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## WHAT WAS HIS CREED.

There was a man: his soul was true,  
His judgment incorrupt, his mind  
Bowed only at the shrine of truth,  
His heart was warm, his manners kind;  
He strove to do his duty well,  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

At times his pure and happy life  
A calm and even current ran;  
Then care, and grief, and pain and wrong  
Make his the common lot of man.  
But, good or ill, he bore it well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

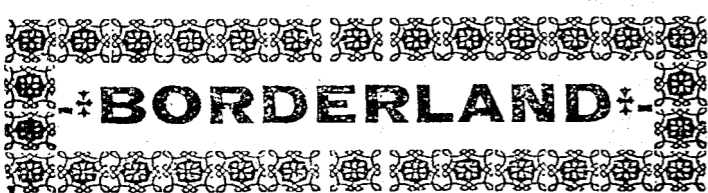
For faults and errors of mankind  
Reproaches bitter he disdained.  
The base, the cruel and the false  
His stern and fearless censure gained.  
The Golden Rule he practiced well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

His love of man, active, unfeigned,  
By narrow limits unconfined,  
O'erspread the bounds of nation, race,  
And faith embracing all mankind.  
For man as man he laboured well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

A generous portion of his means  
And time and strength he gladly gave  
For others' wealth—the poor to bless,  
The sad to cheer, the lost to save:  
Prizing his life to spend it well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

Wisely he lived, and when he died  
The stranger had a word of praise;  
And many heedless paused to think,  
And many turned to better ways,  
And those who differed love him well.  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.

Like the sweet scent of flowers dead,  
Like the soft light of sunset sky,  
His memory lived, and many said:  
"How sad that such a man should die!"  
They knew his worth who knew him well  
What was his creed? I cannot tell.



## AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

### CHAPTER SECOND.

[Continued.]

As to how and when this new body was shaped and manufactured, spirit return is silent. It will not satisfy the thinker, to tell him it was evolved from the old body, although that is the common and accepted explanation. For if

that were the case we should want a further explanation as to why and how he gets rid of certain organs which would of course 'spiritualise' but are not wanted over there.

For instance the entire sexual organs of both sexes, could be of no service over there, for either they are not begotten and born as spirits, or if so born it is by some process of which we have been left totally ignorant by the the revelation of spirit return. Yet, if we think a moment, we see the absurdity of supposing liver, heart, and lungs to 'spiritualise' and yet the sexual organs to remain purely mortal, and unable to cross the divide.

Nature in earth life directs all her energies to the continuance of species by propagation, and we are often pointed to the ingenuity by which she effects this result. Every form is designed with end in view, and for this one purpose. It is still another absurdity to suppose that the spirit form can be like ours, for it needs none of these ingenious schemes and designs. Yet we repeat our question, how are they to be left behind, and how am I to recognise my old friend whose new form is unshaped by having all the sexual organs left out?

We know by experience on earth that in a refined atmosphere the lungs have to increase in size. Dogs taken to the highlands of Mexico cannot run without immediate exhaustion. But their offspring can. So the lungs will have to change, and the new form must adapt itself to that change.

But our mortal form is arranged and planned for a system of mastication, assimilation and excretion which keeps Boards of Health busy selecting and branding eatables and drinkables, and enforcing elaborate systems of sanitation. How the spirit escapes all this we have never learned. But even if a spirit strolls up to a ripe peach, with his hands in his pockets, and just suck its delicious flavor and essence, he must have some way of assimilating the necessary, and rejecting the rest, that requires organs very differently constituted to ours. We cannot suppose he just lives on 'baby food' such as is loudly recommended here, for that is far too course

for entrance into spirit life. His eyes may become microscopes or telescopes; his ears audiphones; and he may go around catching thoughts as they fly, and sorting them for his private perusal, but all this demands organs very different to ours, and would make us shout 'ghost' if we happened to meet a spirit loved one at some midnight hour.

