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$\Rightarrow$ established in 1865. Truth wears no Mask, Bows at no Iluman Shrine, Seeks neither Place nor Applause : She only asks a Hearing. Done Dollar a Year.

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## A REVERIE.

The Summer tide flows full and sweet
OOr rose wreathed banks at Sunny Brae, An emerald sea breaks sat my foet.
An billow boughs and leaty spray
That iflt he air with tremors tine

White cionds flock up high hilis of blue, Like sheep by unseer shepherds 1ed;
Brisht thmming-birds sip honey-dew
Trom rom crimson roses overhead,
And golden-wingea butterflies
And golden-winged butuerthies,
Flit noiseless where the sunlight lies.
And here on Natures
And here on Nature's tender brea
My tired hartitus burden fings
Mit

My souls too eager quastionings,
That seek insumm ors opulente
Some healing balm for woes intens
O! wind-harps that are never mute,
Your songs are sweet but still
Tmiss


God infinite! the thing I ask,


And let the love that made life dear,
Hold mein its embrace onee more!
poured thro' heaven's wide

But hush ! great Nature gently bends From beauny's raptures to my soul
And wispers: Griest like these are friends;


Come, break the bonds of selfifs
Benolo orour darlings gioritidi
and
And let your sorrow and relief
In this:
Their joys are multipizie
Bethiee, Toverver sum sure muitlinuted wane
And faithful hearts shall meet again

##  <br> BORDERLAND: 

Flammarion Denies It.
Mons. Camille Flammarion positively denies the report, so eagerly published by the daily press, that he had abandoned the ranks of Spiritualists. In reply to the questions of $M$. Bourges, of the Paris Figaro, he said:
There is only one reflection, which I published after an article I contributed to the Annales Politiques Litteraire, which could have given rise to convictions
That article treated of
That article treated of the variVictor Hugo at Jersey. To questions put in verse by the great poet, the spirit replied, also in verse, of a beauty and force worthy of the master himself. I published and commented on them. that an independent spirit manifested itself, or that the medium found himself influenced by the thoughts of Victor Hugo, and it was in favor of this latter supposi-

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tion that I pronounced. However, I indicated that it was possible to support both hypotheses. The best proof that I have not aban doned the study of these phethe famous medium, Eusapia, from the famous medium, Eusapia, from at my own house the remarkable manifestations, like those of Home, produced by that woman.
I myself took instantaneous photographs of a table of which the four legs were raised some fifteen or twenty centimetres from the foor. As these phenomena took place at my house, you may be trickery, and that it is not on the morrow of the day when I witnessed such experiments that I should abandon spiritualistic researches. Nevertheless, I shall always be very severe concerning spiritualistic phenomena, which must be many credulous people whose illusions I do not share.


## lammarion, the

Camille Flammarion's reputation is world wide. The following concerning him and his investigations which led up to his being convinced of the fact of spirit existence and communication with those yet in physical life, will be read with much interest
Born in Haute-Marne 57 years ago, he was educated for the priesthood, but never took the vows. Instead of thus securing for himself a sure place in a spiritual
heaven, he felt more drawn toward heaven, he felt more drawn toward the work of solving, as far as in mim lay, the mysteries of the his earthly home; and, therefore as soon as he was able to do as he wished, he enrolled himself as a pupil at the Paris Observatory That he had perfectly diagnosed
his own qualifications and capabilities was soon made clear by his rapid ad vance in the mastery of his chosen science, and before he
reached the age of 30 he had delivered several series of lectures in Astronomy which attracted the attention and commendation of the entire scientific world
It was he who first suggested the practicability of the use of balloons in the study of upper atmospheric strata and his maps illustrative of this subject have never yet been improved upon in any way; while subjects are used as guides by many other renowned students of the wonders of the firmament.
Practical as was and is his strictly professional career, Flammarion has always been peculiarly drawn toward the realm of mysticism. Of in his characteristics he from childhood was possessed by a vague yearning after the seemingly unknowable in life and hereafter. Strangely enough, though, he never allowed his temperamental
desires to influence or cloud his desires to influence or cloud his
judgment. His self-recognition of judgment. His self-recognition of indeed, particularly discriminating and critical under all circumstances that appealed to the other side of his dual nature.
Earnestly desirous always of journeying beyond the limit of ordinary human knowledge, he yet insisted upon going every step of the way upon solid ground and
with his very bright and observing eyes wide open. He was always seeking information and looking for new light; but the slightest shafficient to disgust him and his peculiar investigative methods and his intolerance of sham made him dreaded by all frauds and fakirs.
Next week we shall detail some of his interesting experiences with Eusapia Paladino, and illustrate his methods.

