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## A SOLDIER'S LOSS.

I sit on the cliff and look to the west,  
I find there no peace, no comfort, or  
rest,  
The sea is so empty, the sunshine is gone  
The breakers sound hollow and cold  
and alone.

No message comes floating in over the  
foam,  
To tell of my lover whose heart was  
my own,  
I will go said he I will ever be true  
I will fight my love, for my country  
and you.

He went to the land where the dark  
savagelives  
And gained all the laurels that loyalty  
gives,  
He then turned his face to the land of  
his birth,  
Which held for him, home, love, he  
counted their worth.

And found in the balance their value  
was tipped,  
By the cup of freedom his lips had just  
sipped;  
After many long months the breeze  
whispered low,  
He will come to his home when the  
spring flowers bow.

When April birds sang their sweet song  
to the spring  
There came but a picture a shadowy  
thing,  
And a wish that she wait for him one  
year or two,  
Till he get enough gold his love to  
renew.

But some one has slipped to his place by  
her side,  
And there comes a cloud in which  
cupid may hide,  
For his vow is broken, his arrows are  
gone,  
The lover has stayed far away all too  
long.

A. Z. S.

mortal, the details given became almost absurd if we suppose will-power to be working without tools. We were told of a span of ponies, with silver bits, and russet leather harness, before an elegant carriage waiting for the driver and his friend. Of course this description really emanated from the mind and earth experience of the medium, but that is not the point we are making. Its truth or error, with respect to the next life, is our present enquiry. Let us begin with those silver bits and see what they have to tell us.

We all know silver is a metal, usually embedded or mingled with other ores, such as galena, copper, etc. If you drop even a silver dime upon the floor, no will-power yet evolved will pick it up and put it in your pocket. That is to say, unless you give will-power a tool to do it with. The tool in that case will probably be your finger and thumb.

If the coin has gone into a hole, or has fallen into water, a very different kind of a tool may be needed before will-power can capture and restore it. But when you come to the raw silver, mixed up with other kinds of raw planet, the task of getting it out becomes much more difficult.

Rock may have to be blasted and then crushed. Will power may be in the dynamite and the stamp mill, but it is no use alone. And when you come to smelting, and then pouring the liquids into moulds, will power cannot even burn its fingers, for it has not any fingers to burn. Just cripple the intelligence of the operator by an accident, and will-power, whether of God or man disappears. All these processes, or their equivalent, and many more of the same kind, must follow one another before that silver has been hammered into "bits" for those two spirit ponies. And when spirits, or anybody else, talk about doing it by will-power, they are talking nonsense, if they leave out the tools.

Of course, to the lazy man who does not like hard work, the idea of doing it by will-power has seemed just lovely. And he is ready to sing all day and most of the night about Beuland Land, and 'The good time coming.'

We stop here, just a moment, to ask our 'fog land' visitors to tell us how they use will-power to manufacture those silver bits without tools, and some hard work? Of course, this same line of thought and questions applies to the pony carriage in all its equipments, item by item, so we will not stop to dwell upon them. But we open up another line of thought when we turn to the 'russet leather' harness

We all know that leather is the skin of an animal, specially tanned and prepared. At first that may seem to suggest, like our former question, just a little will-power, aided by good tools and plenty of hard work. But we have really a far more important question now before us, for we have been taught by 'spirit return' that across Jordan there is no death.

It naturally occurs to us at this point that if the animals whose skins have been used for that harness are still alive, they must be very liable to catch cold in their bones. If spirits have discovered some way of taking off a hide without the animal minding the operation, why don't we hear from 'fog-land' how its done?

We have reason to believe from earth experience, that the animals will-power will kick when it feels the knife or other tool used to do the skinning. For us even to suppose the spirits can get skins for their leather without hurting or injuring the animal is a scientific absurdity. So if the spirits have leather harness, or leather anything else, we may be sure there is both suffering and death on the other side of 'fog-land'. Yet further, the tools with which will-power sows and cuts that leather into harness do not grow ready made, even in heaven.

Now does the reader wonder that such talk about ponies and carriages and silver mounted harnesses on the other side of death fatigues my imagination? Yet it is all included in our inquiry 'After death—what?' I know some enthusiastic believers will declare they have seen spirits manufacture actual woven cloth, when outside a cabinet. Even admitting this to be genuine phenomena, it only proves that the tools with which spirit will power was doing the work were invisible to the mortal. For I must repeat again and again that will-power without a tool is useless to man or God.

