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## Indian Medicine Men and Seets.

## LANGUAGE OF SYMBOLISM.

The Oklahoma Legislature has passed an act forbidding the further practice of incantations by the Indian Medicine Men. The Indians claim that it is an attack upon religious liberty and enter their protest, saying: "You may move us and take our lands, but you must leave us our religion." The Chicago Tribune says

The Indian regards deity as a complex spiritual agency, manifested in all the phenomena of the material universe; as dual in nature, representing the forces of both good and evil, and as affecting alike the lives and fortunes of man influences for evil supposedly exerted by deity in its malign moods that tre medicine man found his greatest field of activity, and through this he gained his power over his followers.
Not by heredity, as in the case of chiefs and other officers in the tribal organization and government, did the Indian become a medicine man, but by adoption or initiation into a mystic organ the secrets were guarded as carefully as are those of the Masonic order. Its language was writings of the medicine. In the pictographic which served them as an index for their weird and mystic incantations, the Indians placed implicit trust. They believed in the incarnation of supernatural agencies in wild animals, and even in inanimate objects, and in the rattles, charms, and implements used by the medicine men in their barbaric orgies, the simple-minded red men believed they saw the only means that could save them from the blighting effects of ever-threatening evi spirits.

Wizard, necromancer, clairvoyant, seer and pro phet-all these and more was the medicine man to his followers. In every violent expression thunderbolts, abnormal growths in the vegetable kingdom, strange actions of animals or insanity of men, the Indians believed they saw the expression of malevolent purpose on the part of deity, and to save them from these they looked rounding the life of the individual there was thought to be a perpetual combat between good thought to be a perpetual combat between good pitiate the latter required the offices of one gifted with a knowledge of the supernatural.
Perpetually the Indian mind was the victim of wild mystery, unending suspicion, and paralyzing fear. His only conception of joy was freedom from suffering ; his only idea of a
means of securing it, the continual warding off means of securing it, the continual warding off
of the forces that threatened him harm. The of the forces that threatened him harm. The
good spirit and the evil spirit each had a host good spirit and the evil spirit each had a constantly changing forms. His supposed ability to recognize these, to have communion with them, and to direct them for the good of his people or the undoing a power that has per sisted against all the efforts of a higher civiliza-
tion to uproot it and replace it with something more uplifting
In the manner in which he fulfilled his office the medicine man is no less interesting for study than in the conditions that afforded the reasons for his existence. And here a distinc tion must be made between the various classes of medicine men, for in this group, as under which it is important to understand. The two great institutions that pervade all the North American Indian tribes, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from the Gulf of Mexico to the arctic circle, are the practice of the arts of medical magic and prophecy. These are distinctly separate, though co-ordinated through the one fact that the Indian belief ascribe ills. ${ }^{\text {ins. }}$
This separateness of classification is illus tribes by the fact that they have two names for

the two classes of practitioners. The priestly medicine man is called the medawininee; the one who actually applis therapeutic agencies in the treatment of disease, muskekewininee. By white people both are called medicine men. but there have been among the Indians, as in all other races, false prophets, messiahs, and quacks, and these too have their names. In the Algonquin tribe, for instance, different from the practitioner of medical magic or necromancy is the high prophet, jossakeed, who deals not with material symbols, but holds communion in solitary places with the Great Spirit, whom he sees while in trances or dreams, and from that are accepted as divine There is also the wabeno, who is the bad medicine man, the wolf in sheep's clothing, who exploits his false doctrines in midnight orgies, using the tricks of darknes with the aid of colored fires and sleight of hand He it is who alone of all the classes of medicine
men brings into his incantations the themes of love and the animal passions. To keep the young braves and maidens of the tribe from falling under his influence and from being led thereby into immorality was one of the chief offices of the good medicine men in the early days of tribal organization. In the later days it has been an office much more needed and much less practiced, for the tribe of the bad medicine man has become a rarity.

## The law as passed prohibited

The law as passed prohibited not only the practice of incantations but also the sale to make a liquor resembling in its effect pure alcohol. The chieftains, who painted themselves in gorgeous colors and called on the Governor of Oklahoma, asking him not to sign the law, said they were willing to be deprived of the
bean and the liquor, but not of the services of bean and the liquor, but not of the services of the Indian for fire water, it is not difficult to see that the medicine man still has a strong hold on the tribes in Oklahoma.

Spirit Phenomena-A Story
Some years after the events mentioned on page 2 of the JOURNAL for March 23, I was stationed at Lyndon, Vt, and near by me was stationed a was somewhat famous for his connection with a money digging enterprise, which had not a few wonderful spirit manifestations in connection with the affair. He was well booked up in the traditional literature of Methodism and gave me many interesting histories of what had occurred in firit manifestations. I will give one of the remarkable ones, in this article

These strange happenings covered many months of time during which period three of months of time during which period three of were supposed to be warnings of approaching death. Various sounds would be heard in differ ent parts of the house indicating the presence of a person but no person would be there. Then, in a room where no person was present, there would be a tremendous crash as though all the crockery and furniture was smashed to pieces. At others as though it were all piled together. On going into the room not a single article would be found displaced or injured. Every the commencement of the disturbances it was suspected that some one cutside was making the groans and other noises. But as it was a farm house it was easily watched, and it was found that no one was around to produce the phenomena. After the death of the first memthe spiritual origin of the disturbances.