## Spirit on a Bridge.

There is a bridge across the Spokane river just below Natatorium park, which was constructed by main supplying the post.
Soon after their arrival the mem bers of Company $M$ discovered this bridge and began using it on their trips to and from town. The city officials did not intend that the bridge should be used for traffic both ends. These abutments did not bother the negro soldiers, who managed to climb over them easily. Many of the soldiers used this bridge in preference to the ferry, by which most of the army post
business is carried, and especially
was this preference exercised by hose who reached the river after he ferry was shut down for the night. The bridge did a rushing busi ness until one night one of the sol breath and reported that he had seen a ghost while crossing it Several nights later, it is said another saw the spectral visitor and since then others have reported experiences, and the bridge is sel-
dom crossed after dark.
the tale of the spectre.
'It was late at night when I started to cross the bridge. After a hard pull i scrambled over the top of the abutment. I dangled in feet touched the solid planking My face was still turned toward the shore, but carefully securing a footing, I began slowly to turn around, fearful of the trip to come, for the night was dark, the boardway was narrow and the Spokane river rushed deep and swift below.
"When I had turned around and looked across the way which I must go, I was astonished to see bridge. Only a few feet from me stood a man with his back turned toward me. Glad of company in the lonesome place, I called to him. My words were answered only by the roar of the waters below and the moaning of the trees along the banks. Apparently he had not The stra
he stranger was surrounded by a dull, weird light, which made the broke the solid blackness for several feet around. Before this, the bridge on which I stood had been hidden by darkness, but I could see t easily now, and could the make beneath his feet.
"I felt like turning and running, but the high abutment was behind me and I felt that before I could reach its top I would be grasped and pulled back by my companion. An instinct told me to follow him and I obeyed and began to slowly creep across the bridge.

Clad in tattered rags.
As I followed, I had an oppor tunity to observe my strange leader. He was very poorly dressed, his He ches in se eral places being torn. which was pulled well forward. I did not see his face
"He walked erect on the narrow bridge and several times staggered as though drunk. I tried to call to him to warn him or the danger of falling into the river, but my tongue was tied by fright.

PLUNGED INTO THE STREAM
Slowly we crossed the bridge, I crawled along on my hands and
knees. We approached the other side. When but a few feet from and turned partially around. For a moment he stood thus. He wavered, endeavored to catch his balance and plunged headlong into the river below. I firmly grasped the planking and peered over the edge of the bridge and saw on

Slowly I crawled over the rest of the bridge, climbed over the barrier and ran to the post, expecting every second to be grasped by ghostly hands. Since that night I have not crossed the br

## Death of Indian Healer.

J. E. King, better known as the Cherokee Indian Healer, died on Sprague street viaduct, in Spo kane, Washington. He had built a log house there, and had been living in it for some time. He was 56 years old, and has two sons, who are on the Olympia with Dewey.
His only daughter died some time ${ }_{\text {King was not feeling very well }}$ When he went to bed. About 9:15 the neighbors heard him calling for assistance he got up and opened assistance he got up and opened ing greatly and died in less than three-quarters of an hour.

STRANGE THEORY OF DEATH.
The doctor who was called pro nounced it a case of heart failure, some one King had healed during the last few days that had entered into his system. He has often told them that he would die in that way, healer 1 is died in less thas minutes. He said that when faith healer cured a person, the disease from which they are suffer ing takes possession of the healer and if he is not strong enough to throw it off, he succumbs to it Whether the disease is fatal to the person who first had it or not, does as it is always fatal to the healer
Yesterday he attempted to cure
man of a cancer, and he worked himself up over it so that he was very weak.

MANY STRANGE CURES.
Many strange cures are said to have been worked by King during from Idaho, and even from Seattle, to be treated by him. He was said to have cured appendicitis, cancer and even consumption.
King's method of healing was pray simple in appearance. After patient, he would dip his fingers in warm water and touch the affected parts with his finger tips. So intense was the sensation produced
that it is said the patients would that it is said the patients would scream with pain when his fingers touched them. One of the most notable cures reported here occurred about a year ago, when a said to have been cured by five treatments.
King was a well-educated man and claimed to be a graduate of the medical college at Ann Arbor. A short time before his death he paid a visit to the Cherokee nation, welcomes by his old Indian friends.

The poorest bargain that ity for wate, is to give individual

The Wheat and the Tares.
Now there is an old saying made beautiful by the teacher, Jesus of Nazareth: "Seek and ye shall
find." I have always had to comfind.". I have always had to combat a. very skeptical mind of my with a predisposed thought that they were frauds, and as sure as am living not one word that they spoke to me would have an atom o truth in it; but some of my friends who have gone to these same medi ums have received the most won derful and beautiful messages from angel friends.
to try and see why we get lies to try and see why we get lies, when we expect lies, and those who theory of vibrations is true, every thought we think brings our minds into harmonious or inharmonious vibrations, and certain to bring the same vibrations to the medium

I have had many a sitting with Ada Foye, but never received a false communication from her, and never expected one. Being a sen-
sitive myself, I often feel the vibrations of fear and lies in the mind of those who come to me, and if I do feel them, the higher or better intelligence dispels them as the sunlight does the darkness of night Let an audience look with a thought upon a speaker that he or she is but a poor expression of what he or she ought to be and but let love and hope be in every heartbeat, the person on the ros trum will respond; but the sensitive who goes forth to teach must first cast out all hate, malice, avar-
ice, jealousy and envy, or what ice, jealousy and envy, or what
they say will never live. The reathey say will never live. The rea-
son the teaching of Jesus has stood son the teaching of Jesus has stood as a sacred thing for centuries
is because he loved all. He showed to man the infinitude of the possi to man the infinitude of the possi-
bilities of humanity; he taught us that it is human to err.
We hear so much of fraudulent communications, etc., but amid all of it a bright oasis often appears,
which makes us all 'take heart which
again.