We read now and then of baquets prepared as welcome to some escaped mortal. Exactly the same difficulties are in the way of our acceptance of that story. We cannot think of anything being prepared without tools of some kind, requiring hard work. There may be pleasant and unpleasant ways of doing such work, but we wait in vain for 'fog-land' visitors to tell us how it is done. Our experience with critical points has not so far shown us hard work and pain one side, and just fun, and a good time on the other.

[To be Continued.]

## GONE HIGHER.

Sanford M. Sweeting aged 74 years and a native of Connecticut, passed from the earth life, Sept. 22, 1904 after an illness of three months.

He was a prominent member of the First Spiritualist Society, under whose direction were the funeral services, conducted by Mrs. Lily M. Thiebaud. A wife, daughter and three children are left to remember his kindness, patience and love.

Mrs. Thiebaud read a beautiful poem: "A Song of the Soul Victorious." The address was a fit message of the Gospel of the Angels. Some were there who said "we are not of the same faith, but indeed it is beautiful."

Thus in his last earthly reception Brother Sweeting smiles at the "seed of truth" and goes on rejoicing to find his way along the "path beautiful" to the mansions of the beyond.

M. D. Thiebaud.  
San Diego, Cal.

## A SAN JOSE SUNDAY.

Apart from the noise of the world even that of an American Sunday, —albeit— one can come in touch with the "crowd" services on the streets, the Salvation Army, the Holy Jumpers—what next?

I venture to say that in course of fifty years, there will be fifty new religions. Well I wandered across the beautiful Park of San Jose made by God's man servants to that edifice known as the Unitarian Church where all kinds of thoughts-seeds are planted not alone on Sunday, but any and at any time, to hear that great and god-like man, Mr. J. Stitt Wilson espouse the cause of Liberty to mankind enslaved.

Indeed, he is a god. After listening two hours to the intelligence that gave him power of expressing truth in its mighty form—oratory and eloquence combined, picturing the galley-slaves to daily necessities under the present competitive system. I followed the train of his earnest admirers tendering him

## BORDERLAND.

AFTER DEATH—WHAT?

BY CHARLES DAWBARN.

CHAPTER FIVE.

Reading the other day a description of spirit life by an inspired



friendly congratulations, and in my turn I grasped his hand with these words from out the realm of Soul: "Mr. Wilson, you are the embodiment of the Spirit of Truth and Justice."

He exclaimed, "Tell it, tell it to all."

I replied, "Yes, Mr. Wilson, I will."

Mr. Editor, I know of no better avenue than your JOURNAL through which to tell it. I trust it may be as responsive to your readers and his many friends, as it was to his ears when the solid, vital truths found expression.

God, and the gods of the universe will inevitably bless this message-bearer of Truth in his "Life's Message" to the people.

A VISIT TO EAGLE HALL.

In the evening I wandered into Eagle Hall, not as an auditor in listening to what I have always known—the truths of Spiritualism but more to discover the leading principles of the Light of Truth reflected upon that very earnest and soul desiring nature, Mrs. M. R. Stone who has been the speaker for the society here for some time.

So it was the lady in her searchings and teachings in and from the great cause of spiritual unfoldment that I sought a hearing. Her subject was not great, being the old, old question, "What has Spiritualism done for humanity?" which has never been answered, and I doubt from the attitude toward spiritual perception if it ever will be answered.

Mrs. Stone is not only a speaker, but a thinker. She glanced at the subject more from an individual standpoint than from a general representation; more from that inner view by which the question showed a coloring of inversion, namely: What has humanity done for Spiritualism? It was a great relief to hear any degree of an educational type on Spiritualism outside of the phenomena, that surely, is what humanity has not alone done, but made out of Spiritualism.

The smallest fragment of truth that has issued from the soul's chamber will make lively impress on the mind. Thus oftentimes through the lecture (rather address) was I in touch with such quality of truth as found expression through the soul-realm of this earnest worker Mrs. Stone.

It is difficult for a speaker to realize his or her own vantage ground when it becomes necessary to follow an old-timed trail of fossilized subjects. Hence, it was evident that Mrs. Stone could handle intelligently a deeper, grander and more inspiring theme than the one in question.

Jeannette W. Crawford.