In a word since the spirits are living in an atmosphere, and amid conditions impossible to us, they must have bodies so different to ours that we cannot even guess how they got them by any process of evolution. And most certainly we would not recognize them if we came across old friends strolling in one of the parks of the New Jerusalem. Of course we get all sorts of guesses how its done, by way of learned explanation, but we want solid facts that will 'hitch on', as every effect must 'hitch on' to its cause.

This is a little peep into the coming mysteries, it is only the beginning of our troubles. We accept spirit return as a fact demonstrated by abundant experience, but do not let us pretend to be learned and scientific, and know, or even guess how its done, and what shaped garments the yesterday mortal is having made for today. The writer most humbly acknowledges that he cannot answer questions on this interesting subject, at least from any scientific or common sense standpoint.

We now, in our imagination, and pocketing our present experiences of spirit return, pass on the beyond and begin to search for solid facts on which to build our philosophy. And, once again, we repeat our query "After death—what?"

[To be Continued.]

## SACRED SCIENCE.

THE HIGHEST THOUGHT CURE.

Reviewed by LIDA BRIGGS BROWNE

This is the title of the latest book of Oliver C. Sabin of 1329 M. St., Washington, D. C., who has done much for the cause of Mental

Theraputies by his "Chistology, Divine Healing, Truth Unchained" etc. "Sacred Science" is a book of only 131 pages, neatly bound in cloth, price \$1.00. It contains valuable information for the advanced student that is worth many times its price.

It comprises a series of lessons on how to control the mind and the various organs of the body so as to maintain perfect health and treat those who are sick; how to control breath so as to destroy wrinkles and old age and bring peace and harmony; how to clarify the brain and spiritualize the body and surround one self and others with vibratory currents that keep away all disease, disasters and inharmonies.

In this book Mr. Sabin teaches one how to attain the superconscious condition so that inspiration, spiritual illumination and mental and physical vigor may be obtained. When through these teachings this state is reached he says we will know as the Infinite knows and the past and future will be open to us as well as the present, and people will not have to tell us what they are thinking about for we will know it without. He warns his students against using these God given powers except for good, as if turned to other uses they will destroy the one so using them.

It will be remembered by many that Mr. Sabin revolted from the narrow way laid down by the regular Christian Scientists and started a school of thought of his own in Washington D. C., where he is Bishop of his church, edits the "News Letter" and has a Metaphysical University for students. Since he let the mental bars down he has investigated in many directions and in this book says: "I have no doubt that the spirits that have gone beyond are clothed in their proper spiritual bodies and are progressing with their work and at times are with us."

Undoubtedly some of the learned ones from the highest spheres are giving to his mentality the thoughts laid down in the pages of this book. They are worthy of careful perusal by the advanced student.



### CONGRESS OF NATIVE AMERICANS.

Strange and wonderful people to be seen at the World's Fair.

At the World's Fair in St. Louis are assembled now tribes, groups and families of the strangest and most wonderful people on earth. In no portion of the wonderful display has a finer sense of selection obtained than in the assembly of North American Indians. Chief among these are the Zunis, Mokis and Pueblos to be seen at the Cliff Dwellers Concession.

The North American Indian of the story-books is familiar enough to all Americans, but the Cliff Dwellers descendants have really not been known to the outside world since 1897 when the first effort was made by scientific men to study and describe their manners, habits and customs. This occurred at the little settlement of Wolpi, in the so-called Painted Desert of the Colorado in Arizona where the Mokis and Zunis then for the first time consented to dance that miracle working rite known as the Snake Dance. Like all our native races, the Mokis have their priesthood. This is made up of old men who possess the power of divination.

Hokiland is an arid country, rain is scarce and the Mokis and Zunis, never a savage people; live largely by agriculture. Hence the need of rain, hence in the still lapse of ages the cultivation of mysterious rites by which the simple savages of the western continent sought to draw the replenishing waters from the skies to their parched fields.