## again."

beautiful the the knowledge of a beautiful thought lately, in Oakland, which savors of so much land who are teaching the spiritual philosophy and healing is Dr. Sol Palinbaum, and who was called upon by Mr. J. Esty of East Oak land and the Rev. John Parsons, since translated to spirit-land, and had a sitting. The Rev. gentleman spirit who said his name was Biola then the influence seemed to change and the intelligence spoke as Jesus did, saying: "I am not Jesus in person; I only am using the intel ligence to express my thoughts.
The medium is in a deep trance; do not tell him when he awakes but next Sunday night go to Fra-
ternity Hall and write the name of the intelligence that influences this medium and $I$ will prove to you, spirit return.
On the next Sunday night these two gentlemen went to the hall, sat in different parts of the room and Mrs. Ada Foye was on the rostrum. a ballot and wame hundreds written by others in the audience Mr. Palinbaum not knowing anything of this, wen late, and sat down near the door and never put in a name on a ballot Mrs. Foye, when she took up this ballot, not opening it, looked over the large audience and said "I see in the air down there, to the

I will spell it I cannot pronounce
it-B-i-o-1-a. Ah! right over it now the name of Jesus comes in golden letters." Three men arose the Rev. Parsons, in one part of the house, and Mr. Esty in another, each saying: "That is a test for
me," and Mr. Polinbaum rising and me, and Mr. Polinbaum rising and
saying that Biola is a guide that often spoke through him as his medium; but we cannot explain the reason the name of Jesus should appear with him. The Rev. explained and was a convert ever
after to Spiritualism. Let us look for good communications, and they wiil surely come. Let us not see, they will die for want ones, and ment. Auvergne [. Astor, M.D.
Fruitvale, Cal.

## Just Suppose.

Let us suppose, for the sake of an illustration, that Sam Slick Telegraph office and says to the operator: "I want to send a telegram to Mr. Depew, in New York, and I want you to guarantee me that if he answers me at all, he will not crack a joke on me-that the truth." Now, I imagine that Mr. Slick would find himself tumbling out on the sidewalk as merrily as Thomas Campbell once tumbled down a fiight of stairs, When he remarked to a passer-by: this paraphrase from 'Hohenlinden' is not the point we are aiming at. We will now suppose that Mr .
slick picks himself up and goes to a spirit medium to get a message a spirit medium to get a message
from the spirit-world. Of course, the medium has given many truthful messages, but cannot always vouch for the truth, any more than the telegraph operator can ; but it is safe to say that Sam Slick will make it difficult for the operator of the celestial telegraph to get satis-
factory results. And the world, and some Spiritualists, will pat Sam on the back and say: "Good boy; make it just as hard on the medium as possible, for that is the only way, you can be sure he is not a fraud."
Is this fair? Is not the medium of communication between the earth and spirit-land entitled to the same courtesy that is always given between individuals of different localities on earth? The person who will dispute this parallel and say there is no known communication between earth and spirit-land, exists over fifty years ahead of his
proper date. J. MARION GALE.

The Man with the Hoe.
After Mr. Gale's review of Markham's poem, "The Man with the survive. Our critic, after admitting the unfortunate inheritance and hard environments of the poor man who has ventured to rest his "aching stoop" a moment, proceeds to assert that he is responsible for what his rulers are, instead of their being in any way responsible for his condition.

What a waste of sympathy for the negro slaves, might have been Mr. Gale had been there to say that the slaves had made their masters what they were, instead of their rulers being responsible for the condition of their slaves. Further on, he intimates that the "thing"
should have had more push and
been a ruler himself. Lastly, he
is worried because the man does not work with more the man does not work with more energy, and potatoes to eat, and not sell them member that if he does sell his potatoes for "sour mash" they are his potatoes, and he is not appropriating the results of others' labor
to pay for imported wines and cigars. lution's awakening, but expect evolution's progress will come, not through the sneers of the favored ones, but through the love and
sympathy of the higher spirits sympathy of the higher spirits, the path to mental and spiritual progress will be by the way of progress will broved physical conditions.

Williamston, Mich.

## Man, a Miniature Sun.

The study of psychometry has statement to me the truth of the come, "a miniature sun." And no doubt other psychometrists can give a similar testimony, says a correspondent in Light.
equally developed in this we equally developed in this way.
Some who have written to me for psychometric delineations I have, after holding the letter, or whatever else was sent, in my hand for a while, discovered to appear quite luminous. This I have thought indicated a high degree of spirituality as well as strong magnetic and interests were more centered on this world had a very different appearance. The power is latent appearance. time to develop.
Psychometry is a gift which, if universally cultivated, would tend probably more than anything else mo the growth of charity in our midst; for no one can be justly with such strong tendencies to evil as psychometry indicates some to be, and who, perhaps at the same time, are living in environments which foster this tendency, so that
it will require something like a it will require something like a
miracle to change them. It may at times be not only needful, but merciful to place restrictions on those who have unfortunate tendencies abnormally developed; but by regarding them with pity instead of aversion, as is so often the case, we might rouse in them the
wish to reform, and so hasten the time when they, too, shall shine with the full radiance of true spirituality, and each become '"a miniature sun."

South Boulder Camp.-It is estimated there are 50,000 Spiritualists in Colorado, but until now there has been no acceptable place for a central yearly gathering. Geo. Taylor, of Denver, with his acres of land, comprising what is known as South Boulder Canyon, 27 miles from Denver, for a Summer outing and camping ground. which is growing in interest Sev, whal eminent mediums inspirational speakers and healers from different States, are already with us, and we have the promise of many more. Our camp will continue for at least a month longer. All letters of inquiry should be addressed to Geo. Taylor, Box 780 , Denver,
Colo.