All the while keep the upward windows open.—Brooks

CALIFORNIA STATE SPIRITUALISTS CONVENTION NOTES.

[Continued.]

Resolved—That it is the duty of this convention and the State Association to memorialize every city and town municipality, and county government, empowered to make and pass legislative laws, ordinances, codes or charters, request that where now exists a law or ordinance compelling a Spiritual or Spiritualist Minister or Medium to pay a stipulated license for teaching the belief or giving sittings, communications, or spirit messages, that such laws be rescinded or abolished.

And where none now exists, to show cause why none should be formulated, passed or enacted, giving all the truthful, legal, and necessary dates, etc., in support of the fact that Spiritualism is a religion, Angel given, not man made (as many of the creeds that are not required to pay any tax whatever and are always bleeding the public for means to continue,) and that we were so recognized by the Congress of religions created by representatives from all nations, at the Chicago World's Fair. That several State Courts have so decided, and that under the Constitution of the United States, we are given the right to worship, and teach and spread our belief as long as we violated no moral or Constitutional Law.

Resolved—That we are informed and believe that, the State Ministerial Union, will have a force in State Legislature Hall to agitate and assist in formulating codes and laws, abridging the rights of any sect or body, who do not teach the tenets of so called Christianity in every way possible. They will be assisted and supported by the combine efforts of all bigots and fanatics in and out of orthodoxy; therefore it behooves this body and all others of liberal form of thought to organize and centralize their efforts and ability financially and otherwise, to interfere with, and stop the presentation of any amendments to the codes or laws or bills that tend toward the abridgment of the rights of all liberal and Spiritualistic teachers.

Resolved—That this matter be placed in the hands of competent, intelligent and able persons, with the time and inclination to follow it up, and arrange a proper defense.

At the last session of the Legislature, the law exempting church property for taxation was passed by the same power, under the same plan, go-for-everything-you-want, begin early and leave no venerable point unassailed.—Adopted.

Resolved—That the incoming Board of Officers be empowered to appoint a committee of one or more to attend the State Legislature,

each term and watch every bill introduced, and see that none are passed adverse to our mediums and workers or authorized representatives of the religion of Spiritualism.

By the enactment of laws prohibiting them from exercising and performing such duties as are granted to devotees of other religious denominations, or by imposing a license tax on our endorsed workers not collected from similar endorsed workers of other religious bodies—Adopted.

Whereas—The California State Spiritualist's Association should have every legitimate opportunity to add to the funds of the treasury, and  
Whereas—All the programs issued at each convention have now, and may continue to have advertisements printed on their pages, which advertisements have been the means of personal profit and have not contributed one penny to the State Association.

Therefore be it resolved—That all advertisements that appear on the programs used in the convention hall on and between the dates set for its session or any services or any entertainment of a literary, musical or phenomenal character shall be a profit to State Association only. And that all money accruing therefrom shall be paid to the California State Spiritualist Association, and shall be used distinctly for its benefit.—Adopted.

Annie Gillette.

W. A. Desborough,  
Mary A. Wells.

Committee on Resolutions.

RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY.

Resolved—That this convention in session assembled do express our sincere regrets to learn of the sickness of our Brother and Co-worker Dr. Sol. Palinbaum and your committee offers this resolution that it is the sense of this meeting that we send our best thoughts to Dr. Palinbaum for his speedy recovery and trust our spirit friends will guide him back to health and to our next convention if not at this. Adopted.

Annie Gillette,

Mary A. Wells,

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CONVENTION NOTICE.

The Twelfth Annual Convention of the National Spiritualist's Association will be held in St. Louis, Mo., at the Spiritual Temple, 3015 Pine street.

Day sessions at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m. to which the public is cordially invited, will be devoted to business only.

Evening exercises will consist of grand programmes of varied numbers, including vocal and instrumental selections by talented ar-

tists; also lectures and tests of spirit identity, by some of the most able speakers in the land.

Among those invited and expected to participate are Will J. Erwood, E. W. Sprague, J. W. Ring, Mesdames R. S. Lillie, Laura G. Fixen, Maud Laud Drake, G. G. Cooley, Margaret Gaule, J. Sauer, with a galaxy of others.

Come one and all to the grandest convention of the age.

Special railroad rates can be secured on all lines to and from St. Louis (excursion tickets) without attention from the N. S. A.

Information concerning hotels and rooming houses can be secured by addressing the Rev. Thomas Grimshaw, 5835 Theodosia Ave., St. Louis.

