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AT THE TRYSTING PLACE.

Susie M. Best.

This is the very spot where we,
Trusted so many times;
I lean against the Alder tree,
And hear the vesper chimes.

So many lonely years have fled,
Since we were side by side,
And yet I cannot call you dead,
To love, you never died.

I call you back, I speak your name,
My heart is charged with faith;
Leve's might denies the grave's false
charm,
I know there is no death.

And lo! a miracle! The years
Roll back as rolls a mist,
And straight before me thro my tears
You rise to keep the tryst.

Bless God who grants to me this grace,
And proves the truth to me,
That soul and soul are face to face
The death has seemed to be.

BORDERLAND.

AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

CHAPTER THIRD.

[Continued.]

We now see that Nature in her processes is not logical. You cannot even guess what she will do next until you find out by experience. Within certain 'critical points' man the mortal can go to school and learn his lesson, he will even boast him of his learning, and add certain letters to his name as marks of distinction. But suddenly he reaches a 'critical point'. His days work is done, and Nature puts her children one by one to bed. That particular point we call 'death.' As we have seen, there are lots of critical points affecting man, but this, and the other 'critical point' called 'birth' are the two changes most important to man the mortal.

When we are now asking "After death—What?" the student must

keep in mind that the manhood we seek, and all its surroundings, are on the other side a 'critical point' and therefore cannot be studied, or even judged by experiences on this side. Yet since all 'spirit return' is from beyond a 'critical point' it is an attempt to bridge the chasm which divides the two states of manhood.

In spite of this marvelous system of 'critical points' which effects man and everything he senses, or of which he can conceive, yet man has persisted in picturing life after death as just a continuance of his present experiences, but with a few very pleasing changes. And there has been little or nothing in 'spirit return' to correct this impossible conception. If we are seeking a truthful answer to our question "After death—what?" we must begin by acknowledging the physical consequences that follow death, and therefore affect man, and all his surroundings.

First, the atmosphere amid which spirit man lives, moves and has his being is quite different to ours. The air mortal man breathes is as well known, and has been as carefully studied as the more solid planet it surrounds and penetrates. Man weighs, measures and analyses it. Its various gases he separates, and at his will reduces them to liquid and solid form. But in any such changes they become unlivable for him, and apart from the necessities of his life. The air must be sufficiently condensed or he cannot breathe it.

A certain number of feet above him it is so rare that he gasps, and bleeds to death. This air, so essential to his life, contains one, and perhaps more actual poisons, such as carbonic acid. Yet this is essential in its minute quantity from his cradle to his grave. But it also contains solids. Man himself, and also the planet, has only to become sufficiently broken to pieces to become dust, and float in this wonderful atmosphere. Almost everything of which we can conceive, including living beings, are found in this atmosphere, and the nearer the earth the more of them there are, and the further outward you travel the fewer you find.

The point here to notice is that some of this atmosphere is positively injurious, yet a great deal of it, that is to say, much more than the mere oxygen, nitrogen, argon, etc., is absolutely necessary if the planet is to continue to be the abode of living beings. Some years ago a terrific volcano explosion from Krakatoa so filled the atmosphere with broken up planet that for years the sunsets were gorgeous beyond the experience of any then living. In other words, there was more dust than usual, perhaps of a different kind, in the atmosphere, and man had therefore, more of it to breathe into and out of his lungs. But the earth itself is a living being, just as dependant upon this atmosphere and the dust in it as man himself.

There must be dust in this atmosphere or both man and planet would go to pieces. Tyndall taught us long ago that every drop of water collects around a particle of dust. Water and dust thus float in our atmosphere, and someday fall as rain, without which the planet and all things therein and thereon would presently perish. Without this dust the water instead of falling as rain drops, would crash down as cloud bursts, which would wash all soil, and every trace of animal and vegetable life down into bed of our present oceans. That shows the importance of dust to the planet itself. Take it away and man's senses would become impotency. Everything he sees, smells, hears, touches, is just movement of these broken up fragments of matter, which we call 'dust' for want of a better name.

