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The statements embraced in the above, relating to the modus operandi of humbug spirit artists, are, no doubt, true. There are those who are dishonest of heart, and through whose unscrupulous and unscrupulous means, and who would stend cents from the eyes of the dead...

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We trust that all true Spiritualists who are already familiar with the JOURNAL will exert themselves to place the same in the hands of their neighbors. By a day's effort each old subscriber can procure from ten to one hundred trial subscribers. How many will engage in this good work? No one will deny that Spiritualism is now passing through a most trying ordeal.

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FRATERNAL CALL. Professor D. H. Hamilton gave us a fraternal call on his return from California to his home in Lewiston, Maine. The Professor is in good health and spirits. He will receive calls to lecture in the Eastern States, by Louisa M. Albee, Mrs. O. G. G. Lewis, and others. Address him at Lewiston, Maine.

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"There was a terrible silence when the Doctor sat down. Presently there arose an eminent London clergyman, who said that, if he believed the declaration just made, he would accord his pulpit next Sunday only to announce that the church would be forever closed from that hour..."

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Mr. Alderman Clark said that he had been informed that the entertainment did not differ in character from the regular performances. Were it allowed to be given it would be seriously detrimental to the young men of the community, and he hoped the Board would revoke the license.

Alderman Clarke asked if the Davenport Brothers were connected with the Spiritualists. The Mayor remarked that they claim their illustrations to be spiritual manifestations.

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Chief of Police Knowlton said he was present at one of their entertainments, and found the audience small and orderly.

The license was then ordered to be revoked on the ground that the exhibition was to be given as a merry-making affair.

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