The Spiritual Temple in that city of which Mr. Grimshaw is pastor, will be opened daily during the season. A list of desirable rooming houses, the spiritual papers, will be kept on file there.

The Annual Reception of the N. S. A. to delegates and visitors will be held in the Spiritual Temple in St. Louis, October 17, at 8 p. m.

All are cordially invited to attend.

HARRISON D. BARRETT,

President.

MARY T. LONGLEY.

Sec'y N. S. A.,

OPENING OF THE MORRIS PRATT INSTITUTE.

September 27th will mark the opening of the Morris Pratt School for the third year.

The prospects are for a better attendance than during either of previous years. Most of last year's students are to return and a number of new ones have secured rooms in advance. Everything promises a successful opening this year.

The day will be given over to arranging for classes, etc., in the morning and a program of short talks and selections by the faculty and students as well as visiting friends in the afternoon.

Friends of education are invited to be present and participate in these exercises.

Regular Sunday services will be held in the Temple during the year.

Fraternally,

Clara L. Stewart, Sec.

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QUESTIONS  
AND  
ANSWERS.

MISS MAE HUNT, MEDIUM.

Question—H. W. B. S. F.  
Why can't our unfortunate Brothers and Sisters, be forewarned of crisis and death, as in the case of the Iroquois Theater and Slocum boat?

Answer:  
If immutable law governs all things as we believe and realize it does, then nothing, no matter how great or small is exempt from that law.

All life, whether in human form or in a flower or bird is governed by this law which ever and always works for harmony. You think that cyclones and earthquakes etc., are disasters, and are out of harmony with nature, but they are not everything is in harmony.

When the sky is overcast with dark, threatening clouds and the elements are raging, it is not inharmony, simply one phase of nature.

Those who are destined to perish by fire or water, as in the above cases, can not escape and it is only through natural law of harmony that it occurs, nature is the center and circumference of everything and makes no mistakes.

There are great volcanic eruptions like Vesuvius and Mt. Pelee, which appear to be terrible occurrences, but it's simply changing the forms of people from physical to spiritual, just as through long ages of evolution, valleys are changed in their formation to hills, and mountains become river beds and river beds mountains. This has been proven by sea shells and sea weeds which have been found under several feet of earth on mountain tops.

There is no loss to anything nature is infinite and all is well, of course those who loose loved ones through such crisis, can not realize the divine hand guiding all things, for they mourn the physical loss of their friends, but they are simply in another form, round about you same as of yore. "Be still and know that I am God" can be truthfully said of every occurrence in life when rightly understood.

PSYCHOMETRIC DELINEATIONS.

The PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL extends its appreciation to its patrons and desires an extension of its patronage to their friends and asks that they will give them a few lines of their own handwriting and we will give to them a psychometric delineation of character, we ask not less than five, not more than seven lines to be sent and if you should not receive your answer immediately we hope you will bear with

us, as we have others already in and will answer each one in their own turn, we ask you to give a fictitious name so that you need not be afraid that any one will know you.

J. S. D., San Francisco.  
You are one of the chosen few who can through the power of thought, bring to you those who are of a philosophic mind and we feel that ere long conditions of a nature more pleasing than the mind can at present grasp awaits you—more anon.

A. S. Frisco.  
The influence I get here is one of brightness and I hear a voice say I will reach that bright goal where my forefathers trod and through the realms of space my one desire shall reach and I see her leave her home and say:—my one desire to speak and teach shall be, and I see her now standing on the beach looking at the bright horizon and I hear her say mine at last and thine shall be.

J. S. Bound Brook.  
With this influence we get a desire to bring about a better condition in life of more congenial companionship, change of betterment in the social life, and we now see if this change does not take place, it will not be so well for this friend. And now we see water and shipping conditions, and much travel to and fro, and we feel a more congenial condition of life is not far distant.

Maud New York.  
With the influence of this party I feel a longing desire to travel and I see her encircling half the Globe. I see for her much brightness I see plenty of gold and at the same time I see discretion being used and I also see a great desire to do good, a strong desire for the occult and I see this one in coming year a great power in God's great universe.