## When I am a Hundred.

An Oakland clergyman, the Rev. sermon upon the theme, "If I Were Twenty Again;" has published it in pamphlet form and circulated it far and wide. It is a good sermon. middle-aged man would do if he middle-aged man would do if he differently. He would l ad a simple, wholesome life; would make but but good books; would learn to play on some instrument, and would make '"a distinct provision for the joy side of life." All of which is the discourse, however, is one which the preacher has left out: If all those good things at 20 , why not at 50 ?
All sermons should, not be preached for young men. The chances for improvement, mental or moral, are as good at one age as at another. There is a familiar story of an old man of to plant an orchard, but the son would not do so, because he thought he might move or die before the trees came into bearing. Thereupon the old man planted an orchard himself, despite the mocking of his son and his neighbors; at fruit and drink cider made from the fruit of those trees for many a healthy year.
As it was, with that apple orchard, so it is with every pind of fruit a man desires for his enjoy ment. The middle-aged man who feels the lack of early education, and finds his faculties deadening because he has nothing of music or art or other provision for the joywhen he sits down to consider what he would do if he were 20 again. Seventy is just as good a time as any to undertake whatever one really desires at 70. It is true that one learns more readily, when young, but it is also true that one remains young as long as he conpreacher should follow his sermon "If I Were Twenty Again," by a sequel with the title, "When I am a Hundred."-San Francisco Call.

Prof. Hyslop. That Professor Hyslop believes that he has found plete proofs of the soul's immortality can hardly be questioned. He states that he has arrived at his conclusions only after a most thorough and painstaking examination, in which all possibility of fraud was carefully excluded. Indeed, it is the very method of investigation employed which Prof. Hyslop so
strongly emphasizes; for he lays oreat stress upon the scientific methods, the care and exhaustive ness, which characterizes his inquiry and distinguish it from previous work in this direction. Louisville (Ky.) Dispatch.

Loving Spirits from spheres forever wisdom in the world of souls are forever seeking to approach the children of men the sublime truth of immortality. They reach but few because of the material barrier that men have erected between the inner and the outer worlds in which did, lifeless, while spirituality is warm-hearted, while spirituality is warm-hearted, loving, kind and ing teachers, that we may become
like unto them.-Banner of Light.

Reincamation-Gven=up.
The lovers of fair play delight to ell us that reincarnation is based on the Wivine Wisdom to give fair play to all by giving the same experiences to all in the course of time.
We must see, at once, that it would be a physiological impossi bility by any known rules of physi-ology-but we will waive that
We must admit that the truth is too meager to classify-but we will waive that.
The morality of the proposition to me is que
Personally, I have no desire to clandestinely climb into the family tree of somebody else; for I am perfectly satisfied with my parentsider the probleme that and conWe will take as a basis of calcula. tion for this evening-up process, the population of the earth when it had reached one million. Make that million to give each and all the same experiences. Then multiply this product by all the millions the earth has already pro duced-leaving what it will yet produce still to be multiplied; for each individual of each million must have all the experiences of lions.
Follow this calculation until you have sacrified a bundle of good fabers and a ream of good foolscap. By this time you will begin to think that if Pythagoras had commenced the calculation when on earth, and it had been kept warm with new end would not be as near as the end of the present century.
After working on this puzzle to my heart's content, I reflect that there have been "fools" for money, and there have been others. I am of this evening-up process was one of the others. J. Marion Gale.

America's Future.-The London, England, "Penny Pictorial Magazine" contains some peculiar predictions of Mdlle. Couëdon, the Parisian prophetess, who claims to be the medium of an ancient Spirit. For America she predicts-
First war, lots of it, then a great union of the American continent, no More war this time over ada. the most terrible war ever waged will be between England waged will Aerica, and England will lose. Then America's navy will be the first in the world, and the language of the United States will spread from pole to pole, and, worst of all, the English language will be governed by the States, and we McKinley may console himself that he will not die suddenly, and will be elected a second time.
After the terrible war between England and America, there will be a great reunion of the AngloSaxons, with America at the head, Germany next with her, and then England and the colonies which
had once been hers. On the other hand would be Russia, France, and China. The great struggle for commercial supremacy would continue between Saxons would win right through, and eventually rule the world.

腰 Thought of any value is always free and untrammeled.

Col. Ingersoll.- The Rev. J W. Hudson, pastor of the Christian Church of Santa Rosa, Cal., in a sermon about Ingersoll, remarks as follows
'Robert G. Ingersoll lived a Christian, even if dogma would not permit him to confess to be one. In abundant measure he had the Christ and his apostles. He was be absolutely hon est. If there is a heaven, I expect to find him there. He was no only a destroyer, but a builder of what he thought a truer, a holier religion-a religion based on reason. He stood for a loftier Christianity theoloory and much credulity called heology and much credulity called the whole religious world was against him; when he died he merely stood with the advanced pulpits of to-day. There has been no other one-man influence of wider magnitude in nineteenth-century eligion, differ from him as we may. He was tolerant in the face What Christ
try, so, in his lesser sphere, was Ingersoll to Christian dogmatism He left the church the message o liberty of conscience; he told it that the greatest blasphemy is to answer argument with calumny. His influence served to elevate the bried to replace bioo book. He ried to replace bigotry with a he absurdities of a theological Christ and gave us a Jesus who not one word against a hope of immortality. He arbitrarily swept away no man's belief. He merely said "Think! ", and men called him a blasphemer

The National Convention.Tickets on the certificate plan (one and one-third fare for the round trip) have been granted by the various roads. To secure this conession, purchaser must first buy full fare for the same. Be sure to ask your agent for a certificate when purchasing your ticket. This certificate, when properly signed by the Secretary at the Convention and vised by the special agent who will be in attendance, will entitle the holder to a return ticket (first class) for one-third fare. Certifi days prior to Convention three not included) and will be honored for return ticket until honore after adjournment. On arriving at Convention, deposit your certificate with the secretary for proper en dorsement.