On one occasion the neighboring women were gathered at the house for a quilting bee. While they were merrily engaged, as is usual at such meetings, there was a loud detonation in the fire place as though a musket had been discharged. Nothing was moved, or in any way disturbed. Nothing but the deafening sound. Thus the whole neighborhood was witness of the question
But the most decisive spiritual phase was the final one which occurred after the death of the third member. One of the remaining ones of the family, a married sister, felt a strong desire that one of the departed sisters should manifest her presence to her. It was a longing desire to
once more gaze into the face of the departed loved one. One night she had just retired in a room, which opened out of the kitchen, which
was very common in the old-fashioned New was very common in the old-fashioned New
England homes. She had just extinguished the candle and lain down beside her husband when candle and lain down beside her husband when looking through the door into the kitchen, it lovingly toward her. As soon as perceived, the spirit sister started toward her, but the old
superstitious fear overcame her and she hastily superstitious fear overcame her and she hastily
covered her head with the clothes, thus losing covered her head with the clothes, thus losing
the chance to hear from those gone before. But the chance to hear from those gone before. But
the notion of ghosts was too strong in those the notion of ghosts was too strong in those
days to allow any one to see a spirit form without being terrified. This woman was a medium, and very likely the medium for all that had transpired before
These, and kindred facts were what convinced me of the reality of spirit return and manifestation, and nothing, I have ever witnessed since the Rochester rappings, has made my convic-
tions on that point one whit stronger. But I tions on that point one whit stronger. But I
was not a Spiritualist any more than John Weswas not a Spiritualist any more than John Wesley was one, or than the many in the churches
are Spiritualists, who believe in the return of spirits. I was a Methodist, just as Methodists, are still groveling in their bondage in others their faith in spirit return. And to convert all mankind to that conviction would not make they are at present.
My New England ancestry and my theological studies naturally led me, at the very outset, to seek for the bedrock- the fundamental prin-
ciples of Spiritualism. For that reason I am a Spiritualist instead of a mere Spiritist.

Experiences in Psychic Flealing
In order to avoid confusion in the mind of the general reader, it is but fair to state that the writer is a physician engaged in the practice of regular medicine, albeit at times prone to overmeap conservative bounds in order to utilze name, may be called psychic.
The principles governing psychic healing were discovered during my boybood, but, in all probability, the system employed would have been eliminated from my practice had it not
been for the chance remark by the professor of been for the chance remark by the professor of
anatomy that "anything is regular that saves the patient." There and then I made up my mind to heal by psychic means whenever opporto regret this decision
My first important case was about as serious as the average young practitioner is ever called as the average young practitioner is ever called ment. By reason of a fall she was paralyzed from the waist down. The paralysis was complete, being accompanied by a total loss of sensibility. ln addition, her stomach was unusually sensitive and would only retain the endedest by frequent hemorrhages. This state of things had continued for months; the woman was in a deplorable state.
I found her stretched on an old couch, racked by cough and fever, her lips stained with blood
which dripped slowly to the floor. The room which dripped slowly to the floor. The room
was cold and bare, and poverty, wretchedness was cold and bare, and poverty, wretchedness and despair were written all over the place. Dis-
couraged?
No! assuredly not!
Looking down into her face assuredly not wp from the center of being an irresistible impulse to throw drugs aside, stretch out my hands and heal her !
say, miracle or what? Knowing that no medicines, (other physicians had proven that) and that no external applications, (many had been tried without avail) could bring life to my dead limbs, the Doctor decided to try the effect of
the healing gift he is possessed of. The treatment began. In less than 15 minutes my limbs were alive
We read of the great joy of those whom cannot tell it-I understand that now. Words First there came a sensation as if drops of dew were falling on my limbs; then a feeling like the little ripples we see when a stone is thrown in a pond of quiet water; then a sense of great 'Why there's life there-I can feel warmth!'

Imagine if you can, for I cannot tell, the great rush of joy, of gratitude, of wonder, of intense
thankfulness that a physician lived who could thankfulness that a physician lived who could
and would from his own being, by his touch, and would from his own being, by his touch, giving death to fresh life. Think of feeling warm where death had been-of feeling the blood bounding once more through arteries and veins
The full report of the patient, prepared solely that a record of the case might. be saved to psy-
chic literature, goes on to relate her gradual, yet complete restoration to health, including performed by p, ia Among the insere power, pure and simple. Among the interesting discoveries which I is how to project self, so to speals, in treating patients at a distance. The reader may not regard distant or absent treatment as in any way remarkable, but my method is unusual in
that I go to the patient, while my body remains locked hard and fast in the deep somnambulic sleep. In this state the writer has traveled plainly as to be seen and felt in sick resence so dreds of miles away. Here in my home we realize the importance of non-interference in such experiments, exquisite care is taken to prevent noise or other disturbance, and no one is allowed to touch my body under any circumstances until the hour of a wakening has come.
This form of healing is practiced but little, This form of healing is practiced but little,
owing to the danger attending interference with
the writer while he is far away from home. there are times when the hom home.
sem my work, that is to say there are time when I seem to be merely an agent in the trans when seem And again there are moments when I am in touch with an outer realm or source o power which I am not in conscious contact with ordinarily, yet nevertheless it is mine to com-
mand, or at least to make use of, when I attain mand, or at least to make use of, when I attain my case.
Though wedded in large degree to medicine the writer's long experience in psychic healing has taught him to incline charitably to any and human ills. Practice, training, observation have taught us that there is no monopoly of the healing art; that there is virtue in all the prevailing schools of medicine or forms of healing; that some day a great medical genius will grasp all
there is of truth, strike the long-sought-for there is of truth, strike the long-sought-for
golden mean, and banish disease from the We
We cannot believe that drug medication was ever designed or intended to afford the sole and only means of relief in every case of sickness imself latent faculties man possesses within roperly developed he treatment and cure of many diseases; and we believe further, that the time is coming when the Christ-gift of healing will be restored in all its pristine glory to help make the worl healthy, happy and strong.