The Snake Dance is that rite. It is danced every year on the 25th day of August at Wolpi in the Painted Desert. After it had been danced, the ceremonial requiring several days of body-racking labor which no white man would survive, the priests consult and fix a day when rain is asked of their dieties. This rain, strange to relate is never denied the Hoki priests. After their first consultation they announce the time when their prayers will be answered and lo: unfailingly year after year it rains in Hokiland.

The priests, medicine men and dancers use snakes in this dance; not harmless little ones but eight and ten foot rattlers, poison-fanged whose bite would be instant and horrible death to any living white man. The Indians charm these rattlers, they also use gala monsters, the very sight of which would give us of Caucasian blood the chill of dissolution.

During the dance the priests vex the snakes with feather wands; they tease them to viperous madness and the more the reptiles are aroused say the priests, the surer are the signs of rain. To see the priests and medicine men at the Cliff Dwellers dance all around these

reptiles, knock them about the stage in the Theatre Hoki connected with the Concession until they emit the blood-curdling hiss and then the vipers are at their worst, deftly pick them up and carry them about in priestly mouths is the only sight to be seen at the World's Fair that has not been, in some shape or other exhibited before. Here is a true novelty, one which to witness means to relate to your neighbors, friends and children for many years to come.

This Zuri and Hoki exhibition has attracted scientific men from all parts the world to the Cliff Dwellers Concession. All the big congresses that have convened in the Hall of Congress have had their representatives at these Cliff Dweller dances. The governments of many foreign states have ordered special reports of these eminently curious aboriginal proceedings.

The dances fascinate old and young alike and if there was nothing else whatsoever to be seen in the Cliff Dwellers exhibit, this one act alone would have justified the enormous expense of bringing these natives to St. Louis and building a home for them in which they live just as is their wont on the Mesa out West.

### DISEUR DE BON MOTS.

With few exceptions, people born between the 18th and the 28th of August (any year) will be much attracted, in the coming year or two, towards unusual or romantic affairs; travel, steam, electrical or motor contrivances, curiosities, oddities and occult subjects.

It is there time, such as comes to them but once in a life time, to make worldly advances in business or in ambitional matters. It is to them that especial time spoken of by Shakespeare as "the tide . . . which when taken at the flood leads on to fortune."

For these people—in the main—the opportunities will be exceptionally good, in these particular lines of interest. It is for them, now, to put their shoulders to the wheel and push altogether with the tide.

The same may be said of people born between the 18th and the 28th of October, February and April. These four Decanates of especial spirit forces in mortal forms are now in line for especial favors through natural laws, and they are saddled and harnessed to blend "Determination, criticism, absorbed knowledge and magnetic powers" for great good to the world, and honors to themselves, if they do not fritter away their opportunities in mere animal gratifications.—C. H. W.

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### A PARTIAL LIST OF CAMP MEETINGS OF THE SEASON 1904.

#### UNITY CAMP MEETING.

Washington State Spiritualists Association Camp Meeting at Edge-wood Camp, Surprise Lake, from July 31 to August 21, 1904. Closing August 22 and 23, with 8th annual convention. For particulars apply to Julian W. Smith, secretary; 1115 North Fifth street, Tacoma, Wash.

The Lynn Spiritualists Association will hold meetings every Sunday at Unity Camp, Saugus Center, Mass., commencing June 5, and ending Sept. 25. For all particulars address Mrs. A. A. Averill, 42 Smith street, Lynn, Mass.

Island Lake, Mich.—The Island Camp, at Island Lake, Mich., 42 miles from Detroit, on the Flint and Pere Marquette railroad, commences July 10, and extends through the month of August. For full programme address H. R. La Grange, Secretary, 84 Eass Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent programme has been prepared for the coming season. We have under contract such speakers as mediums as B. F. Austin, G. W. Kates and wife, Amanda Coffmnr, Mr. and Mrs. White, D. A. Herrick, Dr. Julia M. Walton, Mrs. Margaret LaGrange, W. V. Nicum, and others. Farmer Riley will positively be with us the first two weeks of camp. Every phase of mediumship will be represented. Correspondence solicited with first class trumpet and slate-writing mediums.