Mary T. Longley, Sec.
Good Missionary -Mrs. S, thus, when renewing her subscrip ion, and sending, $\$ 1.00$ for the 'Hopkins Fund:" "I make my JOURNAL do all the good possible, by loaning it to those here who can't afford to take it. I then Gross Society for the soldiers How terribly the poor soldiers are reated by those who are not half as worthy as they! Why do wise and loving ones in the Invisible World allow it

Banish me from Eden when you will; but first let me eat of the Ingersoll.

## Remarkable Book.

OcCult Philosophy, or Natural Magic, by that Mystic, Thinker, Teacher, Scholar, Statesman, Phil osopher and Author-Henry Corne V., Emperor of Germany to Charles of the Prerogative Court. $\$ 500$ In 1509 Cornelius Agrippa, known as a Magician gathered together all the mystic lore he had obtained by the energy and ardor of youth and compiled it into the elaborate system of Magic, known as Occult Philoso phy. The one copy of the book

cost $\$ 75$. The translating, print this edition entailed an expense of over two thousand dollars.
All the original illustrations, and some new ones, are found, as also various etchings of characters. The chapter on the Empyrean Heaven contains some of the much-hidden "Tost Word" The ongraving is much older plate than the work i was taken from.
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The Symbols of the Alchemists will be found both useful and instructive. The chapter on the tion on the subject extant

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San Francisco, August 10, 1899.
Individuality.- Col. Ingersoll said: "I want no heaven for which I must give my reason; no happiness in exchange for my liberty, and no immortality that demands the surrender of my individuality." We agree with him in these asser tions. If we are to have no indi viduality-no conscious persona existence in the next life, as some would-be Spiritualists claim -then it would be really annihilation !

A Fanatic. - Mrs. Clemmons wants to have all the American coins made during the first year of the new century bear the image of Christ on one side, and the cross on the other, in gratitude to God, because Christianity has made America, she said. She forgets that the principal founders of this Republic were not Christians, but infidels, so-called. This is not a Christian nation. If it were, it could not be devoted to freedom.

The National Convention will be held in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 17 to 20 , in the 31 st St. Hall. Full particulars later. We hope some plan will be perfected to organize for effective work during the coming year, and also that a Statement of Principles will be adopted, so that the world may know what we are willing to declare as our principles, without misjudging us. We must unite upon some statement, and we want it defined. The world also wants to know what it is. All the liberalists and thinkers of the age are looking this way, and should be informed where we stand to-day, on our way up the ladder of pro gression.

眖家 The Southern California Harmonial Camp-Meeting of Spir itualists opens on Sunday, Sept. 3, at Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles City, Cal. See notice on next page

The Storm and tempest of thought is better than the dead

## Was Planned in the Spirit

 World.-Mr. W. T. Stead, in the American Monthly Review of Reviews, for August, when reviewing the work done by the Peace Congres at The Hague, pertinently remarks thus:Far more important than any thing which men do is the evidence which their deeds from time to them, and over them, and working them, and over them, and working mightier and wiser than they. The extraordinary manner in which the conference has been led, by a way it knew not of, to evolve a high court of justice among the nations is calculated to confirm the faith o "stream of tendency not ourselves which makes for righteousness."
In proof of this position, Mr. Stead cites these facts, showing conclusively that the Peace Con gress was the result of plans ar ranged by higher intelligences than ours:

When the delegates met at The Hague on May 18 , few of them (possibly none of them) believed that they had come on anything but a fool's errand. They said
frankly that they did not believe frankly that they did not believe anything would come of it. But after six weeks they see, even the most whereof they are glad war is codification of the laws of any conference might be proud, and it is very satisfactory that a last-after thirty years-the benificent rules of the. Geneva Convention are now to be extended to naval warfare
But these provisions for regulating war, or for rending its suffer ings less acute, are trivial when compared with the measures taken break of war and to provide for the administration of a system of international law
If twelve months ago any one had predicted that the representatives of all the governments would be employed for two months in the universal establishment of a system of arbitration among na tions, he would have been derided as the idlest of dreamers. But this strange thing is coming to pass before our eyes.

At the celebration of the Fourth of July at Delft, Ambassador White the former president of Cornell University, gave an address wherein he stated that Grotius, the Dutch patriot, with antiquated theology, was nearer right than many of his critics.