A little of this dust floating in the atmosphere, just hits against a certain nerve and he exclaims 'what a beautiful sunset.' He calls the sky blue because the dust in it hits his eye, and refracts certain energies by which the sun keeps in touch with subjects. But those energies are imbedded in dust before man can recognize them. Everything he calls color, be it beauty or ugliness, is merely an effect on certain of his nerves, produced by a combination of suns ray and dust in the air.

Every mortal is attracted or disgusted by color. The bloom on the

maidens's cheek, the beauty of the flower, the verdure which bedecks nature, all depend on the dust in the atmosphere. So while we do not say with the Bible that man is made of dust, we do say that without dust man would be a very different being.

[To be Continued.]

A MESSAGE FROM SPIRIT LIFE.

I, a scribe and a pharisee who reigned six years B. C. comes to help the weak and suffering.

This is a progressive time and world, why not wake up to it, you who dwell in the mortal world are in great danger, were you all not aware of it, we hope to give you something in our writing to make you perceive it.

Time is a long while for it has no end, and learn all you can while you are here, for when the end of the mortal is clothed in her spiritual garment and passed into the great beyond, you take up there; right where you leave off here.

Let the mind have periods of waitful repose, meditations, calmness and peace, for you must try to make others happy, not miserable, and think of others before you think of yourself. Live in the present or you do not live at all, and it is only by so doing that you vibrate in harmony with the great loving heart throb of the universe and thus become a radiating centre of its love. Most is done in the centre, and thought in the inner spheres of activity.

Wisdom does not come from nothing, only nothing comes from nothing, we are strangers from a strange land, and come to appeal with mortal ones of earth.

Great is that soul in whom affection senses hope, who or what can down the large cheerful, hopeful nature? Nothing is impure and unholy in and of itself only man's thinking makes it so.

I will think no evil, and try to think no evil, have faith in the integrity of your own soul, and stand by it mentally under all circumstances. Doubt has no place in the

divine mind; while you are becoming more and more conscious.

In the mind then, use only knowledge, peace and certainty. The new spiritual day is here, and whether we be afflicted, it is for your own consolation and salvation which is effectual of the same sufferings which we also suffer. Think a while and then say: "I am not doing what I should do, I will try again for the love of humanity.

Anon through pen, Mrs. Clara U. Myers.

COMMENTS.

The JOURNAL of the 20th is at hand unusually full of thought producing articles. One enjoys an article with which he agrees; but one with which he disagrees stimulates more thought action.

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It is only just to the Dawburn articles to wait until the writer has his facts all in and his arguments complete, before passing comment.

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Dr. Peebles' letter rings clear. To do away with sophistry and call a spade, a spade will help Spiritualists to find where they are at.

It is well to forgive the sinner, but it is not wise to condone the sin. All may be good, the oak may be in the acorn but its going to take centuries of time an unlimited amount of earth, air and water with considerable sunshine added before the said oak comes into expression.

Clear cut ideals towards which humanity can work is the only way to bring all things to good. For the present best good of the race it will be well a little longer to use the old fashioned terms right and wrong, good and evil.

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Miss Hunt might have carried the answer to her first question farther and said "Many of the higher intelligences communicate with their earth friends by what is known as thought transference or telepathy and do not come personally into the earth's atmosphere."

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The comment on the treatment of sensitives is true, but would it not be wise to advise said sensitives to study and understand themselves more? Every medium who is honest with himself knows the upward or downward pull of influences, whether embodied or disembodied, which surrounds him. It's well not to mix negativeness and sentiveness

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To "The same old question" may not one reply be, Spiritualism presupposes a state of justice, its object is not to found homes and hospitals or build temples, but to teach men how to claim their own, and to seek to hold nothing that is not their own. Eleemosynary institutions belong to the old school and there will be many to endow them with

"conscience money" while Spiritualists are teaching the law of justice which when obeyed will bring the reign of righteousness.

Commenter.

LET GO.

Loose them and let them go; when we feel weary and oppressed with an accumulation of cares, loose them and let them go. If at times trials come to be our lot, we must take them up bravely, handle them consciously, get out of them, all there is for us, then let go of them; put them out of our lives, shut them out firmly and bid them begone.