Lake Brady, Ohio.—The Lake Brady Spiritualist Camp meeting opens July 3 and closes September 4. For full programme address, A. G. Kock, Akron, Ohio.

Freeville, N. Y.—The dates for the Central New York Spiritual Association Camp-meeting, at Freeville, N. Y., are from July 23 to Aug. 22, four weeks and five Sundays. Owing to the pretracted and severe illness of our secretary, Miss Victoria C. Moore, I am acting secretary, to whom all letters pertaining to the camp should be addressed W. W. Kelsey, President, Cortland N. Y.

Maple Dell Park, Ohio.—The American Spiritual, Religious and Science Union will hold a camp session at Maple Dell, commencing July 24 and closing Sept. 1. Lucy King, corresponding secretary. Address with stamp, Box 45, Mantua, Ohio. The grounds will be open for family reunions, Sunday-school picnics, and Sunday meetings, etc., from June 1 to Sept. 15.

Grand Ledge, Mich.—The Grand Ledge (Mich.) camp opens July 31 and closes August 28. For full programme address J. W. Ewing, Grand Ledge, Mich.

Onset Camp—Commences July 24 and ends August 23. For full programme and particulars address the secretary of the camp, Onset, Camp.

Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, The camp session of the M. V. S. A., Mt. Pleasant Park, Clinton Iowa, will open July 31 and close August 28. For programmes address Mollie B. Anderson, secretary, Clarksville, Mo.

Forest Home, Mich.—The fifth annual camp-meeting opens at Snowflake, Mich., July 31 and closes Aug. 21. Write to Mrs. Ruth Eastman, secretary, Mancelona, Mich., Box 69, for full particulars.

Chesterfield, Ind.—Chesterfield, (Ind.) camp meeting opens July 14 and closes August 28. For programs and other information address Lydia Jessup, secretary, Chesterfield, Ind.

Delphos Camp, Kans.—This camp meeting will begin August 5, closing August 22. Address all communications to I. N. Richardson, secretary, Delphos, Kans.

Lake Sunopee, N. H. Camp—Lake Sunopee Spiritualists' Camp-meeting will open July 31st and close August 28th, being four weeks and five Sunday. Lorenzo Worthen, Secretary.

### SPIRITUALISTS, BE UP AND DOING.

MRS. CLARA U. MYERS

Work for brother man and sister woman. All men, all women, some time, some how, some where love God and are blessed. Why not do that now, and be blessed now? Why not be free at once? The righteous life with God is the only blessed and successful life.

You must now be up and doing, or your cause will loose ground. You are all making your own condition; as you sow, shall you reap. Can you not see what you are all doing? Let peace and harmony reign among your people, and let go your old ideas and opinions. It is not for you to say, it is what the law demands of you.

Honesty and Justice to all. Get out of the idea that you are the only ONE, for there are many who may excel, as all this is a progressive time,

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
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Q. What is needed by way of preparation for the reception of the great light that is coming to the Earth?

A. As the world moves on in its great cycles, it brings waves of spiritual vibration to the denizens of the earth as journeying friends bring distant religions near, and at present the spirit world is very active, bringing a wonderful light of wisdom and desire on the part of man to know more of the philosophy of life, as beautiful spirits are incarnated in the physical form, sent here to be educators and reformers of the races. There was a great spiritual cycle brought to the earth when Jesus was in-

carated in his form, and many others whom we might mention, and that which is most needed as preparatory to the on-coming of this tidal wave, as it were, of enlightenment, is to know thyself, to turn the X ray of inspection on ourselves, to look within and to unfold and learn more and more, looking at our own faults and rectifying them, rather than searching for the bean in our brother's eye. Life is too precious to be trifled away, every opportunity of unfoldment should be grasped, while one is passing this way, for they pass not this way again.

