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Twentieth Century Hymn.

[Written under the inspiration of a spirit who dates his lines from the First Century.]

Two thousand years must pass away,
Ere earth beholds that brighter day,
When cruel war shall be no more,
And peace shall reign from shore to shore.

Full nineteen hundred years are past:
The Twentieth Century dawns at last:
Lust trembles on its ancient throne,
For Love now comes to reign alone.

The conflict must be fierce and long,
For mammon will the strife prolong:
While all dark forces join their might
To check the onward march of right.

The throne of Kings, the chair of State
By tyrants held—but doomed by Fate—
Must sink beneath the foaming wave,
Of righteous wrath when none can save.

But Truth shall triumph in the end,
And Love, her regal throne ascend:
Her scepter swayed o'er all the earth,
Bequeaths to man a nobler birth.

Past superstitions blind no more,
The reign of ignorance is o'er;
Love with Wisdom, Good with Truth,
Impart to all immortal Youth.

New light resplendent shines afar,
And Earth appears a brighter star:
On land and sea, glad songs arise,
That waft love's echoes to the skies.

N. F. RAVLIN.

From this time he always played almost without instruction from his mother, some airs which she had played before him and some which he had composed. He played before the King and Queen of Spain at the age of 3 years and 12 days, six pieces of his own composition. He played such difficult pieces as "Habenera" and "The Turkish March," one of his peculiarities being that he could not play on any piano except the poor one his mother owned, which the experts had vainly attempted to tune.

Sweet Spirit Harmonies.

On Feb. 22, 1901, I awoke before it was light, and heard voices, apparently in the next house. I listened, but could not hear what was said. The voices kept on continuously without any break, and I wondered what could occasion this so early in the morning. In due time I got up, and did not think any more about it, but in the course of the morning I heard the sound of voices in the street. In consequence of their continuing I went to the window, but no street singers were visible, and I took no further notice of the matter at the time, but occasionally thought I heard the sound of musical instru-

ments, but did not pay any attention to them.

On Sunday morning I remarked: "I suppose the wind is in the North, for I can hear the Old Church bells," but as they kept on a long time I could not understand what that was for. Presently I heard the sound of music. I listened attentively, and found it was real music—such as is not heard every day. The voices were what ladies call "lovely," and there was a magnificent instrument that sounded like a grand organ, but on being more acquainted with it I found it to differ materially from that instrument, and seemed to answer the purpose of an orchestra.

I could identify a basso profundo of magnificent quality, a splendid tenor, a light bass (more of the character of a baritone), also a beautiful contralto. I did not notice a soprano for some time, but before the performances were ended I found there was one, but the other voices were the principal ones engaged. They did not sing any concerted music, but mostly simple airs, which would be sung by one voice two or three times, and then taken up by another, the first voice holding on to the keynote for some little time, and each voice making little additions and variations and grace notes of their own.

Sometimes it would seem a sort of "go-as-you-please" affair, but every part came in perfectly. The music always went with a swing, as if they enjoyed it, and gave evidence of their being first-rate artistes. In this way they kept on without intermission for about two hours. They were enabled to sustain a note for a long while, and the bass voice went down to the lowest notes with no apparent effort, which were as round and full as any on the scale, and the bass notes of the organ, or whatever it was, rolled out like thunder. Altogether it was the most beautiful music I ever heard, and I used to listen to it by the hour together, and though it was very simple, I never got tired of listening to it. Others present could not hear anything.

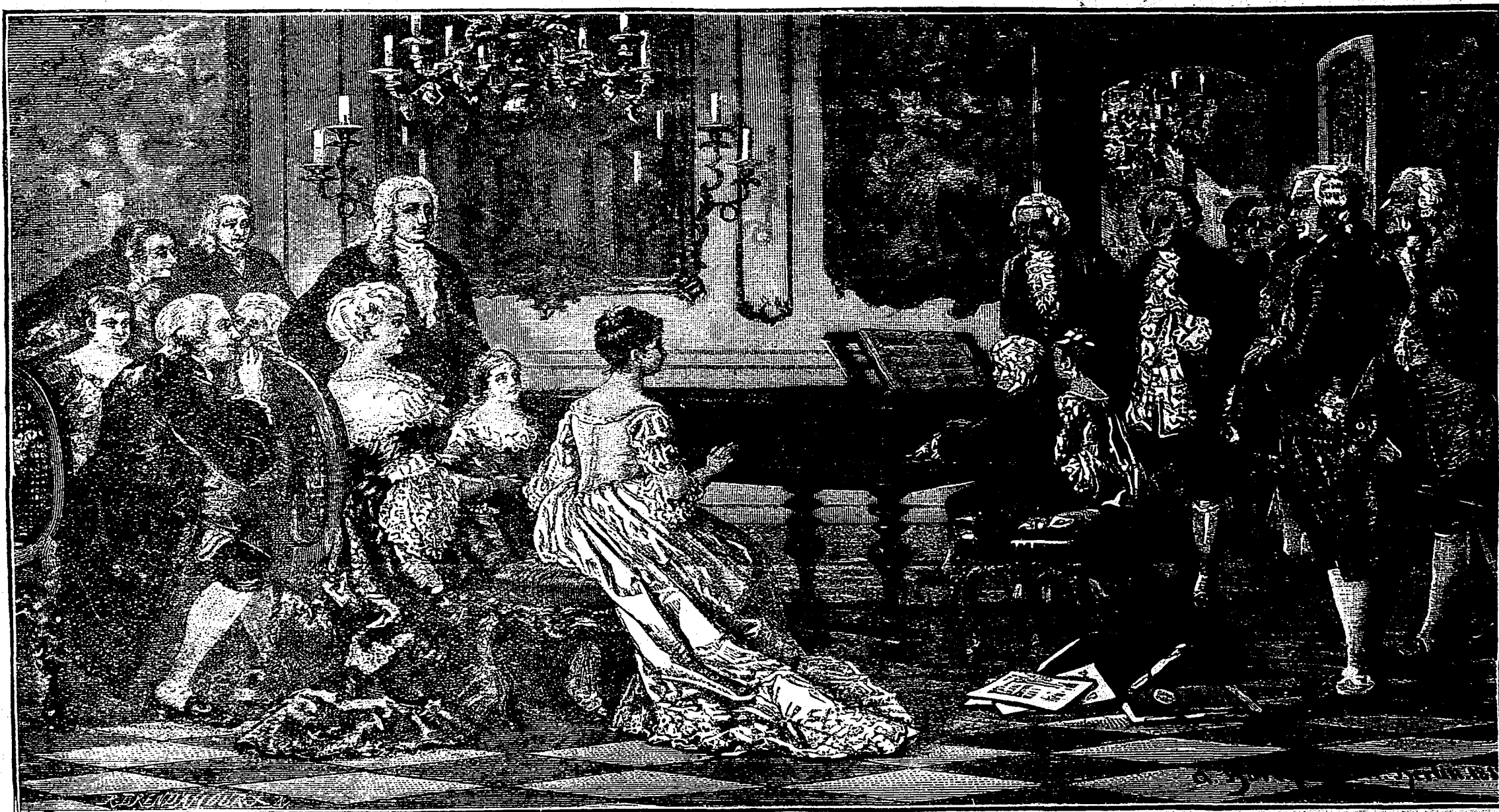
Monday morning I was awakened by the ringing of church bells, but more musical in sound, and about 11 o'clock there were sounds that seemed to come from the opposite side of the road, where some new buildings are in progress, of preparations for another performance; and it was so. The voices commenced singing as on the day before, and kept on continuously for about two hours. A subject was taken and repeated like a chant, and, notwithstanding its monotony, was interesting to listen to, and

