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Mediumship.

A correspondent in the English Mechanic insists that musical sounds stimulate the growth of plants. He refers to an instance where his assertion is fully sustained. In Portugal, in a desolate waste where no vegetation had previously appeared, he erected a small conservatory in which to cultivate flowers of various kinds.

Music in its brilliant effects upon surrounding objects, may be placed side by side with that angelic influence which, through the potency of inspiration, gives expression to gems of thought, sentiments that flash forth beauty and thrill the soul with the grandeur of their conception.

Mediums are sometimes attuned for a certain class of manifestations. They are in harmony with a certain order of influences, and when a person or spirit outside of that circle or order approaches them, the mediums feel uneasy, are absolutely repelled, and often to the casual observer seem to be unaccountably mean.

investigated the peculiar sound thus recognized is a phenomenon that has puzzled scholars for a long time. The experiment is easily made by simply pressing a spiral shell over the cerebra of either ear, the sound is very much like that of a far-off cataract.

There is an analogy between the manifestations as given through the instrumentality of the sea shell, and spirit control. Spirits do not utter an audible sound, when controlling a medium; they do not express a thought and have the medium utter it; they do not rhyme off their sweet verses in the ear of the medium to be repeated.

There is a great variety of mediumship—trance, inspirational, psychometric, physical, etc., with various subdivisions. No two blades of grass, out of the infinite number that exist, are exactly alike; and we need not expect to find two mediums out of the few hundreds before the public, who are alike in any two particulars.

Mediums may be regarded as the bridge between the two worlds—the golden span that unites the two shores, and as such they should be tenderly guarded and cared for. They can not endure discord or antagonism, for they are placed in harmony with the higher intelligences, hence adverse criticism, temporal misfortunes, personal and family troubles, sweep against their finely attuned organism, and they suffer—suffer untold pains and anguish.

Mediums are such by virtue of their physical organizations; and all of them emit a peculiarly illuminated aura, by which the spirits can determine at once the particular phase of their mediumship, and as that aura becomes more brilliant, so does the mediumship improve in like proportion.

Of course, in a single article we could not give the philosophy of mediumship. The temperaments, the brain and the nervous system, all play their part in the wonderful instrument, and they only who can see with the eyes of intuition, understand its nature in all of its multitudinous details, and it would require a series of at least fifty articles to tell all we know about the wonders of mediumship, and the strange manifestations of the human mind under spirit control.

A spirit, fully materialized, presented himself at Bastian and Taylor's seance one evening lately, holding a flower in his hand. The same spirit had told his father, Mr. Moore, at Mrs. Hollis' circle, that if he would visit Mr. Bastian at a time indicated, he would materialize and hold a flower in his hand.

A Christian Paper Against Spiritualists.

It is indeed sad to see a floundering Christian take up his cudgel and boldly walk forth to assail Spiritualists, forgetful of the fact that he himself lives in a glass house, and that the so-called Orthodox churches have been in the past invariably opposed to progress and the enlightenment of mankind.

The Texas Christian, published at Mc-Kenney, Texas, presents to us the culmination of malicious lies, in its attack upon Spiritualism, and if it be true, as the Bible states, that no liar can enter the kingdom of heaven, those who dish up articles against our angel-born philosophy in that paper, will never see its "golden paved streets," and "diamond studded walls."

All advanced Spiritualists—though few may have the courage to confess it, repudiate marriage in its legal sense, and believe in the doctrine of affinities.

No statement could be more false,—it is an absolute lie from beginning to end. The late lamented editor of this paper, boldly opposed every movement that was tintured with free-love, and under the mighty influence exerted by the JOURNAL, the obnoxious doctrine passed away like a pestilential breath, leaving a pure atmosphere around Spiritualism through which the angels can come without having their fair garments soiled.

Again, the Texas Christian says, that the Bible condemns Spiritualism. Rev. H. W. Thomas, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church, at Aurora, Ill., in his sermons as published in the JOURNAL, distinctly denies that position.

Our college graduates seem to think a diploma is a guarantee against the results of indolence and a release from their duty to society. A boy imagines that the degree of M. D. will take him through this world and almost land him in heaven.

A Heathen Prayer.

The Calcutta organ of one of the Hindoo religions thus puts up its prayer in reference to the war in Turkey: "The battle cry has been heard, O God! and hostile nations have already confronted each other, and begun the fierce work of destruction and bloodshed.

This prayer evinces ages of Spiritual culture and advanced knowledge of the true Christian principle, which should put to the blush Bishop Cox, (whose bloodthirsty prayer we printed in a late issue), and the whole Orthodox world; whose managers are yearly wringing millions from their followers, ostensibly to convert these very heathen who offer such perfect prayers as the above.

Thousands of Them.

Notwithstanding the terrible ordeal through which this paper has passed during the past few months, trials that ought to appeal to every subscriber who is in arrears with irresistible force, there are still thousands of subscribers who have given no sign of life, have neither paid up nor indicated an intention to do so.

The Michigan Southern and Lake Shore Railroad.

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Major Thomas Gales Forster.

This name is known to millions of Spiritualists in America, and its owner is loved and respected by thousands who are so fortunate as to have his personal acquaintance. Maj. Forster is one of the oldest and most successful lecturers in the Spiritualistic ranks.

Mrs. Mary M. D. Sherman, of Adrian, Mich., is an accomplished Psychometrist. Her delineations are spoken of as being universally correct.