Q. How can the spirit friends be happy when they see the sorrows and troubles of their loved ones on earth?

A. The spirits can see the outcome of those things that appear such calamities and misfortunes to those on earth, knowing that, that which looks so dark to their earth friends will eventually pass away. "Things are not what they seem."

That which appears as a disappointment is many times a blessing in disguise. The mother watching her little one trying to shield it from all harm cannot prevent its injuries at all times, but she knows when it burns its fingers it is only temporary pain, that teaches it to beware of the fire another time. It is through experience we grow, ultimately everything works together for good, and our spirit friends knowing this are not always unhappy, though at times they are very grieved and try in every way to help you.

Q. Do animals have souls?

A. There is nothing in the universe that does not have a soul. Rocks, wood, metals, etc, all have life, likewise animals, they are all links in the great chain of life, when they pass out of the body their souls gravitate toward a plane in the world of spirits and are not lost, and they return to their former masters through the power of attraction and are often described by clairvoyants who see them distinctly. Some dogs have more intelligence than their owners and are man's best friend and many times have died of a broken heart upon the graves of those to whom they have been attached. Scientists have proven through the powers of radium and X rays that the spirit of an animal after having been placed in an air tight box can be seen ascending into the atmosphere, this proves that animals do have souls.

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Q. What is needed by way of preparation for the reception of the great light that is coming to the Earth?

A. As the world moves on in its great cycles, it brings waves of spiritual vibration to the denizens of the earth as journeying friends bring distant religions near, and at present the spirit world is very active, bringing a wonderful light of wisdom and desire on the part of man to know more of the philosophy of life, as beautiful spirits are incarnated in the physical form, sent here to be educators and reformers of the races. There was a great spiritual cycle brought to the earth when Jesus was in-

carated in his form, and many others whom we might mention, and that which is most needed as preparatory to the on-coming of this tidal wave, as it were, of enlightenment, is to know thyself, to turn the X ray of inspection on ourselves, to look within and to unfold and learn more and more, looking at our own faults and rectifying them, rather than searching for the bean in our brother's eye. Life is too precious to be trifled away, every opportunity of unfoldment should be grasped, while one is passing this way, for they pass not this way again.

Q. How can the spirit friends be happy when they see the sorrows and troubles of their loved ones on earth?

A. The spirits can see the outcome of those things that appear such calamities and misfortunes to those on earth, knowing that, that which looks so dark to their earth friends will eventually pass away. "Things are not what they seem." That which appears as a disappointment is many times a blessing in disguise. The mother watching her little one trying to shield it from all harm cannot prevent its injuries at all times, but she knows when it burns its fingers it is only temporary pain, that teaches it to beware of the fire another time. It is through experience we grow, ultimately everything works together for good, and our spirit friends knowing this are not always unhappy, though at times they are very grieved and try in every way to help you.

Q. Do animals have souls?

A. There is nothing in the universe that does not have a soul. Rocks, wood, metals, etc, all have life, likewise animals, they are all links in the great chain of life, when they pass out of the body their souls gravitate toward a plane in the world of spirits and are not lost, and they return to their former masters through the power of attraction and are often described by clairvoyants who see them distinctly. Some dogs have more intelligence than their owners and are man's best friend and many times have died of a broken heart upon the graves of those to whom they have been attached. Scientists have proven through the powers of radium and X rays that the spirit of an animal after having been placed in an air tight box can be seen ascending into the atmosphere, this proves that animals do have souls.

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It is with pleasure that I hereby express to you the fraternal greetings of the California State Spiritualists' Association. The cordial relations existing between you and this Association of the past, are, we believe, still maintained in harmony on both sides. It is a source of encouragement to be assured that the Auxiliary Societies are working with us for the cause of Truth.

The Ninth Annual Convention of our State Association will be held in Oakland on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, September 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1904. Business sessions, Friday and Saturday; entertainments, lectures, conferences and the presentation of phenomena, Evenings and all day Sunday.