BORDERLAND

A Musical Prodigy

Was the special subject of an address of Prof. Richet before the Congress of Psychology at Paris. He referred to the precocity of Mozart and some other examples enumerated by Lombroso, and says that the child was first noticed to have this wonderful gift by his mother, whose account is interesting:

"The child, Pepito Rodriguez Arriola, was hardly 2½ years of age when I discovered for the first time, and by mere chance, his musical aptitudes. At this time, a musician among my friends addressed to me a composition of his own, and I began playing it upon the piano frequently; it is probable that the child gave attention to it, but I had not noticed it. One morning I heard some one playing this air in the neighboring room, but with so much mastery and exactness, that I wished to know who was taking such liberties as to play my piano. I entered the salon, and saw my little boy playing this air. He was on a high seat, to which he had climbed alone, and, seeing me, burst out laughing and said: 'Coco (monkey), mamma.' I believed that this was a veritable miracle."



MOZART AND HIS SISTER PLAYING BEFORE QUEEN MARIA THERESA.

then there was a sort of hurly-burly of sounds, and all was quiet.

The idea I formed of it was that of a congregation meeting in a temple, the whole service consisting of music, there being little said. I could not understand what it was, neither could I hear the words of the singers, although I could hear the articulation. In the evening there was another performance, which lasted until midnight, and seemed pieces of a more varied character and more difficult, but were all sung with the greatest facility, and there was one passage that required considerable executive power, going up very high, which the bass took in a falsetto voice. I also heard the bass, between the intervals, running up the scale, commencing at a very low note, and going up to a very high one for a bass voice. They seemed to be enjoying the singing, and sang with the facility of birds.

I had also some remarkable manifestations after I got to bed, which I will not now describe, but they were very wonderful, but will mention that on Sunday night, while the performance was going on, my room was decorated with flowers and vegetation of different kinds. The window recess had a plant apparently growing on each side, and boughs hanging from the top. There were also flowers on the table, and I noticed a long-leaved plant, about a foot and a half high, on one side of the hearth.

The following morning I was awakened quite early by the sound of hand-bells playing tunes, but heard nothing further until the afternoon, when I heard on the opposite side "God Save the King" being sung to the accompaniment of some percussion instrument, which had no dampers like a piano; more like a harp in tone; and in the evening I thought I could detect the sounds of "Home, Sweet Home," being played on a bass instrument, and presently I had the satisfaction of hearing that beautiful melody sung by a contralto voice more exquisitely than I ever heard it come from mortal lips, although I heard Patti sing it in her prime. Since then I have listened in vain, but can catch no sound from the spheres.

What it means I do not know, but it was all as real to me as any event of every-day occurrence, and it has afforded me the greatest musical treat I ever enjoyed, and will be impressed on my memory as long as life shall last. I realize now that I was in an abnormal state, although I did not at the time, and feel inclined to say, with the Apostle Paul: "Whether I was in the body or not, I cannot tell," but this I know—I heard the music.—*Robert Cooper in Eastbourne (Eng.) Standard.*

Watchers See Apparition.

Miss Julia Murray, a Catholic young lady, at Yonkers, N. Y., died on March 23, and seven persons who were watching in the adjoining room to where the body lay, solemnly declare that they saw a beautiful and striking vision showing her head and part of her body, surrounded by a halo or cloudlike effect. A simple white gown, which seemed to lose itself in clouds, was the clothing; her features were very distinct. On her head was a wreath, and hanging from one hand was a rosary. Starting at the corner away from the parlor, the apparition seemed to move slowly along the wall in

the direction of the parlor. Arriving at the corner of the room nearest the parlor, the figure slowly faded away, according to all the witnesses, leaving a bright cloud light on the wall for some time. It is estimated that the vision lasted for from three to five minutes. The entire party stood spellbound until the strange light had faded away.

