

Voices from the People. AND INFORMATION ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS PERTAINING TO THE HARMONIAL PHILOSOPHY.

Survival of the Fittest.

"Naught but the fittest lives," I hear Ring on the northern breeze of thought; To Nature's heart the strong are dear; The weak must pass unloved, unsought.

Information Wanted.

In the dim ages long since gone, Professor Huxley says, The owl was then a reptile born, And crawled o'er sunny ways.

SUICIDE.

The Spirit of a Suicide Seen With His Pistol in His Hand.

So long as poverty, intemperance, crime and wickedness in speculation exists, suicides will be committed. Sometimes the spirit desires to get rid of the body, just as a person would under certain circumstances try to get rid of a troublesome neighbor—by leaving the object of trouble behind.

SPIRITS AND CRIMINALS. An Excellent Message on the Subject of Spirits Detecting Crime.

It is rarely that we see a more favorable message than the following from the spirit of Harriet Staunton, in behalf of certain criminals under the sentence of death. It appears in the Medium and Daybreak of London, and is as follows:

A SILVER MINE.

A Clairvoyant Successfully Locates One in Central New York.

N. S. Well, M. D., chemist, writes as follows to the Utica Herald: "You notice in the Herald the newly discovered silver mine in Lewis county. The discovery has this peculiar history: The ore shown to me for the chemical assay which I made was brought to me by Levi T. Crego, of the town of Lee, of this county, less than a month ago.

SPIRIT LIGHTS.

Crosses, Lamps, and Particulars in Reference Thereto.

We have often spoken of spirit lamps, lights occurring among the mediums of England. The Spiritualist tells us how the spirit Peter held against the palm of his hand, nearly vertical, a small luminous cross, of about an inch in height, the shaft longer than the cross piece, and surrounded by a luminous ring, of which the diameter might have been about a couple of inches.

lions they both were!—not least in their diversity! To me, one of the most extraordinary contingencies in the case is that I should have lived to think with Mr. O'Sullivan, as by The Spiritualist of August 31st, page 100, that it sounds reasonable

Prophecy.

In all ages of the world prophets have arisen and foreshadowed the future. Birds become prophets and foreshadow the approach of winter. Certain animals of the forest in various manners indicate the coming of colder weather; in fact among animals do we find our most reliable prophets.

Clear Case of Materialization Among the Osage Indians.

A large party of Osage warriors had been encamped on the banks of a fine stream called the Nickanansa (Arkansas). Among them was a young hunter, one of the bravest and most graceful of the tribe, who was to be married to an Osage girl, who, for her beauty, was called the "Flower of the Prairies."

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Tobacco and Spirits.

Some time ago I wrote an article on Spirit-Clothing, and the effects of vice upon it, and to the following portion exception was taken by several tobacco users: "I once asked through a medium an old friend who had been only a short time in the Spirit-world, and who upon earth, was addicted to the almost un conquerable habit, tobacco-using, which in the latter years of his life, by the advice of physicians, he had vainly endeavored to break off. If he would appear to us or materialize. He replied that he was not suitably clothed; that his spirit-clothing while upon earth had been almost entirely consumed, mainly by the tobacco habit, but that he was laboring energetically to recover from the effects of it; and through other mediums this theory about clothing in the Spirit-world has been corroborated."

J. M. Peebles.

While Brother J. M. Peebles was in Ceylon, he had an interview at the Buddhist College with Buddhist priests, conversing and debating with them. Just think of it; there were present dressed in yellow robes, sixty priests!

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