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Report blanks have been mailed to secretaries of each Auxiliary Society of the Cal. S. S. Association. It is hoped that the Reports will be forwarded to the secretary to be received at his office 305 Larkin street, not later than August 27th inst. Report blanks have been mailed to all endorsed workers of the Cal. S. S. Association as provided by Section 7, Article 1 of By-Laws.

Please do not forget the fact that the Societies, the Ministers, Endorsed Mediums, and the Individual Members compose the State

Association and that the success of the coming Convention depends upon the devotion and cooperation of all. We as Spiritualists must be up and doing if we would perpetuate our glorious cause ever watchful of our right and guarding well our vantage ground.

Our workers are being persecuted and deprived and forbidden to exercise their spiritual gifts. The Spiritualists of California should turn out at the coming convention in such numbers as will make it the most important of any in the past.

Fraternally,

W. T. JONES,  
Secretary.



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**A LETTER FROM OREGON.**

Oregon City, Ore. July 24, 1904

**EDITOR JOURNAL:**

I wish to say a few words through your columns, which if you think proper to publish I hope will have the effect of causing at least a few to think more deeply of the responsibilities that rest on them, when they enlist in the cause of Spiritualism.

I once had a friend who recently lost through death, a little daughter and a well loved brother; her grief was terrible, and I soon thought of the blessed religion of Spiritualism as a means of comfort; I persuaded her to attend a Spiritualist Camp meeting with me, and a medium there gave her some very clear tests which pleased her very much; she was so interested and anxious to go again that a few days later, we again attended.

Seated in the audience close to myself and friend were some ladies and gentleman who took part in and seemed to be interested in Spiritualistic work; they were jesting and using slang phrases that seemed very much out of place at a gathering of people who profess to believe that the spirits of our loved ones so often return to be with us as one cannot think of their loved dead, or the gentle spirit of Jesus as moving about among people who use profane and vulgar language. My friend was shocked and distressed and although I did what I could, she has shown but little interest in the subject since. I was very sorry and I thought "how useless is their work."

They had spent hours helping the Ladies Union, learning songs and declamations and in helping in various ways. But by their foolish talk, a soul went away hungry, and their work in one case at least has been in vain.

Do not think that I believe we

should come with long drawn and sanctimonious faces, for I truly believe we should indulge in all the innocent merriment and jesting that we feel disposed, but let it be innocent, not coarse, vulgar, nor slangy and then it will in no way injure the cause; and if we wish to be workers and help the good work along dear friends, let us remember our responsibility, for all eyes are on us.

AGNES ROBBINS

Oregon City,

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**THE REAL ISSUE.**

BY B. F. FRENCH.

**EDITOR JOURNAL:**

Some of the Spiritualist papers are publishing articles, as they say from "Master Minds." I make no claim as belonging to such class, possibly however a few thoughts from the servant or slave class may serve to give variety to the menu of the table; Spiritualistic, as weekly prepared in the PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.

A few words only, I care to say on the hackneyed subject of fraud; all Spiritualists and others, attending materializing, trumpet, or slate writing seances should insist on strict test conditions, if the medium refuses these, do not patronize such mediums the second time, and persuade others to do likewise; this is the quickest and surest way to break up fraud mediumship; if people will not do this, they have no right to complain of fraud.

To my mind there are questions affecting Spiritualism far more seriously and vitally than the fraud question; Spiritualism came to earth to redeem its people from ignorance, error, poverty and crime, it has done much toward the abolishing ignorance and falsehood, what has it done toward the abolition of poverty and crime? little or nothing.