## Facing the Facts of History.

The hostility and opposition of Christianity to science were nowhere more apparent than in the history of Bacon, Galileo, Bruno and Coperof truth who began to understand the methods to attain it. But the opposition of the methods confronted them at every step. When they made some new discovery they scarcely dared announce it, so bitter was the hostility. Let us be honest and face the facts of history to under stand what was the attitude of Christianity toward science and philosophy a few hundred years ago.
It was no friend to intellectual development but a real enemy. With its word of absolute authority it condemned "all physical sciences" suppressed all attempts to study the laws nature, and the man who published a scientific work ran the risk of being brought unde suspicion and excommunicated or imprisoned or put to death. The design of the church was to keep the people in mental darkness, The sin su Roger Bacon great measure.
Christianity, but it was in his ideas aboutnatual laws. The priests cried, "Down with the magi-
cian," and the authorities threw him into prison, where he remained 14 years; the Pope declaring he was "too dangerous to be at large. made to retract, and promise to cease his scien tific studies

Copernicus only escaped being put to death by not allowing his book to be published until he lay on his death bed.
Newton was bitterly attacked for " dethroning Providence.
Kepler was accused of "throwing Christ's It is unjust to cast special blame for all this resistence to science upon the Roman church. The Protestant church, though rarely able to be so severe, was even more blameworthy. to intellectual progress, and the sects vied with each other in denouncing the Copernican doctrine as contrary to Scripture.
The Arabians accomplished much more in scientific discovery in comparison with their Christian contemporaries, because they were less fettered by the letter of the Koran than the of the interest they were known to take in scientific research.
The attitude of Paganism toward science is shown in the history of the great Pagan masters, Plato and Aristotle. They gave scientific freedom, they interdicted no new paths, interposed no barriers to the extension of knowledge, threatened no doom against investigators, and
left the world free to seek any new methods left the world free to seek an
which thinking men could find.
Why did intellectual stagnation settle down on Europe? The attitude of the church toward on Europe? The atitude of the church toward tuous and it arrested their normal development for hundreds of years. The discoveries made by scientific methods did not come into existence because of Christianity, but in spite of it. It was not until science discovered the power of
steam and invented machinery-not until the steam and invented machinery-not until the
laws of nature were understood for the service of man, that Europe began to rise in the realm of material life. The Christians, however, were not wholly devoid of inventive genius, for they could and did invent machines for tortur
Christianity is fast passing away, and the world will find great relief when it is gone. It is involved in a maze of contradictions, being 500 denominations all claiming to be branches of it. They are black and white, brown and spotted, striped, ringstreaked and speckled sys tems of religion. If this is not modern Chris tianity, in the name of reason, what is it and where is it
Jesus was evidently a great medium and yet, in our estimation, he was no greater or better than a thousand other great reformers, philosophers and scientists that the world has known. He was no more a son of God than any other reformer. He taught things that had been taught by Confucius, and things which he quently not original with him. He said his disciples should do the things he did and even greater. Perhaps they did. Many of the miracles he performed occur now in the presence of good mediums, all over America.
Religion never taught a man how to navigate
the sea, open a mine, build a bridge, nor how to the sea, open a mine, build a bridge, nor how to construct a wheelbarrow, cook-stove or locomotive. Physical wealth, railways, manufactories, mills, marts of trade, are not the results of any of personal ambition to achieve wealth, coupled with financial ability.
Intemperance is a great evil-a cancer on the social organism which exists in Christian lands and goes abroad as carried by Christian civilization. The drink habit is well sustained by the Bible, and Christianity has shown a friendship for this social custom. When Christians came to America to be free to enjoy their religion,
they brought this custom with them, and Western civilization bears this accursed attachment. Why is it that countries where the religion of Mohammed has sole sway, the drink habit has no existence and the saloon is unknown? It is because that wherever Mohammedanism prevails this habit of drinking intoxicating liquors
is not allowed and does not.exist. Gambling is is not allowed
also forbidden.
Spain is zealously Christian. No prominent
Spain is zealously Christian. No prominent
infidel ever lived within her borders; but she is
the most cruel and unprogressive nation in Europe ; excepting Portugal; and she, too, is Christian. The Abyssimians are Christians and have been since the fourth century, but their neighbors, the Mohammedan Arabs.
Europe dates its intellectual growth from the rays of light it received from the Mohammedan schools in the East through the opening made by the Crusaders. It is especially evident, if duthority, that the presence of Christianity in century, was a mill-stone hung to the neck of century, was a mill-stone hung to the neck.