A reporter interviewed each of the persons named, and the report was published in the San Francisco *Call* for March 27:

Miss Murray died on Saturday at her home, 154 Ashburton Ave., opposite St. Joseph's Catholic Church. Miss Murray was one of the most popular young women in the northern section of the city, and several of her friends stayed over night at the house. The body was in the parlor, where some of Miss Murray's friends sat through the night, others being scattered through the house.

Miss Katie Kane of Brooklyn, a cousin of Miss Murray, at about half-past 4 this morning started to go through the bedroom in which Miss Murray had died. She suddenly stopped.

"My God!" she cried, "there is Julia."

With this exclamation she dropped to her knees, and covering her face with her hands commenced praying. Miss Nora Smith of 99 Palisade Ave. was near by. She looked where Miss Kane had pointed and then fainted. Miss Rose Kearns of St. Joseph Ave. ran into the room from the parlor, looked once, and then hiding her face in her hands, ran out through the other rooms screaming.

William Murray, brother of the dead girl, and Mrs. James Corbalis of 154 Ashburton Ave., ran to the room and they, too, saw the vision. Misses Rose and Winnie McGowan also saw it before it faded.

Descriptions of the vision by each of the witnesses agree even to the minutest details

53rd Anniversary Address.

MRS. M. E. VAN LUVEN.

On this anniversary of Modern Spiritualism we do not feel like criticizing the works of Spiritualists. Admitting that a great deal more could have been done had systematic organization characterized the movement, still we must acknowledge that a great work has been accomplished in a quiet and almost unobserved manner.

Though Spiritualism is aggressive to religions founded upon ancient mythology and superstition, yet Spiritualists, as a class, are not aggressive. Being new and unpopular, it has been investigated in a quiet and in some cases stealthy manner. Curiosity, or perhaps a recent bereavement, has led people to the seance-room to find the consolation they have failed to find in the churches. There they have learned that the phenomena is proof positive of the immortality of the soul; that the philosophy is the most beautiful conceivable, and in strict accord with evolution, science and the mysterious workings of natural law. There they have found that their loved ones have survived death, are among the living and, in pursuance to certain spiritual laws, can be seen, can converse and be recognized by their friends in the physical form.

While converts usually feel a call to convert the world to the happy

truth, they have found a safety-valve through which to give vent to their feelings in the Spiritualist press, which is doing a mighty work for the Cause. Still, those of more experience prefer to work in a quiet manner. We believe the most satisfactory and lasting work is being done through home influence, private mediums and select circles of one's own friends, though public meetings are the best means of attracting the attention of investigators.

The progress of Spiritualism is quite phenomenal. It is only an infant in swaddling clothes compared with Christianity. Although it is far from being considered fair to look upon and an angel in disguise, still it is such a child of nature, people can not help embracing it, and even some of the churches are courting its favor under the cloak of a "New Theology." If we turn a backward glance at Christianity we will find it 400 years of age before it concluded that women had souls, could be forgiven the sin of being in league with the devil and tempting innocent men, and thus be admitted to a humble seat in heaven.

When 800 years of age it adopted the concession that since women were determined to learn to read, they might do so, providing they did not study beyond words of three letters. A few centuries later, the good, condescending Christian brethren decided that women might speak and pray in meeting providing they lived a humble and submissive life at home. Still further down the centuries some of the churches admitted them to the pulpit.

Thus the down-trodden sex and the progression of the race have laboriously proceeded and every inch of progress the church has stubbornly disputed, until to-day, with depleted treasuries and empty pews, it is delegating its wisest and most conservative men, high in authority, to conventions to adopt a "New Theology" that will interpret the Bible in harmony with evolution and scientific truth.

One of these gentlemen, Rev. Walter Spence, has written a book on the tenets of the "New Theology." He says that the old religion of Christ has been neither lost or abandoned, but has been transformed. Also that the dead chrysalis of an antiquated Theology has been laid aside that the living truth might rise unfettered into newness of life.

He bases the Christian religion upon the teachings of Christ and not upon the old testament, with its errors and inhumanities. He condemns the doctrine of man's natural depravity; thus sees no use for Christ's atonement for sins. According to his new convictions, Christ's mission was to do away with selfishness, which is the incentive and basis of sin.

He very cleverly disposes of the Trinity by saying that it is the threefold manifestation of God in nature, in Christ and in human consciousness. He emphatically denies the doctrine of a general judgment at the end of the world, and the dogma of the resurrection of the physical body is to him inconceivable from a philosophical standpoint. He holds that the spiritual resurrection immediately follows the death of the body. The old dogma of eternal punishment he cancels and says that all punishment will sometime and in some way come to an end.

We think these new flowers of thought which he has culled for a

new theological bouquet is pretty good Spiritual Philosophy, and speaks well for the growth of the modern child of religious sentiment. Each specimen is of a healthy growth and rare beauty, making a magnificent bouquet; but what a bundle of thorns it may prove to be to the high-salaried clergymen if adopted by the church.

Mr. Spence has practically freed his flock from the bondage of sin, extinguished the fires in the burning pit and placed heaven within the reach of all; so what need is there for clergymen? And why should they give money to the Lord since the incentive to save the world is gone? To be unselfish and think for themselves is a practical conclusion what this "New Theology" leads to, and people who do their own thinking do not pay princely salaries to others to think for them. Thus theologians had better remember the parable which states that it is not well to patch up old garments with new cloth, lest it be rent and the garment made worse than before. Better select a few yards more and make a new garment and cast the old aside; this is the modern way of economizing.