But still more surprising was Mr. White's invocation of the shade of William of Orange, 'The Silent,' in order to suggest the possibility in order to suggest the possibility communication, between the other world and this-a doctrine which Ambassador White always held in special horror. Yet, what Spirit ualist could wish for a more defi nite expression of hope and belie than is to be found in the following passage
'But if the dead, as we fondly hope, live beyond the grave, if un disturbed by earthly distractions,
human affairs if freed from earthly trammels. Their view of life in our lower world is illumined by that infinite light, which streams and beautiful. May we not piously believe that that mighty and beneficent shade of William of Orange recognized with joy the birth hour of Grotius as that of a compatriot who was to give the Netherlands lasting glory? May not that great lovingly upon Grotius as a bed lingering upon this spot, where we now stand, and recognized him as one whose work was to go on adding in every age, new glory to the nation which the mighty Prince of the house of Orange had, by the blessing, of God, founded and

Baron de Staal said he had never enjoyed any celebration more; such things usually bored him, but this American festival was

We are glad to notice that the Spiritual Philosophy is permeating the thinking world-and being welcomed everywhere, by great and small, high and low, rich and poor. Let us all rejoice and be exceedingly glad. Liberty is enlightening the world.

Boil it Down.-That is what our correspondents must do if they want to have their articles printed in the Journal. We have a large quantity waiting now, which must be boiled down before we can accommodate the writers.

When we boil the articles down that are already written, some of our correspondents boil over about it. To avoid this, let every writer boil it down before sending to us. One of our exchanges aptly puts this advice into a verse, thus:

If you've got a thought that's happy,
Make it short, and crisp, and snappy
Boil it down.
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
When your brain its coin has minted,
Down the page your pen has sprinted,
If you want your efiort printed,
Take out every surplus letter-
Fewer syllables the better-
Boil it down.
Like Attracts Like.-I often see in the Spiritualist papers, that "like attracts like," and good spir its come to those who are good, and the bad to those who live bad lives. Now I must question that statement, for in my work those come to me that I know I do not attract, by any mode of living of myself or my husband-I mean some one in the physical to help them out of their earth-bound conditions, and only those who try to live good, pure lives can help them; so I contend that like does not always attract like. A Pilgrim.
[The spirits who seek avenues to learn and to progress, are not the ones generally alluded to by the phrase, "Like Attracts Like ; " but those who come to stay, to control, or to become friends or companions, by being attracted to those ions, by being attracted to those
spirits in the physical form.-ED. 1

Every Person should have a character peculiarly individualized -to be unlike any other, to do just what no other person can-in other words, to fulfill his own destiny

## Col. Ingersoll Heard from.

The Baltimore Sun of July-25 says that Dr. William Franks, 251 West 23 rd St., New York, had a communication from spirit Col. Robert G. Ingersoll.
Dr. Franks' conversation with the late agnostic occurred about noon. Among those present were Charles Broadway Rouss, his millionaire friend, and Charles Davis, who was formerly Colonel Ingersoll's lecture agent.
The Doctor stated that Colonel Ingersoll said that he was much worried about a letter he expected to receive from Archbishop Corrigan, in reply to a note which he had sent to the Archbishop asking him these two questions
'Why should a man go to another man to confess his sins?
and why should he not go directly and why should he not go ",
to God, if there is a God?
He said he found his state of existence in the other world far from his expectations. He seemed to be comfortable. Dr. Franks explained to his auditors that Colonel Ingersoll was satisfied that death was not the end, but that he death was not the end, but that he was right in his
there was no hell.
Colonel Ingersoll said that Dr. Parker, of London, whom he met in life, since they had met in the spirit-land that he (Dr. Parker) had realized the falsity of many things that he had taught.
There was a Rev. John Tilley, of Baltimore, whom Colonel Ingersoll had met on earth several times. Since meeting Dr. Tilley again in the spirit-land, the Baltimore divine recanted many of the things that he had taught during life and admitted that he had altered his views materially

Free Masonry.- A Masonic periodical in New South Wales, quoting the Outlook, says that the ban of the Church of Rome has been taken off, in the United States of America, and that 'priests are allowed to officiate at the burial of members of secret societies in consecrated ground, provided they have not been openly hostile to the church." The Trestle Board of San Francisco makes this denial
This is not correct. Not many months since a funeral occurred in San Francisco where three firemen, who were Gatholics, were buried at one time. The procession went to a Catholic church, where two were admitted to the church service, street in the hearse and went to an unconsecrated cemetery," followed by his weeping widow, without so much as a prayer over his remains, and this because he was a Freemason. This is the attitude of the Romish church toward Masonry throughout the United States, and no o thing. Masonry would do such a thing. Masonry opposes no are Masons in all countries.

We need men with moral courage to speak and write their convictions, even to the very death -Col. Ingersoll.

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cisim. These brethren, under the alleged leadership of Moody, propose to start a new propoganda for pose to start a new propoganda Wr doubt if many orthodox ministers will be foolish enough to enter this campaign against scholarship and intelligence. The higher criticism has come to stay, because it is the nest search.-Unity.

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Yet this wonderous land of the midnight su
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Oh, beautiful childof nature fair, Reveal thy hidden treasures there,
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In Summer beneath where flowers grow. Are millions of gold, yet searching in vain, Billions of gold, in thy bosom concealed Alaska, take pity; let it be revealed
To the weary searcher, the men who explore
This wonderous country, and open the door
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we stand spell-bound, almost content to view them from afar.
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## Letter from Prof. Patterson.