## H Great Scientist Gone.

On March 18, occurred the death of Prof. O. C: Marsh, of Yale University, in which he had been for a number of years professor of palæonof that institution-a collection of rare size and value Newspapers that give a whole column to the death of a pugilist or of a millionaire, were satisfied to give five lines to the death of Prof. Marsh, if indeed they noticed it at all.
Yet Prof. Marsh was one of the most distin guished scientific men of the century-a cen tury remarkable for the number of its scientists and for the extraordinary character of their discoveries and of their contributions to the discoveries in palmontoloory and his elaborate discoveries in palæontology and his elaborate reputation which in scientific circles and among students of evolution was world-wide

Prof. Marsh reconstructed the skeleton of the dinosaur, a monster of prehistoric times, which made its first appearance, so far as is known, on this continent, when the arm of an ancient sea covered the area of the Rocky Mountain

Pof Marsh the redion
Prof. Marsh's reproduction of the dinosaur was the result of nearly a quarter of a century this creature found by the professor measure this creature found by the professor measure
ten feet in length. Prof. Marsh was the first to point out that members of the lizard family caused those famous footprints on the Connecticut sandstone which, though birdlike in appearance, were made before birds had appeared on
The inference of Prof. Marsh, sustained by his brother scientists, was that some of the half-bird, half-reptilian monst Prof. Marsh in 1862
earlier discoveries, including that of a reptilian form in the coal formation of Nova Scotia, went to Europe and continued his studies in the highest German universities.
It was upon his return to this country, after a four years' absence, that he accepted the chair of palæntology at Yale. Later he led many scientific expeditions in the West. Twenty-one eral times under a military escort
He discovered extinct vertebrae to the numbeletons of the largest land anmals theovered been found on the earth.
His works descriptive of his discoveries are the best records of extinct animals that have yet appeared. It was Prof. Marsh who found the connecting link between the progenitors of Prof. Huxley, in his New York lectures, said must have existed and might some day be discovered.
Prof. Marsh was a member of the leading scientific societies of the world. He was a nephew of George Peabody, of London, by whose generosity was established the Peabody Museum.
Men like Marsh, whose genius and patient industry contribute to the knowledge of manky replacing crude and mythical notions with ay replacing crude and mythical notions with thought, are benefactors whose influence is far reaching and uplifting. Peace indeed hath its victories no less renowned than war. Among these victories must be included the discoveries and recon-
structions of palæontologists, like Cope and structions of palæontologists, like Cope and
Marsh, of whom America has reason to be Marsh, of whom America has reason to be proud. Their names will live in the history of
about and praised with so little discrimination, shall have been buried in the dark, deep sea of
oblivion. Popular honors in these times of revived militarism are for the heroes of physical revived militarism are for the heroes of physical Warfare, though the wild dervishes of the months ago by English rapid-fire guns, and Filipinos armed with bows and arrows, mowed down by American Gatling guns, were as brave
and self-sacrificing as any men that ever faced and self-sacrificing
a foe in cruel war.
Sometime the world will come to see that the Sometime the world will come to see that the mind that opposes popular error and sheds abroad the light of knowledge, is a far higher aspires to fame in the destruction of human life B. F. Underwood.

## An Answer to "The Man with the Hoe."

 Read at the Oakland Anniversary Celebration.Tis true that man bowed down with centuries of woe,
And leaning on that implement- the hoeAoes gaze unto the ground.
up his head and listens For hark: what does he hear,
Through nature's channels of communication
"Man is no slare! Man was not born to die!,"
"No, no! I'm but a slave, and so must be content!"
And bending all his effortsto the task
He eabors on to fill his master's coffers to o'erflowing, And bending all his efforts to the task
He tabors on to fill his master,s cofters to orflowing,
While around his own poorlife Has dropped tbe darkness of despair ;
When lo! athwart this blackness
Then lo! athwart this blackness,
In living flame, there flashes out in writing
On his vision's wall, these words:
"Man awake: and know that I am God
And through the centuries of the past
Hoping at last to be personified thro' thy great soul!"
A pause-the hoe drops to the ground,
And raising up his head he gazes'round,
For was his mind not trained to gods and demons fear
By the world's so-called lords and rulers?
By hark: the voice is speaking yet again,
But softer than a strain of music is the to
And softer than a strain of music is the tone;
And as it echoes thro the empty chambers of his brain
Key their harps to the new song
Of Fredom-Freedom to mankind
Then like a mighty whirlwind thought awakes
In this dread thing whose awful shape Has bent and swayed beneath the load of care and woe
of centuries,
And whose only happiness was to know
That somewhere in the stretch of time
It might be possible, in his weary climb
To find a heaven of rest.
But even this poor hope has been so set about
With creeds and dogmas by the ruling class
That soon, alas! He finds that he must pay a goodly price
If he would hold a thought So fraught with comfort to his weary soul
But the voice speaks yet again,
And that some mighty secret accustomed to the sound
Will be now revealed to teach the mysteries of life,
And hatred, malice and despair,
Seem hushed into a silence born of power
Too long thy soul hath slept beneath the sod
In ignorance of thy true fate.
Thou hast but self to blame
That all these centuries of pain
Have warped and twisted up thy sinews,
And slanted back thy brain.
Thou wouldst entrust thy welfare to the car
Of lords and rulers in all lands,
And share, nay give thine inheritance away
And share, nay give thine inheritance away
To escape but for a day
To escape but for a day
Thine own responsibilities.
But thou must now awake
And straighten up thy shape
And take back the upward looking and the light-
For God in man has spoken
And behold passing away a
Soon masters, lords and rulers array of phantoms.
And their sisters three-Want, Greed and Malice-
Leaving behind the Man, yea, womane,
Grown strong enough to stand alone
Grown strong enough to stand alone,
With the light of a new life shining on their brow.
The swinging of the Pleiades,
The reddening of the rose,
Nolonger daunts their growing power,
For God in man has spoken;
And as the whirlwind of truth shakes the world,
Never more to rear
'Their false standard of ruling o'er mankind,
For man is born to live and not to die
For man is born to live and not to die;
To trace the stars and search the heavens for power;
To feel the p:ssions of eternity
To feel the p:ssions of eternity,
To break the bond of igno
Thus the nations free-
Thall the answer be
After the silence of centuries
Oakland, Cal.