So many of earth's children try to find place to attach one more to their own burdened lives; instead of trying to find out how to let the last one go. Go my over burdened Sister or Brother into the silent hour, cast your body prone upon its back, relax every muscle, every nerve, shut your eyes, letting the lids down slowly and gently, like a babe falling to sleep; trustingly, restfully place yourself in the great enfolding of lifes arms, forget that there is a being in life by the name you bare; say to every care and trial begone! lie in this state of perfect relax for at least one half hour every day, with feelings void of offense to life as a whole; then hold the restful freed thought, keep the eyes close while resting; breathe deeply and consciously, send a loving thought of peace and rest all over the body, letting go of every care; kindly but firmly bid them keep away; cultivate love, kind and true and the angel world will bless and sanctify your life with truth and you will become a star in your own world of peace and light.

We can never know the beautiful world we are in, until we burst assunder this soul binding condition burden dragging; it is the clods of earth pressing upon us. Soul expansion lifts them and we come forth into the sunlight of freedom born of knowledge into light.

Loose every care let them all go. In their place will come song of grateful joy; and life will have a new meaning. Yours for truth and light.

M. R. Stone.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The ninth annual convention of the California State Spiritualist Association will be held in Forrester's hall, 13th and Clay streets, Oakland Cal., Friday, Saturday and Sunday September 2nd 3rd and 4th 1904.

Business session at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. Friday and Saturday. Grand public meeting, each evening and Sunday all day. The earnest cooperation of the Spiritualists of California is solicited.

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 East Mont-Calm street, Detroit, Mich.

An excellent program 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 Coffman, 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 protracted 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 or 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 23. 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.

CIRCLE OF LIGHT CAMP OPEN FROM MAY 15 TO OCTOBER 31.

The deep satisfaction of consciously walking with God, of living the Inner Life working in the smile of His approval and the joy of His benediction is so dear to many hearts, that Mother Virtuzia has decided to open the Camp "Retreat" on the shores of Lake Geneva, where these friends who are drawn to Peace, Harmony and Helpfulness, or who are in search for health and strength. Physically, Mentally, and Spiritually, may find a welcome rest and refreshment of Spirit.

The Post Office address after May 15, will be, Circle of Light Camp, Williams Bay, Wis.

For particulars address J. P. Cook, Sec. "C. of L." Home Center, 506 N. Central Ave., Austin, Chicago, Ill.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

MISS MAE HUNT, MEDIUM.

Q. How can we distinguish a spiritual impression from our own thoughts?

A. How do you know which is your own thought, you do not know but what the brain is reflecting a spiritual impression; many times it may seem like your own, when it may be the spirit. It is through cultivation.

If the majority of people, obey their first impression, its usually correct, but if you stop to argue it away you are following your own limited thought instead of the spirit. A spiritual impression always comes with great force, is much quicker than thought.

Those who learn to depend upon their first strong impression, seldom make mistakes or err in judgment. It is beautiful to be led by the will of a higher intelligence than ones self, if you find they advise you unselfishly and correctly.

Q Name in order five of the greatest obstructions to human progression?

A. There are a great many obstructions to human progression, but five of the chief ones are as follows: selfishness, ignorance, intolerance, nursing old opinions, rather than facts, and bigotry, only those succeed who are not so bigoted that they imagine every one else in error, who does not accord with them in beliefs.

One should set there standard very high and assume an attitude of simplicity, realizing that one knows very little at best, when compared with thousands of ages in which to unfold the intellect, what you accept as a truth today you may reject tomorrow and one should not be afraid to thrust aside half truth and grasp the whole.

There is no limit to the progress one may attain, if they divest themselves of imaginary lines and limitations and cultivate a sincere desire for knowledge and the truth.

IMMORTALITY AND YOUTH.

Immortality must be earned Heavens must be built while on earth. Not by the mumbling of formulas and adherence to traditional creeds, not by long prayers for God to do our work for us, but by our continual application of the God-given qualities which lie within us—love, will, self-control, helpfulness and hope.