Again, it is the wicked influence of women that is working the mischief with the Christian brethren. The knowledge gained through Spiritualism which the church has repeatedly warned its flock against as an institution of the devil, and promulgated by women to lead innocent men into the way that leads to destruction, is now knocking at the doors of the church demanding admittance, and the church will acquiesce, of course. By way of parenthesis—What a blessing the devil and women have been to the race!

Oakland, Cal.

Human Destiny.

JAMES MARTIN.

There are those who, although not acquiescing in the doctrine of predestination in its entirety, yet believe that certain events in their lives were so shaped by circumstances, that they could not be avoided. The expression is often used, when one has been overtaken by some calamity: "Well, it had to be; the fates would have it so," and such like.

Many eminent men have given utterance to the same as when Napoleon frequently said: "It was written in the stars." On the other hand, essays have been written and lectures delivered by educated men to prove that man is the absolute master of his own destiny. Teachers in colleges and schools—whatever they may think—almost invariably inculcate this doctrine. It is, no doubt, good policy on their part to do so, as without it there would not be the same incentive on the part of the student for the acquisition of knowledge as a means for the betterment of mental condition. For, apart from the advantage that knowledge gives to its possessor in all walks of life, it is also to an intellectual man, by his desire for reading and study, the chief source of mental enjoyment.

The predictions of spirits strongly tend to a contrary belief—that all is foreordained. Some of these spirits say, that while they can, and often do, relieve pain and mental suffering and sometimes give notice of approaching

troubles, as well as that of beneficial events, have it not in their power or are not permitted to alter, materially, destiny on earth, or to help in prolonging preordained earthly existence.

Mrs. Underwood, in her "Automatic Writings," says that on application to certain spirits—who had proved themselves good and true—as to the outcome of a certain business transaction, they were, from some rule or reason, unwilling to satisfy the request. It seemed they did not wish to countenance anything, in that way, of a personal gratification, and inferred that good spirits, in general, did not do so. Altogether, they rather deprecated the telling of future events and further said: "Zealous as we are in your behalf, we must still persist in denying your wish to make us break spiritual laws of discipline by any prophecies which might interfere with your true spiritual progress."

At another time also they said: "We are not the arbiters of your fate, nor may we now explain what later may seem most clear to you. Troubles on your plane are good for the upbuilding of character and fit you better for our side of life. It is a probation you must undergo." Still, when they saw good and cheering prospects, they were, at times, not slow to say so, although they avoided telling bad news. Probably they thought the maxim, "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof," was a good one to follow. The inference was, as regards these matters—and in it there is some comfort to those who do not make headway in the world—that if mortals bear their trials with patience and fortitude they will be compensated in the hereafter.

From another source this was gotten: "Fate is not the fool of chance. In a universe governed by natural law, the evolution of a life, whether it be of a nation or an individual, is irrevocably determined." We think we have free will to do as we desire, but there is something about us which causes us to do that which is in line with our destiny. Most discerning persons will surmise how a well-known friend will act, under certain circumstances, and he will do so in despite of the contrary advice of his best friends.

Bulwer Lytton was a firm believer in destiny and repeatedly gave utterance to his belief in this respect, and said that "some of the world's demigods in brain power and learning had never succeeded in conquering fortune." His son, "Owen Meredith," also said: "We are but the instruments of Heaven; our work is not design, but destiny." Maurice Masterlink, the German writer, says: "We are the playthings of the vast and heedless forces that surround us."

Innumerable are the astrological and spiritual predictions of the principal future events in persons' lives that came true to the letter. Camille Flammarion, in his book, "The Unknown," gives many instances where such predictions were completely verified, and this, at times, in spite of all precautions taken to prevent them. In commenting on this subject he says: "The soul in its interior version may see, not only what is passing at a great distance, but it may also know, in advance, what is to happen in the future. The future exists potentially, determined by causes which bring to pass successive events." He more particularly emphasizes this by citing in

detail many incidents in conformation, in an article, in the *Arena* of March, 1897.

Froude, the historian, in regard to this and in reference to the law of cause and effect, says: "The ways of Providence are obscure and perplexing, but scenes such as Rome witnessed under Nero are not acted on this plane, in the most neglected condition of it, without retribution. Nero perished miserably, and on the accursed city, which had sinned with him, the wrath of Heaven, or destiny, or nature, or whatever it may be called, was not long in falling."

Eastern nations, generally speaking, have strong faith in the doctrine of predestination. There are the well-known Arabian maxims: "It is written," "It is the will of Allah." Macaulay mentions that Nuncomar, the head of the Brahmins of Bengal, when sentenced to an unjust death, said: "Fate would have its way; there was no resisting the will of God." Many ancient writers had the same belief.

Marcus Aurelius, the Roman Emperor, when told that Cassius—a descendant of Cassius of Cæsar's time—was about to make an attempt to seize the Empire and to those who urged Aurelius to take steps to arrest him, said: "Consider this: if the Empire is destined to Cassius by the decrees of Providence, in that case it will not be in our power to put him to death; no prince ever killed his own heir. No man has ever prevailed against one whom Providence had marked out for his successor."

In the time of Caracalla, also, it was predicted that Ophilius Macrinus was destined to the throne. The means that were taken by the friends of Caracalla to prevent this, seemingly rather hastened the accomplishment of it. Still it may be said that there are few, like Marcus Aurelius, who are entirely quiescent in this belief. It is, perhaps, their fate that they should better themselves as they may; at least, influence minor events for the better.