## The Mistakes we Make.

Years ago the simple phenomena of nature were an unsolved mystery. Every thing was judged by appearance. The earth was said to
be flat. The sun crossed the sky daily. The lightning was God's mighty arm of wrath which often struck dead the hardened sinner. The deafening peal of thunder was his terrible voice of warning. The sun's eclipse was a superstitious omen of evil
The earthquake's rumble and shake was an earth as we might crush an eqg shell. ${ }^{\text {and }}$ Then the earth as we might crush an egg shell. Then it had a religion of fear, a God of wrath, a place of torment like the livid fire of the great volcanos, and a heaven of peace. rest and security away off in the serene depths of the tranquil sky. Though we all realize that nature's phenomena are far from being what they seem, yet a great many people still hold to the old superstiIt would be
It would be amusing, if it were not so sad, to relate how the different religious sects dispose
of their dead. The Adventists put theirs, soul, of their dead. The Adventists put theirs, soul, consign to the grave and there they must sleep until Gabriel blows his trumpet, (and the Lord only knows when that will be) all because the
Bible confirms their belief. However, the majority of our Christian friends consign the the spark of life gut the soul, which they call There it is pigeonholed, as it were until the resurrection morn when the dry bones shall arise, be clothed in flesh and blood, meet the soul, somehow, somewhere then return to the judgement seat of God, there to learn its everlasting fate of joy or torment. Then "woe be unto us" for there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth Now isn't this a pleasant state of affairs to look forward to ?
ble change called death, have been the inevitathan smelts, by theological doctrines beader the Bible says, "، The dead know not anythin!!" And Christians emphatically declare that a statement found in the Bible is true even if it isn't true :
Yet truth is eternal and must come uppermost, regardless of creeds, Bibles or bigots! Graves and sepulchers never did and never will contain the liberated spirits who like Hamlet's ghost, mighty effort to be seen, heard and recognized as immortal beings
But superstitious fear and blind ignorance closed down on their phenomena like the jaws. of sharks on small fry! They were called ghosts, hobgoblins, imps, devils, anything un-
canny and unnatural to frighten them away and canny and unnatural to frighten them away and
so never had a chance to vindicate their honor so never had a chance the
or prove their identity.
into the ceternity of the down the steeps of time into the eternity of the past until through the curiosity of little children they obtained a hearthese little children older minds were led to investigate the phenomena and Modern Spiritualism sprang into existence. We are not what we seem but are of a truth immortal beings living in mortal bodies. All nature is trans." formed! " Behold all things have become new!" Things are not what they appear to be! There is no death ! what seems so is transition!
Mrs. M. E. Van Luven.

## F Spirit Message.

One from the spheres sends greeting to all who would be emancipated from not only the teachings, but also to be freed from that influ ence which is far worse than sectarian bigotry and formulas, viz., self-conceit and the vexation of spirit that arises from self-sufficiency, and
which often finds vent in impotent wrath and which often finds vent in impotent wrath and double dealing on the part of those who fail to progress by resisting the good impulses of their who have progressed above the material plane of mere animal existence. Thus the self-seek ers fall far below the standard of real reform so necessary for teachers of domestic, social and political improvement to possess, in order to remedy the ills of misdirected energy, called evil, in the weaker members of the human fam ily, through the false teachings of the "blind
leaders of the blind," who cause all affected to
be liable to fall into the ditch of human degra dation sooner or later, if not rescued
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The more progressive spirits show by their actions that they wish mortals, as well as them selves, to keep abreast, if not ahead of those notable times when the thinking portion of every community requires mental stimulus from association with kindred minds. They thus "assist those who are willing to get out of the vain-olorious display of power and brief author vain-glorious display of power and brief authorand which is admired by a certain set of simi-larly-constituted sycophants who, like their pur-blind leaders, worship that modern Moloch -The Golden Dollar-to the inevitable submergence of their higher spiritual natures, and so throw out an evil influence, by reason of bad example, upon the multitude of ignorant beings. intellect to the danger of social revolt, through intellect to the danger of social revolt, through these legally irresponsible individuals being allowed to perpetuate vicious, nefarious teachfrom the platforms of many of the so-called "Spiritual" societies, whose meeting houses should (as did the Nazarene of old) have the " money-changers and sellers of doves cast out," particularly the human firebrands who continday and build nothing in place thereof.
The foregoing is a portion of a stirring message which was received through my hand a Magdalene.