To the EDitor: Journat dated June 29, containing an article, entitled W. Carpender, M. D. I heartily endorse every word of it, including its reference confidence in the reformation of such heartless, unprincipled people. In one of our meetings, in Scotish Hall, a lady,
who sat near the platform, asked Mr who sat near the platiorm, asked Mr.
Garrison this question: when you
were impersonating mediumship, did you not know you were perpetrating
fraud? He answered, "Yes." "Then why did you continue, doing so? Why answer was the reply ther one only true could or, can give, is: "It pays too well to
stop it," and just as long as Spiritual stop continue to patronize such impost ists continue to patronize such impostnounce and expose them, when they are
detected, and proven to be frauds, just
that long will Spiritualists be imposed upon., Their hypocritical cry of 'repent ance: sounds to me much like the excuse
offered by the person who destroyed a
yalued article. He is so sorry; but when valued article. He is so sorry; but, when
you ask him if he is sorry enough to pay ntirely. Just so, in the case of thes mere make make restitution of their stolen wealth give back to the poor dupe the tear through fraud-then, and not till then, can ation. What has their assumed reformation amounted to ? Do they prove by thei itualism is not true? Not at all; they merely prove the degradation of ther
own minds; the lack of principle pos-
sessed by the imposter. Like the serpents, whom the magicians cast down before Moses or Aaron, though seem-
ingly a good imitation of the genuine,
yet, how soon destroyed, when conyet, how soon destroyed, when con
fronted with the living truth?
The brazen gall possessed by some of them is astounding. Did the true spirit

When he presented himself before a body
of ministers? Or was it based on mercenary motives alone? Did he for one
moment imagine that his crnde methods moment imagine that his crnde methods
would be accepted by those gentlemen, These are but a few of the questions that every penitent reformer should answer, and deluded public. these unprincipled charlatans, by pub lishing such arpicles as that written by Dr. Carpender also, the comments of
the Rev. Dr. Minot Savage, on "Fake
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ety of San Francisco, Oalifornia.

## Ministers nnd Fake Mediums.

To the Editor
I can easily understand why fakirs take up with church people, because they make money at it ; but why Chrisnot comprehend, unless on the principle
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stroy, they first make mad." Spiritual-
ism always was, from the time that stroy, they first make mad." Spiritual
ism always was, from the time that
human souls passed over, and always was true. It is a natural and well-dem-
onstrated fact, and the churches are
tearing down a superstructure built on onstrated fact, and the churches are
tearing down a superstructure built on
their own foundation. their own foundation.
is no future life; and if there is no future life, then Christianity is a great decep-
tion, a glaring fraud the worst of all
delusions-and the sooner it is eradicated, the better for humanity. is eradi Dear Editor, be faithful to your high
calling, and you will succeed. The truth
shall prevail, and those who Spiritualism, now, will yet have their
eyes opened as did Paul, to eyes opened, as did Paul, to see the the
truth, and the truth shall make them fruth

Letter from san Jose, Cal.
To The EDITOR
Since I wrote you last, I visited Santa
Cruz and the shore of Monterey bay The G. A. R. had an encampment at
Santa Cruz, in July. There was a little city of tents down near the weach. By careful estimate, we found fuliy 60 per
cent. of the campers were Spiritualists.
I found many Spiritualists residents of cent. of the campers were Spiritualists.
I found many Spiritualists residents of
Santa Cruz. Among them I met Mr.
Bonestell, an old worker in the cause. Bonestell, an old worker in the cause.
H. C. Johnson, president of San Jose
Spiritual Soeiety, was with me. We Spiritual Soeiety, was with me. We
drove down the beach to Watsonville, a
splendid little city, situated 5 miles splendid little city, situated 5 miles
from the beach, in one of the richest and most productive valleys of the State, There was some private work going on
It was an interesting drive of 30 miles grain fields. There is no spiritual soci grain in Gillroy, a town nearly as large as
Watsonville, say 4,000 inhabitants. Watsonville, say
Dr. Carpender
is entertaining. the
Spiritualists Sunday forenoon and evening at San Jose. He will probably stay ing many friends. I must say a word
about W. C. Bowman, who was with us during the month of June. I don't one more brilliant for spiritualists than did the month of June, under M.
Bowman's splendid addresses.
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Convention News. - The business sessions of the coming Convention will
be held in Memorial Hall, Odd Fellows
Building. An invitation, Repen Building. An invitation Reception to Delegates will be given by the Mediums
Protective Association, in the same hall on Fridive evening, followed by a dance
and banquet to delegates. There will and banquet to delegates. There will
be no meeting Saturday night. Sunday
afternoon, in the main hall, there will be a conference meeting, and a rousing
meeting Sunday evening. Free admismeeting Sunday eve
Whe Monteanma Granger writes
from the Kings' Daughters Home, 217
Francisco St Francisco St.: On the fifth Sunday in July the Spiritualists held a meeting in
the chapel here, addressed by Mrs. Sarah
Seal and Alfred Gough. A half dozen Seal and Alrod Gough. A half dozen ing was a very enjoyable one. Let the $3 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Mediums' Protective Association.
The meeting in Oriental Hanl last
Thedneslay eyening was blessed with ten test mediums, anl of whom took part in the exercises. If you don't attend procession
The Psychic Society of Oakland Hotel Merritt, on the evening of July
31 The resignation of President H. S.
Brown was accepted, and Mrs. M. E . Brown was accepted, and Mrs. M. E.
Coleman elected in his stead. Per capita
tax was voted and delegates to the State tax was voted and delegates to the State
Convention elected. This society is prosperous and harmonious, and they are
sure to be heard from in the Convention.
Sister Julia, whose life is devoted to the care of waifs and foundlingse, reneed of financial assistance. Mr. and
Mrs. Eberhardt called a meeting at
their hall, 3250 Twenty-second St on their hall, 3250 Twenty-second St., on
Monday evening, July 31 st. Misses Etta Geitin, Mrs. Jennie Robinson, Mrs. L. Clarke and Mrs. Eberhard furnished 1 rocceds, togrether with a collection
laken in Mme. Young's meeting on Sunday night, netted quite a neat sum for the adverse conditions of life have cast shadow
The Children's Progressive Ly-
count, OQ9 Market St., was well at-
tended, Sunday morning, oth inst. The tended, Sunday morning,' 6 th inst. The
subject for words of wisdom was "Order." Mrs. Sarah Seal spoke to the children
along this line of thought. John Barnes,
a Nebraska soldier, just returned from a Nebraska soldie, just returned from
the war. spoke a few words on Temper-
ance. Friends of the children are always welcome, from $10: 30$ to 12 m .
Mres. SADE E . Cook,