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With this one I see a brightness, and I feel that after many years of waiting has at last been attained, but it has not brought with it the coveted desire; instead of being drawn closer to my family ties, I am drawn by unseen forces hither and thither to the detriment of my ambition of life. Could we foresee these calamities, fain would we stop and think, and as we write we see the dark clouds gather and we see it is not good. God help us to understand and know that we can be besieged by dark unseen forces and when we feel them come to us to use our will power to overcome them.

May. Brighton Beach.  
With this little maid, I get a condition of great interest, in school studies and I feel a great desire to undertake more than the mind can successfully accomplish and I feel care must be exercised to bring about a strength to help nature, as climatory conditions have taken from this one, she is a great book student, and would be better mentally and physically in a climate where there are less changes.

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Mrs. Anna L. Gillespie, Medium

Eunice Dipple—The days are so long to those who wait some word from mother. I want them to know that I too have long tired to reach the home. When my birthday came tell them I knew they kept the day for me and the pink roses they laid at my place on the table are in my spirit home. I send love to Jennie Rosmere and Hellen.

John Granby—This is the name I hear and a heavy man, oh so large and so dark and strong. He seems like one who lifted heavy loads or worked in Iron. He says yes I did come through the message bearer and while he did not get all the message I sent, he did the best he could. Look out for the mine, don't send good money after bad for you know the children will need all you can do for them. This is for my wife, Anna Crandby.

Fred. Johnson—A young man stands before me now and asks for help to send this to his sister in Oakland. Tell her we are all trying to help her. Tell her, Father and mother are all right and we will soon make one wish come true, if she will help us. I see the name of Frank with this name of Fred and then the name of Emma, then the spirit takes a lady by the hand and says it is Mr. Roberts, and he wishes to send love and greeting to the friends who are waiting for the word. This is better, much better than any one can tell and the sorrow of earth is small besides the glory of this. Tell Mr. and Mrs. Sabin and the children, we send love, Mother and I.

Seddie—With this spirit that comes there is a peculiar sadness, as if earth-life still held her, and I hear her say, Oh if my little one had only come with me, tell her of me, don't let her forget her mother tell George that anything that will make him happy is all right, I will rejoice in his new home life, for it is better for him but don't forget that the old place in his heart was little Mary's mother.

Emeline Perkins—Frankie boy, Frankie boy. I hear these endearing words and see before me the radiant form and hear the pleasant voice of the lady who send this. Oh! tell him for me, that I am still at the gate, will never go far away for he needs me as much as I needed him, and tell him for me that the new field will be better will be better soon. I don't want to come back, but I do want to help Frakie, give him my love, my tenderest love.

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THE PEOPLE MUST LEARN.

RALPH HOYT

It is often said people "must live and learn." It surely is well for people to learn, as they journey through this earth-life toward another and a higher sphere of existence. We are all susceptible of learning more than we now know. Not one single brain on anybody's shoulders is so full of knowledge as to leave no room for more knowledge. But here comes in a very important factor.

How shall we get further knowledge? From politicians, who as a rule are unscrupulous and ever on the lookout for schemes to advance their own interests regardless of others.

Shall we seek knowledge from biased and bigoted so-called Divines—ministers who, for huge salaries, proclaim what they call "Gospel Truth," and expect their hearers to swallow it with their eyes shut?

No. On the contrary, let us pay little or no attention to what such men promulgate, and spend time and effort in reading good, substantial books and periodicals, and carefully studying the lessons they teach and the hints they throw out.

We can also learn much worth knowing from personal contact with our fellow citizens. Also by simply thinking intensely, in hours of rest and relaxation from mental struggles and antagonism with persons who desire to talk simply to be heard.

Now is a good time for every American citizen to think for him or herself. It will be vastly more profitable in the long run than to spend time listening to blather-skites who claim to know it all.

And in our thinking and studying we should not fail to investigate carefully, "Economic Questions," with a view of ascertaining how best and quickest to abolish Land Monopoly—the great curse of the century and the source of unspeakable sorrow.

**VOICE OF THE PEOPLE**

The Editor is not responsible for the opinions of correspondents.

FROM THE PEOPLE.

Boulder Creek,  
 Sept. 23, 1904.

EDITOR JOURNAL:

We have been so up lifted by the eloquent addresses that dropped from the lips of the many noble workers who graced the platform during the State Spiritualists' Convention which so recently convened in Oakland that I cannot refrain from telling you that our inspired brother J. Stitt Wilson struck the keynote of all our plans connected with Forest Park Association.