Don McLitine.

## Suggestion.

When we have been arrayed in the brighter garments of light and truth; when falseness tained goil the spotless purity with its blood tained guil, we will look back over our path way of life from our standpoint of higher phil weakness we see exhibited everywhere. This weakness we now condemn as a low stage of morals and as we see plainer we can compre paths of right.
We now look at what we term " the wild oat period" of man and woman, as a very degrading weakness of moral humanity. But in our newer field of philosophy we say, "Tis but the beginning." Like the unborn babe there must be conditions to foster the forming brain of the future child. The children of the world, men and women alike, are fostered in the arcana of nature and succored by the unbendable law moral or mental. The "wild oat period" is buit he ungovernable law working through a sys tem, seeking elements to grow and better the future of earth's children. So little is gained by such philosophy now. We can see but the words and not the meaning conveyed therein. We judge it with a severe judgment, seeing $t$ as our baser selves suggest.
Life is a collection of adhesive atoms and suggestive relations. Through suggestion is the the right of the Divine Law of Nature-God admitted, and in the intermediate the causes for every act of the human family can be traced to the law governing suggestion.
Through a systematic arrangement of forces we get life. This life originated from proto plasmic particles of force substances. And in the arrangement of these cohesive atoms of force-power we get suggestion. Through this thought forces-the divine power of God cen tered in one common center, producing rays of light, scintilating, sparkling with life like the life-producing rays of the sun
Our thoughts, let them be suggestive thoughts, are felt by the many thinkers who are in sym pathy with the law that governs all things. They feel it, sense it, and the power of atomized matter, representing force, suggests the possi bility of a reasonable solution. Then we inves mparted to others through our suggestive aura The good work goes on, regardless of the obsta cles placed in our path by bigoted observers They are impregnable; we are porous, and we exist above that world of denseness that so characterizes the common observer. We fly to Gelds Elysian while they dig deep in the dung holes of past-dissected theories and are fossilized
for the present.

They beat their poor heads against adaman tine walls and howl over the dogmas of pas thought, and as we are borne aloft by the divine will of God we realize to a fuller extent the rich mine of treasures. Wherein we eagerly search.
Onward, upward, Brothers, Sisters of the faith, and truth, justice and the spotless lily o lesser neighbor. Let our tongues resound our truth, our pens with inspiration, and with our souls filled with universal love, we will gain the victory over death, disease and ignorance.
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## San Francisco, Cal., April 20, 1899.

(\$) In Detroit, Mich., the Cause is prospering. Moses Hull was there on April 6 and 7 , and gave some lectures, and at the same time ordained Dr. C. W. Burrows as a teacher and demonstrater of the Spiritualistic philosophy and phenomena. This was the first public step towards the building of a Spiritual Temple in that city. To a reporter Dr. Burrows said

Our aim is the building of a Temple here. There are 2,000 or 3,000 Spiritualists in Detroit Weople who belong to all the various societies. We have 200 in our Central Union, of which I am president. These meetings in halls are not satisfactory. A Temple building would add a they deserve, and so we will try to build an edifice as soon as we can get our people sufficiently interested. We have men among us who have plenty of money to build.'
Occult Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, to witness the unique ordination ceremonies, and to listen to the eloquence of Bro. Hull. We hope that Detroit may soon have a Spiritual Temple, from which the light may radiate on the people and lead them to the comprehension of the truth, and the enjoyment of its mental illumination.
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## Theosophical Congress

That branch of the Theosophists who seceded from the loyal body of which Col. Olcott was and continues to be the President, held a con gress at their building on Point Loma, San Diego, Cal., last week.

The San Diego papers say that a large number of enthusiastic people congregated there from all parts of the world. The grounds at Point Loma were dotted with tents and the hotels at San Diego were crowded to their utmost capacity with the people attending the ceremonies. A large amphitheater was erected in which the large amphitheater was erected in which the
congress was held. The largest excursion train congress was held. The largest excursion train the attendants on Thursday.
Mrs. Katherine A. Tingley, the official head of that self-styled Universal Brotherhood, was present with her cabinet officials. The American flag, accompanied by the flags of all lands, waved over the amphitheater
The congress opened on April 13. Dr. J. A. Anderson, of San Francisco, gave the address of welcome, and speeches were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Mayer, H. T.Patterson and M.A.E.S. Smythe.