Oakland.-The notice in the Jour
NAL of August 3 failed to state that the
ostrum at 1169 Broad way was, in the rastrum at 1169 Broadway was, in the afternoon, occupied by Dr. A. L. Astor
Her subject chosen by the president ualism, which the doctor handled in
her masterful manner. The audience her masterful manner. The audience
was small, but very appreciative. Dr
Astor will speak for the Union Spiritual Astor will speak for the Union Spiritual
Society Wednesday evening, Aug. 16, at the hall, $856 \frac{1}{2}$ Isabella St, and wind wope
a good audience will greet her. Vox. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie will attend the represent the RELIGIO-PMricosophicai Journal, take subscripthey will receive hearty welcome in Southern California. Camp, commencing Aug. 27.
The Lecture on "The Palmistry of Polk St., Monday evening, was wel
attended, and the audience was delightattended, and the audience was delight-
fully entertained by a recital of the
peculiarities of ancient palmistry. The metaphysical phase of this interesting science is being treated weekly by Palm-
iea, who cordially invites the public to
his parlors on Monday evenings. his parlors on Monday evenings.
The Ladies' Aid has resumed its meetings, which will be held in Mrs. p.m. uatil further notice.
mermelichrotherhood.- The open evening, Aug. 1, at 856 Hayes St., was opened with meditation on "peace and
harmony.", Mrs. Francese Rogers sang
"Violets," and Dr. A. S. Brackett read a very able paper, on the "Theosophical and Mrs. Rogers sang a duet, and a very
The Oullook for the coming Convention is the brightest in the history of the
State Association. The hall arrange-

Friendship Hall. - Mrs. Meyers' meetings ar Dr. Stitu's Meeting, Sunday evening,
was ministered unto by Mrs. Bird, Mrs.
Vigars and H. E. Hargrave. The meet. Vigars and $H$. . E . Hargrave. The meet-
ings are held in the doctor's office, 9 A
Mrs. Menderson's meeting, at 148 Sixth St., is always well attended; the
one last Sunday was no exception. H. H. Brown held his usual Sunday evening meeting. The evening is de-
voted to "Soul Culture." The subject
of his discourse Mime. iE. Young's Sunday night the guides of Mrs. Sarah Seal. The test work of the Madame was really as good as could be done by the world's greatest medium, excellence of the entertainment and instruction.
Mediums as Delegates.- It is al-
most certain that all endorsed mediums will be made delegates to all State Con-ventions-the first business transacted
at the coming Convention. If they do the election of their own interests in The relephone has eturn of the "Small", family from their
Mr. H. A. Clifford, inventor of the Clifford automatic voting m
located at 1224 Noe St., city.
The Spiritual Union.-The oldest society in the city held a business meeting. Getting ready for the Convention; that is right; fall in line.
Universal Spiritual Associalion.-
At 20 Eddy St, last Sunday, at 12 m ., At 20 Eddy St, last Sunday, at 12 m. ,
began the discussion of the question,
"What "What Conditions Justify the Accusation of Others?"" Next Sunday the Syestion will be, "The Expression of life. These meetings lead in the pro-
cession of advanced thought. Are you keeping step?
Two Soldier Boys.-Mr. Errol Reyn-
olds and Mr. Geo. H. Bullis, the latter a nephew of the local scribe of the JourNal, called at the ofice last Saturday evening. The boys have been mustered
out of the 50 th Iowa Volunteers, and
have re-enlisted in the rerular army for have re-enlisted in the regular army, for
the campaign in the Philippines. They sain direct from the friring line. The
them hail from Davenport, Iowa.
Will s. Baily, delivered a lecture on ical Society in Odd Fellows' Hall last
Sunday evening.

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> M. S. NORTON, Pres.

1429 Market St., San Francisco San Francisco, Aug. 1, 1899
$\underset{28 \text { Elis. May Van Auken, Palmist, of }}{\text { Mat., read palms in public, on }}$ Sunday evening, in Pythian castle. The interest in the demonstration of the
science was manifest in the packed hall
Oakland.-Fraternal Hall meeting was entertained in the afternoon of sun day, Aug. ${ }^{6}$, by Mrs. Seeley, and in the
evening Mrs. Louisa S. Drew, both o San Francisco.
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