These are the qualities which produce heaven on earth and in the realms beyond. They do not depend upon youth for their vitality,

But youth depends upon them. While they last youth lasts. Every day I hear men and women of middle age sighing for the illusions of youth.

Keep the emotions alive with sympathy, keep the ambitions alive with hope, keep the activities alive with purpose, and the seemingly close boundaries of youth recede as we journey onward, and lo! before we reach the border we are face to face with the other shore, where life begins over again under new and higher conditions—new and higher conditions if we have sought for them here—for only as we have builded by our desire and thoughts and efforts in this graded school of earth life will be able to find better surroundings on the other side.

ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

THE BLESSEDNESS OF WORK

Work is the law of life—not only to physical life, but of spiritual life as well.

Were this better understood men and women would be better developed physically, mentally, and morally.

Why it is not better understood, seeing that it is the key to the highest type of health, of usefulness in life and spiritual development?

It is generally conceded that the greatest drawback to the development of the race and to the progress of civilization is the slow development of the spiritual nature of man.

Since the spirit of man is the highest element of his whole nature it must dominate and control all the other elements. This proposition is so very plain and reasonable that even those of ordinary intelligence and limited comprehension can understand it.

That it may not occur to all, not

even to those of ordinary understanding, is quite possible. And that it has not occurred to a great many is proved by the fact that so many men and women of average intelligence have acted upon the suggestion.

GONE HIGHER.

John Servis passed to higher realms from his earth home in Los Angeles, Cal. He was a Spiritualist twelve years, and a conscientious upright man. The beautiful funeral services conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Chesbro seemed like bidding a dear old friend bon voyage to a fairer clime, from whence he could return at will to greet his friends. The church people were wonderfully impressed with the service.

Mr. Hatch's inspirational music was well fitted for the occasion. As the coffin was being lowered to the crematory in a bank of flowers, one forgot to have a sadness and seemed to rest in peace with the sweet strains of music.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

I have been much interested in that department of the JOURNAL, called "Alice Message Corner" and my thanks are due for a sweet little message from several of my dear ones in spirit life.

Although I have never seen a word of recognition or verification of these messages, I feel sure that many have received words of comfort from friends beyond the veil, and I write these words of thanks in justice to that bright spirit and her dear medium to whom we are indebted for the words of cheer which our dear ones are unable to speak directly to us. With best wishes,

H. M. FYONS.

Alameda, Cal.

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FROM THE PEOPLE.

A very pretty Spiritualist wedding occurred at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Chesbro 139 W. Fifth street, Los Angeles. Dr. G. E. Chesbro, pastor of the First Spiritualist Mission, officiating, assisted by his wife.

The parlor was fragrant with many flowers, the color scheme being white and green. The bride was gowned in white silk and lace, and carried a chester of white carnations. Miss Anna Watson acted as maid of honor, while Geo. Runnells stood with the groom. Mrs. Hughes gave her daughter away. Mr. and Mrs. Morse expect to make their home in San Pedro, where the groom is employed in the Railroad service.

A. VOSS.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF MEDIUMS RELIEF FUND.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

The following sums intended to be included in the amount being raised not long since, for special service, have been received since July 1, when final report was rendered, viz: Mrs. E. M. Lindsay, 5.00; Jacob Hay, (second contribution) 2.00; Mrs T. E. Geoltz, 2.00; "T S A Truth Seeker," (4th cont.) 2.00; Mrs H. G. Harmon, 1.00; T F Malitz, 65cts. Our sincere thanks are due to each contributor.

We trust the mediums fund will not be forgotten in future days; the N S A is paying out a large sum monthly in pensions for mediums, and we feel it to be a blessed work.

MARY T. LONGLEY.

Sec'y N. S. A.,

600 Penna ave., S.E., Wash., D.C.

CAME TO CALIFORNIA BEFORE DAYS OF GOLD.