Most persons will have known in their experience such instances as are mentioned by Bulwer Lytton of men, with the greatest perseverance in business, who yet are kept in a mediocre position all their lives. There is always some obstacle which prevents them from realizing their own aspirations or the anticipations of their friends. They seem to be continually fighting against fate, which holds them in a poor position, notwithstanding all their efforts to the contrary. Others, again, with not a tittle of their abilities or perseverance, are flocking on the full tide of prosperity.

The well-deserving who thus notice that others, with no special efforts of their own, have their lines cast in pleasant places, would have just reason to complain if this life were the whole of existence and there were no leveling up of matters on the other side. As has been said, the ways of Providence are obscure and perplexing, and what good object is served, by thus giving much to one and little to another, is, at times, difficult to be understood. But the discerning recognize that, however it may appear to the contrary, the Universe is built on moral foundations and that right and justice triumph in the end. Things are balanced in some way. The chastened seek their solace in doing good deeds, and thus have soul comfort which the worldly prosperous, immersed

in pleasure, have seldom time or inclination to cultivate. What is otherwise crooked, in this transient planet, will be straightened in the other world, where existence is everlasting.

College Student's Experience

GEO. E. LOTHROP, JR.

A strange case of spirit control occurred in the parlors of the well-known Boston artist, which should be carefully explained by the medical regulators of the Harvard psychologists.

A student of Cambridge University was taken to the spirit medium for the purpose of testing his psychical powers and having an opinion expressed of the wonderful spiritual "gifts" which it was suspected the young man had. The spirit said that the student could see clairvoyantly, hear clairaudiently, and also write spirit messages automatically, besides having other developments along similar spiritual lines, and told him that he could speak under trance spirit control, etc., all of which he said was correct.

The spirit then said that they would entrance him with his permission and allow the mother of the artist to send some messages from the next world to her daughter. He consented and the artist made a few gentle passes about the student's head as if she was warming her hands, saying that she could see her mother's spirit standing behind him preparing to send telepathic messages upon the entranced brain.

Soon the young student began to send off the most authentic messages, as the wireless telegraph repeaters will revibrate an original message.

The young Harvard student was from a distant city and totally unfamiliar with the private history and personal affairs of the artist, yet he gave her messages for about half an hour covering incidents and facts in her life occurring from Maine to Texas, and from her childhood to womanhood. While in Mrs. Littlefield's parlors her guides also caused the Harvard student to write automatically while his brain was in the normal condition. In fact, he wrote the messages and then read them off himself. Some of them were remarkably brilliant and were a great surprise to the young man, who was scarcely a full-fledged Spiritualist.

He said he never had been controlled so strongly before, and was quite unaware of his latent abilities. Doubtless the country is full of fine, but undeveloped mediums, who, if brought under the training and development of professional psychics, would do a great work in the future. This youth does not dare to allow his family or fellow-students know he has these powers, so great is the prejudice and bigotry of the people.

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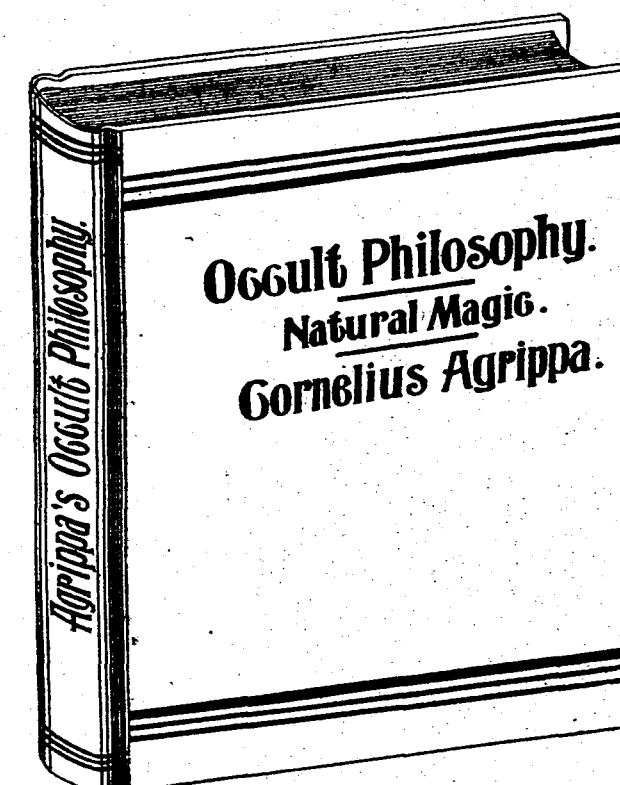
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The Anniversary has been celebrated this year with considerable enthusiasm everywhere. It is commendable that such an event as the birth of Modern Spiritualism should be universally commemorated, for it also gave birth to a New Era of mental freedom and a rational religion.

Momentous are the days in which we now live. Unrest and ferment fill the whole earth, and it is no wonder that many are now trying to read "the signs of the times." The question is: What shall be the outcome?

Vaccination caused the death of Viola Myrtle Yorkman (age 18) of Oakland, Cal., on March 29, from blood poisoning, having suffered terrible tortures. Physicians advised amputation, but she died so suddenly that it was not attempted.

Another death from vaccination is reported this time from Harrisburg, Pa., says the *Troy Press*. Lockjaw was produced. Bruce F. Dunbar, aged 15 years, became ill March 24. Tetanus developed and death followed. It is believed that tetanus germs were inoculated into his blood with the vaccine virus.

Compulsory vaccination is so diabolical, poisoning the pure blood of the youth, that it should not be submitted to by any intelligent people.