Humanitarianism is the cornerstone of our structure and if we had any selfishness regarding it we believe it has been consumed by the fire of love. We are ready to put self aside and use whatever means are placed at our disposal to lift the burden of the fear of poverty from the shoulders of, at least a few of our progressive people who perhaps, have less of this world's goods than any other class of people, possibly because they are more conscientious.

The cry for help has reached our ears and we have united our efforts to build cheap homes which will meet the requirements of a large class of people in your city where they can find absolute rest from all business perplexities; rest from the noise and confusion incident to city life, rest to the brain workers as well, rest from all those terrible conditions which are driving men and women to suicide.

In all San Francisco we know of no drugless hospital. In Forest Park we shall have at least an Invalids Home, where all modern up-to-date curative agencies shall be employed to restore perfect health to the patient. There will be tents for those who wish camp life and all the comforts that pure air and ever flowing spring water and an abundance of sunshine.

There is not, to our knowledge an "Old Peoples Home" for progressive people on this coast, future shall have one when our plans are perfected. Home-less children will not be forgotten or allowed to drift into convents.

We are receiving great encouragement from the New Thought people, will the Spiritualist's be as ready to aid us with their money and best wishes for our success?

To all who are interested in this movement we will say that we shall soon be able to open our doors to the convalescent and to all those who wish to get into better vibration amid the pines and redwoods

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Mrs. H. F. Michener, Secy.  
 Forest Park,  
 Boulder Creek, Cal.

SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR VISITORS WHO ATTEND MATERIALIZING SEANCES.

E. J. SHELLHOUSE.

Having been an attendant at materializing seances conducted by a delegation of spirits from the Star Circle (see Rending the Vail, p. 286) of which Prof. Denton, Thomas Paine, Prof. Faraday, Dr. Reed are the principal members, aided by many others among whom are John Pierpont, Prof. Hare, Abraham Lincoln and many others.

It is well known that this band have given to the world the large works, messages delivered by the materialized spirits, by speech, hand-writing, typewriting, and portraiture in the books; Rending the Vail, Beyond the Vail and The Guiding Star (now soon to be ready for the market) and another work begun; their medium W. W. Aber, being in a deep trance in the cabinet and unseen by the circle and visitors, often so bound that he could not leave the cabinet, being under test conditions.

Having witnessed these seances at Spring Hill, Kansas in the early part of the production of Beyond the Vail, I was so deeply interested in the work, and by request of the Band, a delegation from the Star Circle in the spirit world, (see Rending the Vail p. 286) (see Beyond the Vail par. 392 a. b. c.) I remained until the work was finished and when the work The Guiding Star was given out I was present, and attended every seance during its production and since Mr. Aber's removal to Kansas City, Mo. I have attended every seance since April 1903 up to the present Sept. 12, 1904, with the exception of two months, much of the time four seances, and never less than three in each week.

I have made these statements to show the extent of my experience in this phase of mediumship and my intimate acquaintance with Mr. Aber and his wife. During these seances, more than a thousand visitors attended, among whom were physicians, lawyers, judges, editors and others who have made careful investigation, the medium always cheerfully complying with their demand for test conditions, and never without full satisfaction as to the

genuineness of the manifestations.

Having carefully studied the deportment and mental state of the visitors as indicated by what they said and did I venture to offer some suggestions that may be of service to those who visit seances, especially materializing seances.

It will be observed that anyone on hearing or reading a description of anything, an image of it is framed in the mind; for instance, a strange animal, a landscape or anything else not hitherto seen, but when seen, behold how different from the image framed in the mind, it appears again if the realization is not what is anticipated, (and in the description of spirit manifestations they are generally better than the average) as the most impressive and wonderful parts are especially dwelt upon because the best remembered and other features omitted, the image having its rise in the description, exceeds expectation and a feeling of disappointment is experienced. Not realizing the cause of this, the tendency is disappointment to a certain degree.

The mental condition of the visitor is a matter of great importance. Honest skepticism is no hindrance to the manifestations, but a spirit of mental resistance is an abstraction, though not appreciated by the one who resists. The spirits are in no mood to discuss the matter with objector. It tends to confuse the spirit forces by means of which the manifestations are produced and the failure in so far as it is a failure is attributed to the spirits by the visitors.

Visitors often make demands impossible to be complied with, being ignorant of the manner in which the manifestations are produced. This matter of mental conditions is not sufficiently understood, and unfavorable states of mind give rise to serious drawbacks in investigating the phenomena.