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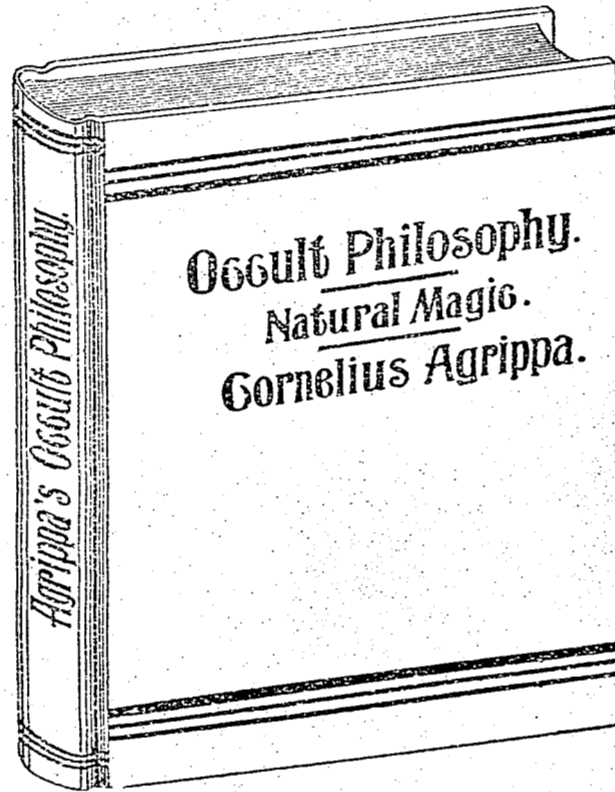
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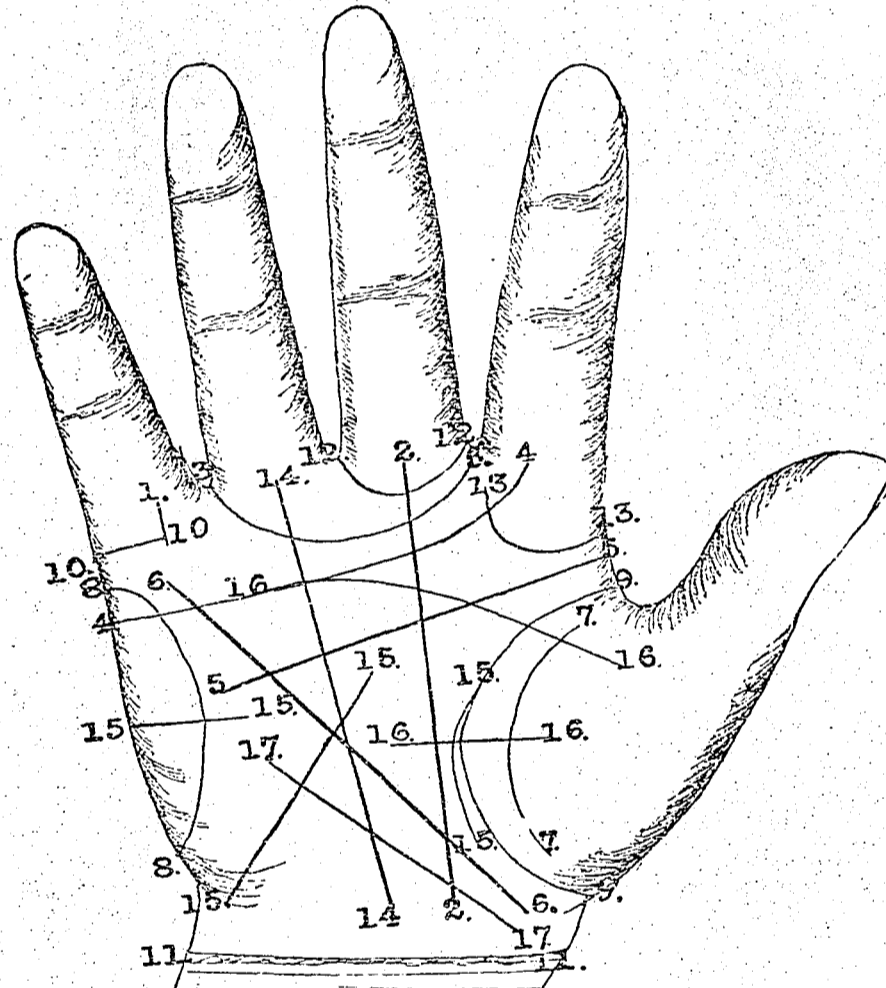
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