Judge John Hooker of Hartford, Conn., an able jurist and Spiritualist, has passed to spirit-life, aged 85 years. Judge Hooker has written a book entitled "Reminiscences," which was reviewed in our columns some months ago, in which he pays a tribute to Spiritualism, and sets forth his views concerning it very clearly. Mrs. Isabella Hooker, his devoted wife, survives him. Both have been constant readers of the JOURNAL for many years.

Communicating with Mars.

Prof. Camille Flammarion contributed an article for the San Francisco *Examiner* on March 24, entitled "Some Day we Shall Communicate with Other Planets," in the course of which he makes a statement that as Mars is several millions of years older than the earth, its inhabitants might have endeavored to communicate with the earth long ago, and after waiting thousands of years for a reply, and getting none, Martians might very justly conclude either that the inhabitants of earth were too low down in the scale of being to reply, or else that the earth was uninhabited.

Flammarion states that, "in the present condition of astronomical physics, there is only one resource for communication: light-rays. Coming years may show that astral magnetism, electricity, or attraction itself would be better—that is, if they can be applied."

He asserts that "it is highly possible that the end of this century will see us in intelligent communication with other planets."

Flammarion argues that "the sun itself might be utilized, by concentrating its rays in reflectors. If the inhabitants of Mars or Venus, say, were to perceive a light appearing suddenly on the earth, they would consider it an astronomical phenomenon. For the light to die out as abruptly as it came, to burn steadily on, or to flash out at regular intervals, would not alter this impression. To convey its meaning as a signal, a sense of deliberate intention, of life, would be necessary in its movements. To begin with, enumeration by flashes could be resorted to—only the three elementary figures used in flashes, first single, then double, then triple, etc. The signals would have to be repeated constantly. The answer may be long in coming, the signalers may become weary of waiting and persevering. It would, however, be unwise to abandon the project, or to infer that the planets were uninhabited. They might be inhabited by beings inferior to ourselves. If a signal had been made to the earth before the day of Galileo, there was no one who would have noticed them or could have attempted to reply."

Compulsory Vaccination has had another blow. On March 21, in Chicago, according to a decision rendered by Judge Dunne, of the Circuit Court, the authorities have no right to exclude from the public schools, children who have not been vaccinated, unless it is shown that the disease is so prevalent that rigid precautions must be taken. The decision was given in the mandamus proceedings brought by Joseph P. Tracy of Ravenswood, whose three children were barred from school because they had not been vaccinated.

Princess Karadja.

Psychische Studien for February contains a conclusion of the report of the Spiritualistic Congress at Paris, written by the editor, Mr. F. Maier. In it we find the following interesting account concerning the conversion to Spiritualism of the Princess Karadja of Sweden, who has published three books entitled, "Spiritualistic Phenomena," "The Gospel of Hope" and "To Light," given in Swedish, but translated into German.

She had her first experience in Stockholm on April 2, 1899. She then went to London and there visited a medium, Alfred Peters, to whom she was not known. Peters could not guess her nationality, as she spoke English like a native. No one asked her a question. She took, without speaking a word, a place beside the other sitters, while Mr. Maier from her book relates the following:

"After the medium had given several psychometric tests with success, she turned towards me and said: 'I see beside you a spirit.' (Here came a description, in which I recognized, to the minutest details, my deceased husband.) 'I hear him call: 'Mary! Mary!' His name is John; he desires to say something to you.' Thereupon followed through the medium a long communication of a private nature about facts, of which, besides my husband, no one could have had any knowledge. Among others he reminded me of the fire which broke out in Castle Bovigny (Belgium), as his corpse was lying there in a coffin, and I in a swoon beside him. (This remarkable and terrible event was, of course, unknown to all present, and I was not at this moment thinking of it).

"After a short pause the medium continued: 'I see a female form beside you,' and described her most minutely. I declared I had never known such a person. Mr. Peters replied: 'She gives you the name of Bremer.' I replied that he must be mistaken, for I have never known this name. After a longer pause and greater effort he added: 'Frederika Bremer,' (Swedish author of the beginning of this century). To my surprise, the voice of the medium changed and he said slowly in Swedish: 'Hjälp den Svenska kvinnan (Help the Swedish woman).'"

Mr. Maier adds: "She seems to have had several seances with this medium afterwards and to have made the acquaintance of many distinguished men in London—Professors Crookes, Myers, Sinnett and Dr. George Wylde."

Automobiles are now run at 70 miles an hour in France. They are made by an American there.

Vesuvius.—Prof. R. V. Matteucco, an Italian scientist, predicts another destructive eruption of Vesuvius within a short time. He bases his prediction upon new fissures which he has discovered near the crater.

At the Occult Temple, Detroit, Mich., the anniversary was celebrated by a festival and musical and literary social. Dr. C. W. Barrows gave the anniversary address to a large audience.

The Reviewer.

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Among the important articles in the *Arena* for April we may mention the following: Dr. R. Osgood Mason, a member of the Society for Psychical Research, discusses Professor Fiske's remarkable new book, "Through Nature to God," in its relation to the New Thought, and shows that the fundamentals of a scientific religion are already clearly defined in the minds of advanced thinkers. The Rev. E. P. Powell makes some interesting prophecies of twentieth-century import, and declares that the pursuit of agriculture will soon afford the only true felicity of life. There are many other arti-

cles of interest and the usual editorials and book reviews. Alliance Pub. Co., New York. 25 cents.