The re-dedication of the "School for the Revival of the Lost Mysteries of Antiquity" occurred in the evening with torchlight proces sion and ceremonies.
Mrs. Harriet H. Somers, one of the delegates, writes to the San Francisco Call the following statement concerning this Universal Brotherhood:

This organization declares that brotherhood is a fact in nature. The principal purpose is to a living power in the life of humanity.
The subsidiary purpose of the organization is to study ancient and modern religion, science, philosophy and art; to investigate the laws of nature and the occult powers latent in man.
It is entirely non-sectarian, every member hav ing the right to believe or disbelieve in any religious system or philosophy, each being required to show that tolerance for the opinions of others which he expects for his own
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To accomplish the objects different methods are being gradually introduced for the purpose edge in a practical manner.
The Theosophical Society is the department of teaching of universal brotherhood, where any one may obtain a philosophical and ethical basis for the practice of brotherhood, for be it remembered that there is no higher object in any of its departments than to make brotherhood a living
power in the life of the individual.
Though Theosophists talk of brotherhood, a teaching as ancient as the Vedas, and as modern as the Unitarians, they are quite as unbroth] erly and just as much divided among themselves as are those whom they condemn. It seems that they have several different kinds of Theosophists even in San Diego, including Loyalists, Secessionists, seceders from the Secessionists, and some se-se-seceders from the W. Q. Judge-Secessionists. And that they are not above misrepresentation and false statement, the following from Dr. Peebles' pen, published in the San Diego Sun of April 10, will show ORIGINAL THEOSOPHY.
In a recent morning paper, in connection with other errors touching Theosophy, $I$ find this glaring misstatement
in Nearly 25 years ago H.P.Blavatsky founded in New York the Theosophical: Society, or Universal Brotherhood.
This is not true. The Theosophical Society, the headquarters of which are in Adyar, India, was founded by Col. Henry S. Olcott and Malling a three months' lecture engagement in New York. They were both personal friends of mine, and I insist that so far as I am capable, justice shall be done them both, inasmuch as one is abse
higher life.
I had me
I had met Madame Blavatsky previous to the
organization of the New York Theosophical organization of the New York. Theosophical
Society in Cairo, Egypt. She was then a decided Spiritualist, and had there organized a Spiritualist seance, the Coulombs being members; This I reported at the time to James Burns'
London weekly, The Nedium and Daybveak. Later London weekly, The Medium and Daybreak. Later I spent two weeks with Madame Blavatsky and Col. Olcott at the residence of the Eddy mediums in Chittenden, Vermont. When the Theosophical Society was first organized, Col. Olcott was elected president, and Madame Blavatsky first lecturer, but failing to produce the spiritual phenomena that he had promised, he was dropped. Madam Blavatsky was a powerful physical medium. Some day I shall publish a portion of her startling manifestations, some of which I witnessed.

Holding my Theosophical diploma direct from the loyal head, Adyar, India, I write as one having some authority. On my recent third journey Adyar, sitting in the shrine, reveling in the choice and massive library, listening to the readings of the Upanishads in both English and Sanskrit, and taking part in both the discussions and the readings. Further, I accompanied Col. Olcott on one of his lecture tours to the he had established in Ceylon in the interests of he had established in Ceyl.
It may not be amiss to say that the American Theosophical Society, or Universal Brotherhood, seceded from the original Theosophical Society of which Col. Olcott was and is the president. Mrs. Besant when here gave the causes of the secession. Since then there has been one (report says two) secessions from the W. Q. Judge-Tingleyites. The Universal Brotherhood Theoso-
phists consider Mrs. Tingley as the light of phists consider Mrs. Tingley as the light of of purity. She is now in our midst-let the of purity. She is now in our midsthet the gress is in session
It is not pleasant to state these facts, especially as our chief cornerstone is brotherhooduniversal brotherhood. During the coming Point Loma Congress, cannot the three branches of this city so bridge the river and so cable the ocean of discontent and division as to come together, thus showing that our profession of conjure? This Secession Theosophy is a sort of hair-lip Mahatmaism donning the garb of the
mysteries. With the exception of Mrs. Besant all of the original Theosophists of note were Spiritualists, ism, and a reasonable, spiritual Theosophy, there is but little difference. Spiritualism demonstrating a future existence, is the ancient ages; and considering the depravity of humanity, ages; and considering the depravity of humanity, it is not so very strange that different cliques truths and attach weird names to their plunder.

## The Imperiled Republic.

In reference to the picture shown on the first page of the JOURNAL for March 30, with the above title, John Brown, Sr., "the Medium of the Rockies," writes as follows
That picture is a complete panoramic view of what was shown to me years ago, when my guiding-star, Mopoloquist, took me to his provance in the heavens and there placed before me copy. Were I an artist I could not paint a better one.

I have been leaning on the gate of death for years, but the good angels have drawn me back, that I might bear testimony to the truth that they bring us.
A short reference to that picture can be seen on pages 98 and 99 of my book. The men and women seen on it drew pictures before they went to their new home, and they can do so
still. All they want is mediums possessed of still. All they want is mediums possessed of
true moral sensitiveness, to blend their forces with those of the spirit world in a way that With those of the spirit world in a way that wlossom lize a rose in May, until the "'tree of liberty" shows signs of better fruit. Such things are marvelous to many, but when they realize that spirits are men and women with
the old dress laid aside, possessed of the
knowledge their industry has won, for them, the marvelousness will fade away and things will appear just as they are-nothing mysterious. that picture are this day at work with millions of others, making known their plans to a few for a change to take place that will shock the nations. Already many pages are written, but prudence prevents their mention now. Their of liberty is ripening for the sustenance the tree poor of this nation, and it will be distributed to them when the hour comes.