Santa Cruz, Aug. 13.—Mrs. M. A. Shelby died at an early hour this morning at her home on Spruce street. She was one of the oldest white settlers, having resided in Santa Cruz since 1846. She came with her father and mother and family of seven from her native State, Arkansas, across the plains and first settled in Oregon.

In 1846 she came to Santa Cruz and in 1851 was married to Granville C. Shelby, who died about thirty years ago. The seven children preceded their mother in death, who was 74 years old. She has four grandchildren residing at Lompoc and was a sister of the late Mansel and Winston Bennett, and has one sister who still lives. Mrs. D. L. Adams of Los Angeles. She was a member of the Society of Pioneers and of the Unity Spiritual Society.

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IS MATERIALIZATION TRUE?

Materialization is true, everything we behold with the physical eye is materialized, for materialization means the law of attracting chemical elements together in any form, either as a human being or a beautiful flower.

The atoms of which the body is composed are held together through the laws of attraction and are materialized, old alchemists understand the law of materialization which is simply chemicalization of substances or transmutation of matter which means the changing of one form to another, and spirits can assume materialized forms temporarily and walk and talk, the same as we do, it isn't the old dead body that was laid in the grave, for that is never used again.

Many a time the medium is entranced and the spirit transfigures them, clothing them in spiritual robes and brings them to the cabinet door and some skeptic sees what a resemblance there is to the medium, thinking it a fraud he grabs the medium and people cry fake and treat them shamefully, in this case it is not the medium who should be blamed, it is the fault of the spirit controls who should explain that it is transfiguration and not materialization.

There are four stages of materialization viz: personation, transfiguration, etherialization and materialization, and this is what causes so much cry of fraud, the spirit controls should explain each manifestation for the sake of the medium and audience.

We know there is fraud practiced by some in this beautiful phase but much of it is simply exaggerated newspaper reports and untruthful accounts; remember that reporters are hired to go in and expose mediums, they are doing it for the money, and even have thrown masks and paraphernalia into the cabinet themselves claiming it was the mediums.

Miss Mae Hunt.

MEDIUMSHIP.

Many mediums are of the opinion that it is wrong to receive money or fees for their professional or medial services.

Of course such mediums receiving no pay, do as little professional or medial work as possible, while those mediums charging reasonable fees do all that they possibly can therefore their development is much more rapid and higher than the free mediums. And in the same proportion as they serve their fellow man by their medial powers in the same proportion they are not only a benefit to him but a benefit to the spiritual cause also, while the money thus received is of no disadvantage to them whatever.

For this reason a great many highly mediumistic persons or naturally born mediums refusing to develop their medial powers such persons therefore being of little or no benefit to themselves or their fellow man; while if such mediums would only charge a reasonable fee and do all that they could they would develop much higher, while the increased benefit to their fellow man and the spiritual cause would be in the same proportion as they did more business.

Most of the mediums having this erroneous idea of charging for medial services are under the control of spirits of some church or religious organization while on earth, and are as much opposed to the spreading of spiritual knowledges and the enlightenment of the people in spiritual science, as while on earth. And such spirit control, know full well, that by influencing the medium, that it is wrong to charge for their medial services is comparatively locking up their medial powers from benefiting the cause, and is just what such spirits wish to do.

As evidence of this fact (that is of mediums charging fees) we will take for example two young men graduating in the same class in medicine, but one of these young men imagines that it is wrong to charge his fellow man for rendering medical services, only practices among a few friends and with cases or patients that he cannot possibly avoid, therefore does as little as possible, while the other physician having no such scruples charges a reasonable fee, therefore does all the practice that he can get, his increased practice develops his medical qualities much higher, while the non-pay physician from lack of practice, actually goes backward in medical skill and intelligence. Now, in twenty years can any one even the most stupid see, which of these two men has been of most benefit to his fellow man. The money that the pay physician received for his services being no worse in his pocket than in that of the patient that paid him.

This same rule will hold just as

good with mediums. Thus it is hoped that all sensitives or mediumistic persons having such erroneous ideas will divest themselves of them, either by ridding themselves of such controls or otherwise and develop their medial powers as highly as possible by practice, charging reasonable fees for all services unless it be for one, too poor to pay or in the interest of the spiritual cause; and by thus enlightening their fellow man in spiritual knowledge, will see the benefits of their work in all time to come while the money thus received will be of no disadvantage to them in the makeup whatever.