Before anything can be taught, the learner must be teachable. He must have confidence in his teacher and in what is taught, and be willing to accept it. These are what we call conditions which are simply means, for be it remembered that nothing can be accomplished without means.

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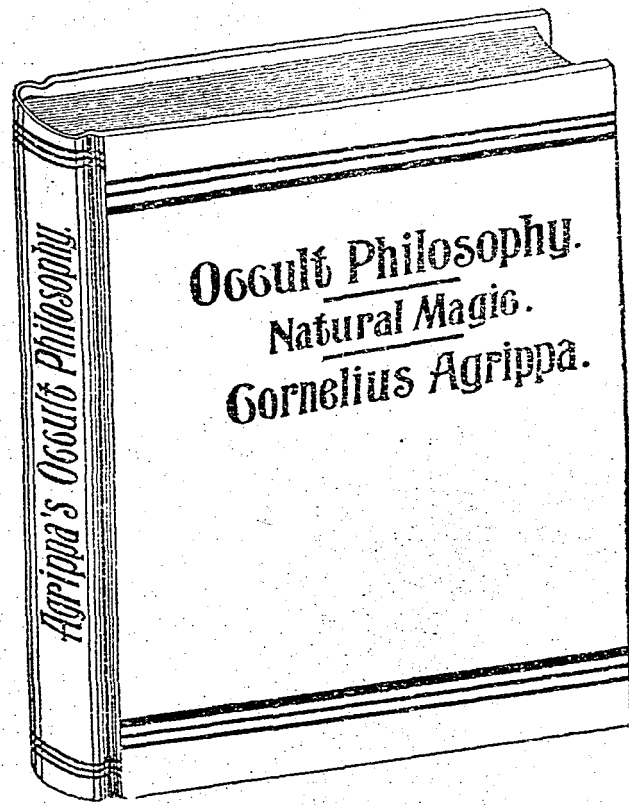
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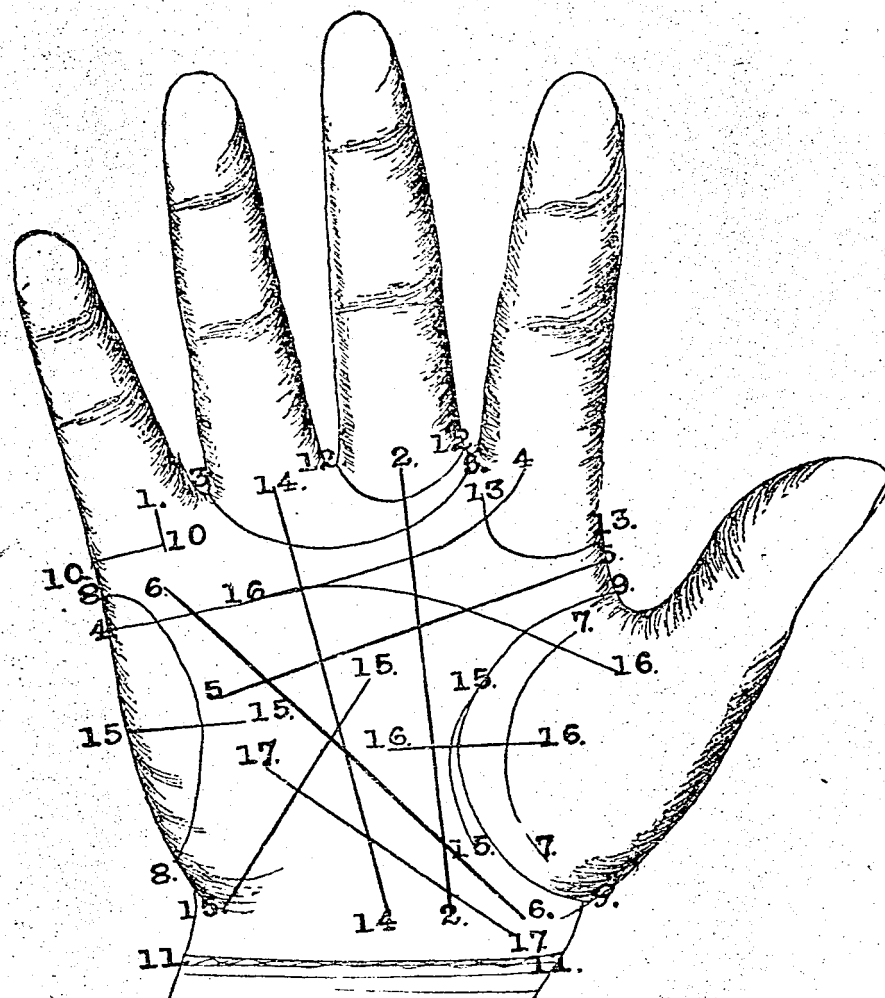
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Our good sister Mrs. Sarah Kelley of 2320 Mission street accidentally fell, injuring her limbs and one side quite severely while attending to her house duties last week, her many friends will sympathize with her and wish her a speedy recovery.