A controversy is now going on as to when the twentieth century begins. Some say, at the beginning of the year 1900 ; others say it does not begin until a year later. Here is the opinion of a prominent astronomer, verbatim
The next century will begin on Jan. 1, 1901the last year of the present century being 1900 and the year befo a being B. C. 1, there being no year 0. This is inconvenient for chronology, out it is the accepted mode of reckoning.

Mr. W. J. Colville's engagement in Phila delphia this season closes in May. In June he is to be in Boston, and will attend the different Camps during the summer. Miss H. M. Young thinks of spending the next winter in California Her many friends here will be delighted to see her again.

## The Rexieuly.

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referring to the United States as an example of a country with a small standing army, and asks what good Spain's army of 200,000 poorly battle fields of Cuba. It is published at Calle de la Reina, Num. 53.
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taining "Liberty" is the title of a pamphiet conlan Company of New York. Price 10 cents. It is the sixth chapter from a book entitled " The Gospel for an Age of Doubt," by Rev. Henry Van Dyke, pastor of the Brick Church in New York, City. It is an able argument for "free the premise is that of Christianity, yet there are many good thoughts for liberal thinkers who have an exalted conception of man and his relation to the universe.

The Metaphysical Magazine for April contains many important articles. Among them we may mention, "The Germs of a Greater Culture," by S. K. Davis; "Is the Devil Dead?" by H. E. Orcutt; "The Sources of Genesis," by Quæstor Vitæ, etc. Price 20c. Published
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Bङ Mr. Geo. Redway of London, England, is publishing a new book, written by Mrs. D'Esperance entitled, "Northern Lights." As soon as the same. There are 10 chapters in the form of stories, but they are facts-not fiction.

155 We have received the Report of the Acting Superintendents of the Yosemite National Park, California, by J. W. Zevely with a map of: the Park. It contains a large amount of information.

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C. E. Winan's on March 27, at Grand Rapids, Mich., where the medium sat enclosed in a mosquito, netting bag,
nailed securely to the floor; all of which
passed a thorough previous examination passed a thorough previous, examination
by a competent, skeptically-inclined committee, with the result that twentytwo spirit forms appeared. A large
number of these were recognized. Sevnumber of these were recognized. Sev-
eral were seen under the full glare of a Weilsbach gas light; some of them
came into the room six to ten feet from the cabinet opening, many of them and talked to us and their respective adjoining foom in no way connected with the cabinet; flowers were materialized,
seemingly from the air, as were also lace seemingly from the air, as were also lace
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Auguista, Ga.-The Society of Spirsary social the 31 st of March, at which was rendered a literary and musical pro-
gram, after which the evening was spent gram, after which the evening was spent pound packages which were sent by the that purpose Bidding these packages ment ran high. Through this method Ladies, Harmonial $\begin{gathered}\text { Club, which is an }\end{gathered}$ auxiliary to the Society, of Spiritual
Science A delightful supper was served
by the by the ladies, which had a tendency to
mellow all hearts, after which young and meld alike indulged in many old-fashioned games, until a late hour, when all went home feeling that the 51st Anniversary priately celebrated by the Spiritualists of this city.
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that has taken place in religious thought Mrs. Lillie spoke of the wonderful change
that has taken place in religious thought,
and the Aye of Reason, so long foretold and the Age of Reason, so long foretold
by Thos. Paine, which is dawning, upon
the world to-day. That class of spiritual phenomena which is so easily countercuous audiences, and the line of gross
materiality must be passed before we can discern spiritual things., Mrs. Lillie, gave a poem from the word ': Welcome,
and the meeting closed with the usual good night word.
Mime. Zoung's Mecting.-The Ma-
dam seems to have solved the problem, how to attract the young people and skeptics illed, three times every week. with youthful and unfamiliar faces, eager for
a word from the spirit land. Occult Science.-Dr. M. E. Potten ger, the representative of the Order of of Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, on Tuesday even-
ing, April 25 , and will deliver his fam-
ous lecture, Symbolism in a deck of $^{\text {In }}$, ing, Aprine "Symbolism in a deck of auspices. The Doctor is genial and enter-
taining, and has a message for the people.
Mirs. Whise, Mrs. Eberbardt's mother April 5th. The visit was pleasant and she feels much refreshed and invigorated
and will be welcomed by many friends. The Cirche or Mrammony meets every
Sunday, at Ocidental hall, 305 Larkin speeches, messages and a peneral Music, speeches, messages an
time. Admission free
Mmes. Drew and Rowimsom have Fraternity hall. This building has been and conditions should be good for sensitives. Last Sunday evening the hall was wy Dr.Davis and Mrs. H. A. Griffin. Free
badmission to these meetings. admission to these meetings.
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original poem- recited by, a young
man-a member of Mrs. Seal's groupwritten under spirit influence, deserves
more than a passing notice and will be
offered to the $J$ ournar for offered to the JounNax for publication. Wur next entertainment will be given on
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