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The careers of two eminent American statesmen who have passed away within the past month are sketched in the April Review of Reviews. Gen. Thomas J. Morgan tells the story of ex-President Benjamin Harrison's life work, while the half-forgotten achievements of ex-Senator William M. Evarts are reviewed by Dr. Albert Shaw, who describes with insight and discrimination the remarkable services of Mr. Evarts.

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Russia.—A great spiritualistic society, by express permission of the Russian Government, has been established in St. Petersburg. It is called "The Circle of Psychological Researches."—*The Sermon.*

San Jose Notes.

The Union Society held an anniversary celebration last Sunday, which was quite full of interest and largely attended. In the evening Mrs. Marcen, Mrs. Ella York and other mediums and speakers occupied the platform.

The annual election for members of the Board of Directors will be held on April 7, when it is expected that a new Board of good officers will be chosen for the ensuing year.

The library rooms of Sleeper Hall, San Jose, were the scene of a pleasant social reunion on Thursday afternoon, March 28. The occasion was a "Good-bye Tea" given by the Ladies' Aid in honor of one of its members, Mrs. E. K. Wilson, on the eve of her departure to take up her home in Michigan. Refreshments were served, after which an interesting program was enjoyed. Mrs. H. L. Biglow, in the name of the Aid, presented Mrs. Wilson a token of remembrance and Mrs. C. Gage made a personal love offering. Other members in brief remarks expressed their appreciation of Mrs. Wilson's long and faithful service to the Cause, of her friendly sympathy and kindly interest, and while wishing her happiness in her new home, asked a place in memory's halls. Mrs. C. V. Hamby read an appropriate poem, and music was furnished in the form of a solo by Miss Lily Lyness, a duet by Mrs. Ham Ely and Miss Lyness and a trio by Miss Lyness and Mesdames Seeley and Hamby.

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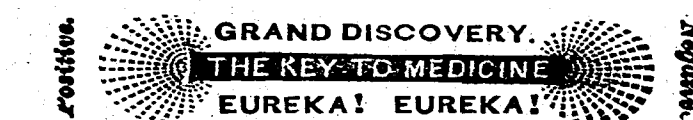
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Mission Lyceum meets every Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., San Francisco. Friends of the Lyceum movement are always welcome. The regular monthly entertainment is held on the last Saturday evening of each month.
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LADIES' AID SOCIETY.—Headquarters at 305 Larkin-st., San Francisco. On the last Friday evening in each month dancing will begin at 8:30, interspersed with musical and literary exercises. Admission ten cents. Business and social meetings every Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock. All are invited. Take the Elevator.

Mission Lyceum gave its regular monthly entertainment in Mission Opera Hall last Saturday evening. The following program was rendered: Overture, Miss Alice Helms; recitation, Miss Elta Werner; specialty, Miss Rose Leddy; piano solo, Miss Melia Timms; song, Miss Mabel Pfeifer; vocal selections, Mr. Van Cleve; piano solo, Mr. Frank Indig; Spanish dance, Charles Pracey and Mabel Pfeifer; fancy dance, Miss May Leddy, followed by a social dance, which closed another pleasant evening with the young people of the Mission.
LIZZIE JAMES, Chairman Com.

Oakland Psychical Society at Woodmen Hall, 521 12th St., March 31. The address in the morning by Mrs. R. S. Lillie was one of her best efforts, giving much food for thought, at the close of which Dr. Sivartha and Mrs. L. E. Drake were invited to speak on the day we celebrate—the 53rd anniversary of Modern Spiritualism. Our society united with the State Association in their anniversary exercises. There was no evening service. In behalf of the Oakland Psychical Society, we thank the friends—mediums and others—who so kindly responded to the invitation and so ably assisted in making the 53rd anniversary of Modern Spiritualism an honor to the Cause, and March 24, 1901, a day long to be remembered.
Mrs. A. E. Wood, Sec.

Mme. Young's Hall was well filled last Sunday evening with inquirers and skeptics, who received convincing tests and arguments. The music was excellent.

Mrs. Eberhardt, assisted by Mr. H. E. Hargrave, with a large audience, last Sunday evening celebrated the anniversary at 8250 22nd St.

The Anniversary in San Francisco

The Anniversary Celebration in San Francisco was held at Scottish Hall on Sunday, March 31, and was a grand success. The hall, which will seat about 1,000 persons, was well filled in the afternoon and really crowded in the evening.

The Committee of Arrangements, consisting of President Norton, Secretary Jones and Dr. Barker, deserve much praise for the excellence of their work. The celebration was under the auspices of the California State Spiritualists' Association, and this committee was appointed to perfect plans for a successful celebration. This was accomplished, for it cleared all its expenses. President Norton occupied the chair and was really the mainspring, the inspiration of the meeting. His energy, urbanity and aptitude was everywhere displayed.

The afternoon session opened with an original overture by Prof. and Mme. Young. President Norton then gave an anniversary greeting, which was full of suggestive thought. Mrs. Emma W. Foster gave messages from the spirit-world which were instantly recognized. Singing by the choir was followed by a Twentieth Century Address by Thomas G. Newman, editor of the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL, which portrayed many of the grand inventions of the future which the spirit-world had in store for man. After another musical selection rendered by Prof. and Mme. Young, spirit messages were communicated through Mme. E. Young, which were all recognized and appreciated. Mr. Chas. J. Anderson (the boy orator) then gave an address on the duties of Spiritualists. Vice-President C. H. Wadsworth introduced the Children's Progressive Lyceum with appropriate remarks and the following program: Recitation, Miss Helena Hickman; vocal duet, Misses Maud Seegur and Rene Olson, (accompanist, Mrs. Hutchison); recitations, Sherman Savage, Misses Irma Savage, Pearl Graham and Gertrude Grant. Mrs. Jennie Robinson then gave convincing spirit messages to the audience, all of which were recognized by those to whom they were sent. Dr. J. A. Clarke then gave several interesting reminiscences, and Dr. Geo. W. Carpender concluded the session with a very interesting address.