Brother B. F. Small who has been confined to his home 1114 18th street for several weeks and who has been very near the "borderland" is now improving and able to see his friends.

Mrs. Benjamin the mother of Mrs. D. N. Place, we are glad to announce is improving.

Fred. P. Evans, after an absence of about three months in New York, has returned to his home in this city where his hosts of friends may find him at 1112 Eddy street.

Mrs. Neville a former secretary of the Ladies Aid Society, after six weeks of suffering at the Waldeck Hospital, where she went through a painful operation, is able to be out again, her present address is 101 Van Ness Ave.

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**At Covenant Hall**—Although the night was a stormy one, Miss Mae Hunt had a good audience last Sunday evening who listened with deep interest to a lecture by her guides on a subject selected by her audience. At the close she answered several questions taken from the "query box," in a lucid and satisfactory manner. The subject for Sunday evening, Oct. 2nd will be: "Ships that pass in the night." Miss Hunt has moved from 205 Turk street to 346 Oak street, where all friends are welcome.

**Election Notice**—The Semi-Annual meeting of the Ladies First Spiritual Aid Society for the election of officers will be held at Headquarters, room 8, Odd Fellows Building, 7th and Market streets on Wednesday at 2 o'clock, Oct. 5th 1904. All members are requested to attend.  
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**SUNDAY EVENING MEETINGS.**

TOMORROW.

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The Mediums' Protective Association will hold their regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, Saturday evening October 8th, at Mr. and Mrs. Eberhardt's 267 San Jose Ave. near 25th street.—Thos. O. K. Dryden, Secy.

The Relief Fund meeting was held on Friday evening in Odd Fellows Hall, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society was adjourned on account of the storm. Mrs. Mayo-Steers will hold an "Old Fashioned Circle" Friday evening, Oct. 7th. Now friends try and attend and help us in the good cause.  
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The Lyceum held its regular session Sept. 25th, at 10:30 A. M., in Sunflower Hall, Room 8, Odd Fellows Building, Market st., The Pastor of the Peoples Church, Mrs. Gillespie, was present and gave us encouragement and a promise to help us in the Lyceum work. We need her and many others, Mr. Briggs made a speech, Mrs. Hubbard prophesied that in six weeks our hall would be filled and we would once more have a flourishing Lyceum in San Francisco. So we shall if we can only get the workers and the children. Come everybody.

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The Peoples' Church—The prevailing rain storm on last Sunday evening kept many from the services, yet there were half a hundred showed there deep interest in the society and its Pastor by their presence. Mrs. Gillespie chose for her subject a unique quotation "Money to Burn." There was one young lady who united with the society. Mr. Gillespie sang one of his best with fine effect, and the audience show their interest in the hearty manner in which they sing from the song cards. The subject for next Sunday (tomorrow) will be New Thought and its Advocates. All are welcome.

The Social of the People's Church was held last Monday evening at the Pastors residence 1101 O'Farrell street, the absence of Mrs. Gillespie was much regretted, but her place was very ably filled by Mrs. C. L. Ford who acted as hostess. Musical selections by Mrs. A. S. Norton, vocal solos by Mr. J. Shaw Gillespie, readings by Mrs. H. A. Griffin, Mrs. Brush, recitations by Mr. Rider, Mrs. Wells and little Miss Savage entertained the company with songs and recitations Mrs. Ford proved an adept in Palmistry, her readings were most satisfactory Miss Ellinor Madera made a great success as a seer of future events her reading of cards startled more than one seeker of knowledge. Refreshments were served at 10:30 and at 11 o'clock the party dispersed to their homes feeling well rewarded for the time spent.

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