The Spiritual Scientist has suspended publication for the present. Mr. Brown, its able editor, will renew its publication September 27th, enlarged and otherwise improved.

Laborers in the Spiritualistic Vineyard, and other Items of Interest.

THOMAS COOK speaks very discouragingly of the results of his missionary labors in Minnesota. We know there are thousands of earnest Spiritualists in that State, who it seems to us should support a missionary handsomely, provided he is what they want, and if he is not, then they should kindly ask him to seek a more congenial field.

STARTLING FACTS in Modern Spiritualism is the title of one of the most valuable records of spirit phenomena ever published. We have a constant steady sale for the work. Mrs. Hollis the celebrated medium was the one employed by Dr. Wolfe in elaborating the material for this work.

We call attention to a notice in another column, of a Grove Meeting to be held at Bradley Lake, Ohio, on the 8th inst. Our correspondent states that the meeting of the same place on the 24th ult. was largely attended, and ably addressed by D. M. King, Esq., of Mantua, and Dr. I. E. Mahan, of Ravenna.

JAPANESE PROVERBS.—If you hate any one, let him live. Regard an old man as thy father. We can not build a bridge to the clouds. The world is just as a person's heart makes it.

The country is full of young men with diplomas from Harvard, Yale, Dartmouth, Williams, and institutions of like character, who don't know enough to keep themselves from the almshouse, and the education that can't teach a young man to do this is no better than no education.

Why refer in so strong terms to the doctors? They are not so much to blame after all, as the people who tolerate their attempts at monopoly. We may expect by the time another Legislature shall meet, the lawyers will ask for a law to protect them from somebody whom they will not admit to have either ability or power to harm the profession, and the preachers may ask that laymen be restricted to furnishing the means by which their profession shall be perpetuated.

MARSHAL P. WILDER says he has been forty-five years trying to believe in the doctrine of acclimatization, and after spending much time and money in importing plants and trying to adapt them to our climate, he has come to the full conclusion that the acclimatization of plants in places not suited to them naturally is a chimera of the imagination.

Mrs. H. Morse may be addressed at South Bend, Ind., though she has engagements to lecture as follows: Buchanan, Mich., June 30th and July 1st; Port Huron, Mich., July 7th and 8th; Valparaiso, Ind., July 14th and 15th; Van Wert, Ohio, 18th and 19th; Delphos, Ohio, 20th, 21st and 22d; Maple Grove, Mich., 27th, 28th and 29th; South Haven, Mich., August 4th and 5th; Belvidere, Ill., August 24th, 25th and 26th.

The friends of Mrs. Cora L. V. Tappan gave a social entertainment and testimonial to this wonderful instrument of spirit's use, at the hall occupied by the First Society, on last Sabbath, on the evening of June 27th, which was attended not only by the elite of Chicago spiritualistic society, but numerous admiring friends, who still cling to the form of orthodox belief.

While we would gladly oblige all, we can not open our columns to any controversy of a personal nature—this in explanation of

Voices from the People.

A Prayer for Strength. Oh, spirit friends! who ever bow'd near, Note all my actions; every coward fear...

Faith in thyself, life's trouble brav'd to bear; Hope in the future, o'er a world of care; True Love and Charity for fellow men...

Thus may these firmly welded links Uphold the soul of him who nobly thinks; And as his reason ponders well the soul's condition...

Anna Dickinson as a Medium. The Philadelphia Times that Miss Dickinson is a medium and made her debut as a speaker, at Clarkston hall, on Haines street, Philadelphia...

Phenomena which must be interpreted before any sense or semblance of truth will be perceptible. Of such were the dreams and visions of Joseph in Egypt...

Superstition. It appears from the Toronto Globe that a peculiar acrolic exists in Toronto. Little is known of this curiosity further than that it had been from time immemorial in the possession of the Indians...

It is difficult to believe that her mother, a Quaker lady, would systematically lie in order to conceal her daughter's gift and make her popular with those opposed to Spiritualism?

A Horrible Method of Burial in Vogue to-day. A clergyman thus describes the manner of burying the dead at Naples, Italy: 'I called a carriage and bade the coachman drive me to the cemetery...

A pit for a day—a pit for a day—a pit to be sealed for a year, and in the gloom of night they raise the year-closed lid...

There a stark, white heap, unwept, unloved, uncared for, Old men and maidens, young men and infants mingle in hideous corruption...

For to-morrow's dawn hath tinged the mountain summit. O fair, false city, thou gay and gilded harlot, Woe for thy wanton heart, woe for thy wicked hardness!

Woe unto thee that the lightness of life beneath the Italian sun. Shownest the solemnity of death in a sepulchre so foul and filthy!

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"He only said, I am weary; I would that I were dead." I thought that I dwelt in those silent bowers...

Before us a garden of young flowers sprung, About us a silver hawthorn hung. And beneath us, glad with eternal song, A crystal rivulet trolled along...

Prophetic Dreams or Visions. James Monroe, of Peoria, Ill., writes: "Prophetic dreams and visions are often given in the language of symbols, which must be interpreted before any sense or semblance of truth will be perceptible..."

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A slight trace of a burn. A Chuprasse (a Peon) stepped forward without the slightest hesitation and walked over the fire, pressing down each foot on it while he carried the whole weight of his body to bear—firmly, three or four times...

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