Dr. Geo. W. Carey has returned from San Jose. A College of Biochemistry has been organized and will soon be incorporated. Regular course will commence Dec. 1. Those who wish preliminary instructions may commence now. Those interested call on Dr. Carey. Temporary rooms, 204 McAllister St., parlor 26.

Hermetic Brotherhood held its usual open meeting on Thursday evening, Oct. 18, at 509 Van Ness Ave. Notwithstanding the threatening weather, the parlors were well filled. Mrs. Weld and Mrs. Rogers furnished the music. The topic was "Reincarnation." An exhaustive paper was read by C. W. Weld, the presiding officer, and after the social intermission, informal talks were made by Dr. Carpender and Dr. Phelon. The topic for Thursday, Oct. 25, is "What Evidence Have We That the 'Kingdom of Heaven is Within

Edward K. Earle, the renowned independent slate-writing medium, has returned to San Francisco for a brief sojourn, before filling engagements in Central and Southern California. He reports having had a very successful time in Portland, where he gave the most convincing tests, under strictly test-conditions, to Judges, lawyers, doctors, and to prominent men generally. Mr. Earle held a meeting last Sunday evening in Pythian Castle, the audience being much too large for the hall. The exercises consisted of various phenomena, independent tests and answers to written questions. Mr. Earle is a favorite with the investigators of San Francisco. He expects to remain only about a

Mrs. F. A. Logan is holding good Circle of Harmony meetings at 11 a.m. in Caledonia Hall, 119½ South Spring St., Los Angeles, and at 7:30, speaking by herself and others. Her method is to let all participate, as the spirit giveth utterance without being called to time, having a thorough understanding that having a thorough understanding that all have equal rights and privileges, and common sense enough not to overstep the bounds of propriety. She writes that the first attempt was discouraging, but the following Sunday (Oct. 14) the hall was well filled, and Miss Meda Hos-kins, formerly of San Francisco, gave unmistakable tests to several in the audience. The meetings are to be continued every Sunday. The friends of Mrs. Logan can address her at 1011 Migionette St., Los Angeles, Calif.

The Transition Record. — Mr. Thomas Eager, who has been ill for nine months, passed to the beyond, Sunday morning, Oct. 21. Mrs. L. D. Lyness of San Jose spoke the words triumphant, and Mr. J. T. Lillie sang the songs of victory at the family residence, 413 Central Ave., Tuesday, Oct. 23, at 1:30 p.m. The mortal remains were incinerated at the Odd Fellows' Crematory.

Mrs. Nichols of Berkeley, Cal., passed from this life-experience on Friday morning, Oct. 19. She was the widow of Captain Nichols, and was well known in spiritual circles. Her transition occurred unexpectedly. The funeral took place in the chapel of the undertaking establishment of Halstead & Co., 946

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Mrs. Matthews, an old-time Spiritualist and leader of the Children's Progressive Lyceum of this city, over 25 years ago, passed to spirit-life in Fresno, Cal., Saturday, Oct. 20. The funeral service was conducted by Mrs. Elizabeth Lowe-Watson, in the undertaking parlors of Craig & Cochran, 22 Mint Ave., San Francisco, on Wednesday, Oct. 24. The spiritual music for the occasion was furnished by Miss Alice Severence and Mr. J. T. Lillie.

Oakland.—The conference at 3 p.m., Oct. 21, was opened by Mr. Gilman, the subject being, "What Can we do to Advance the Cause of Spiritualism?" who was followed by Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Wilson, Dr. Anderson, Mr. Preston and others. A large audience was present, and considerable enthusiasm was manifested. The test meeting in the evening was addressed by Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. Cowell. On Sunday evening, Oct. 29, Mrs. Jennie Robinson and Mrs. Stewart will officiate at Fraternal Hall. The mid-week meeting on Wednesday

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