As mediums are so badly needed their being many localities where there is not a medium to thirty and even fifty thousand inhabitants, while there should be at least one to each thousand, and if there was one to each family it would be all the better for the spiritual cause and our fellow man.

And, as there are so many exceedingly sensitive or mediumistic persons undeveloped, those taking an interest in the spiritual cause, could not do better than using their influences with such persons and assisting them to develop mediumship.

It must be remembered that all persons born very sensitive, it matters not of what race, color or sex are mediumistic; such persons having generally frail physical bodies with prominent features especially the eyes, such persons are almost invariably highly mediumistic, and in highly elevated countries, owing to the rarity and dryness of the atmosphere and the increased amount of electricity it contains, the inhabitants are much more sensitive or mediumistic than in low damp countries, where they are more phlegmatic.

I would suppose that in many elevated sections at least, one person in eight, if not one in six, are sensitives or mediumistic. And if such sensitive persons will sit for one half hour each day in a dark room it matters not what time of day or night, but sitting at the same time or hour each day regularly, quietly and alone, for one month their medial capacity will be demonstrated to them.

Any person taking an interest in this matter I would be pleased to answer letters from them as possibly I might be of service to them.

J. I. Hollingsworth.

Winchester, Va.

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A LETTER FROM MR. WILL C. HODGE.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

Thinking that a few items from this part of the vineyard may be of interest to your readers, will say that the good ship 'State of California' landed us safely at our destination, happy to be once more with the friends in this sunny clime.

It is our unalloyed pleasure to receive this heartfelt greeting of friends and is compensation for the effort of the worker in the field of truth. I found that on my arrival that our worthy president, C. A. Buss had arranged for a genuine Spiritualist revival or protracted meeting, to continue for one whole week, also found myself on the program for a lecture Sunday evening. The revival was an aftermath of the Escondido camp, a number of the workers came to San Diego for rest and recuperation.

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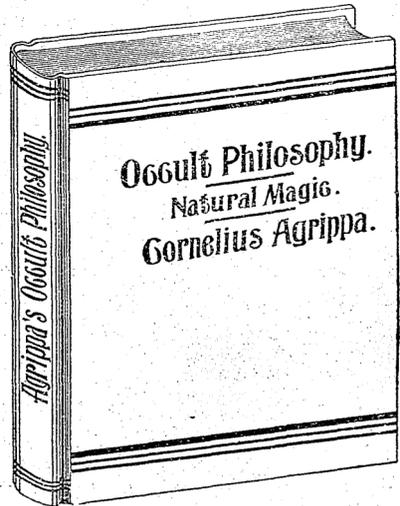
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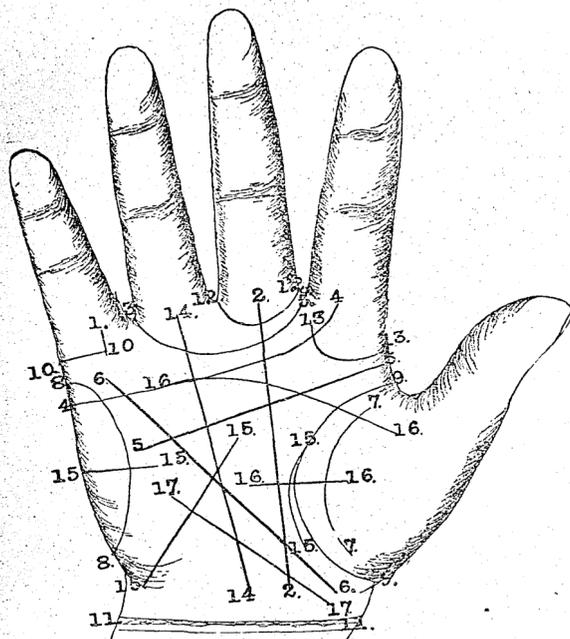
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