The evening session was opened by Sec. W. T. Jones introducing the Mission Lyceum, its members rendering the following program: Song, "I Live for Those Who Love Me," by the Lyceum, then little Frankie Close (aged 5 years) recited the following:

Unwarned by any spirit light,
A long day darkened into night,
A night made drear by cruel might,
Of warring creeds and jealous spite.
When lo! a tiny ray gave sound,
That woke the nations and will resound
Till death is conquered and the world of men
Through knowledge may have peace again.

Recitation, Miss Jennie Swift; song, Miss Mabel Pfeifer; song, "Where the Roses Ne'er Shall Wither," by the Lyceum.

After a trio by Mr. Gillespie, Mr. Winchester and Mr. Lillie, Mrs. Annie Gillespie gave an anniversary address which was eloquent and inspiring. Mrs. S. Cowell followed with many excellent tests and Mr. Winchester rendered a vocal solo. Mrs. J. J. Whitney then became entranced, giving remarkable spirit messages to the audience, and Mrs. R. S. Lillie followed with an anniversary address, which was replete with argument and eloquence.

Mrs. Dr. Temple presided at the piano with great ability.

Ladies' Aid.—The regular business meeting of this society on April 10 will be held at the residence of Mrs. C. H. Wadsworth, 293 Jersey St., at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, when business of importance will be attended to.

It has been also decided that the proceeds of the regular entertainment for the month of April, occurring on the 26th, will be devoted to the National Spiritualists' Association, as required by the State Constitution, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The Free Spiritual Society of Oakland met on March 27 at 856½ Isabella St. with a large attendance. Mrs. Palmbaum read a poem entitled "Our Boy." Dr. Sol Palmbaum, being entranced, gave tests and character readings to a number of people in the audience which were very satisfactory. Mr. Van Luven made a few remarks on the philosophy of Spiritualism and Mr. Preston closed the meeting with words of cheer and an invocation that made all hearts glad.
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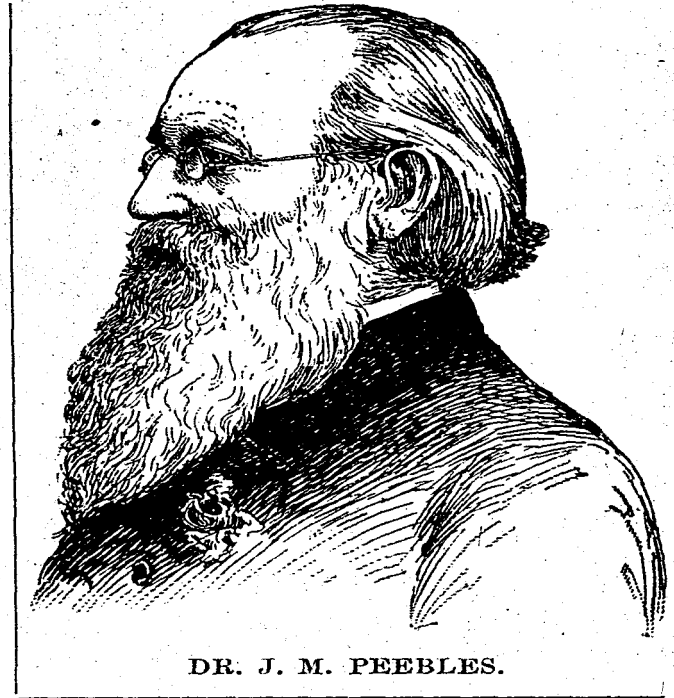
Mr and Mrs. Foster held two meetings as usual last Sunday at Occidental Hall, 305 Larkin St. The philosophy and phenomena were acceptably presented to good audiences.

Birthday Party.—At 27 Alaska St., San Francisco, March 16, at 8 p.m., the friends of Mrs. D. A. Dunkel met for the purpose of celebrating her natal day. The exercises of the evening were music and song, eating, and spirit tests, as there were a number of noted mediums present. Those present were: Mrs. D. A. Dunkel, Master Howard Pearson, Mrs. H. D. Wrenn, Mrs. C. Swan and Mr. A. L. Swan, Mr. G. N. Carson and Mrs. Francis Carson, Mrs. Bane, Miss Flossie Bane, Mrs. M. M. Maxwell, Mrs. Welk, Miss Louise Wrenn, Mrs. Warhurst, Miss Vicky Warhurst, Mrs. Gregory, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Wilson, Prof. M. C. Lee, Mrs. Lapere, Mrs. Lewis of Vallejo and Mr. Westfeld.

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A Reception was tendered to the old-time Spiritualists. Mr. and Mrs. Baum, at Dr. Sol Palmbaum's, 856½ Isabella St., Oakland, on Friday, March 29, by their numerous friends to bid them a hearty farewell before they sail for Europe. Mrs. Greer opened the exercises with a song; Miss Greer recited; Mrs. Drake made some touching and beautiful remarks on friendship and good-will toward the departing friends and their long journey; the Misses Van Luven gave recitations; Mrs. Armitage sang a beautiful song; Mr. Van Luven made some appropriate remarks, and Miss Flanagan gave a short recitation. Mrs. Baum responded to the good words and wishes of their many friends with much feeling. Mr. and Mrs. Baum were so truly surprised that when the refreshments were served, their hearts overflowed with pleasure to be so fully appreciated.
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