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### Visits of the Death Wraith.

Death wraiths are affording great encouragement to the Psychical Research Society, inasmuch as they give exceptional satisfaction as objects of study in what is vulgarly called the supernatural. Of course, there can be no such thing in reality as the supernatural, but that phenomena deserving to be called supernormal do occur is declared by experts in such matters to be beyond question. Death wraiths have secured for themselves indorsement by so great a number of reliable persons who have actually seen them that no further doubt need be entertained as to their veracity. Indeed, this demonstration—for it amounts to that practically—is the most important result thus far achieved.

A death wraith, of course, is the apparition of a dying person beheld by another person at a distance. For example, suppose that A, shipwrecked in the Pacific Ocean, is struggling for his life in the waves. B, his mother, is in Boston. It is quite within the limits of possibility that the visible likeness of the drowning man, drenched, sad, imploring, shall present itself to the mother, though so many thousands of miles intervene. She has not known of the danger threatening her boy, and the fact that he perished on that day and in that hour is not ascertained until afterward, when the news comes by mail. That such things have very frequently occurred is attested by a mass of evidence which is equivalent to proof. It is confirmed by the testimony of thousands of reliable persons.

It would seem as if, at the time of death, there was a loosening of the bonds which fasten the spirit to the body, so that, in advance of actual dissolution, the moribund is able to dispatch an incorporeal messenger to an indefinite distance, whether to give a warning or to convey information of his demise. Take, for instance, the experience of Miss R., which has been noted in the records of the Psychical Research Society. She writes:

"At the time of my sister's death I was sleeping in my mother's room, and my thoughts were very much with my sister, who was ill in Dublin. Just as I lay down—the firelight was bright, though I had put out my candle—I plainly saw her lying dead beside me, with her arm outside the clothes. I scarcely slept at all that night, and there my sister lay by my side; and I was glad to have her, knowing

too well what would be the contents of the telegram next morning. When the telegram arrived, I said: 'I know what it says without opening it. My sister is no more.' And so it proved."

Mr. E. A. furnishes the following: "It was at Milan, Oct. 10, 1888. I was living at the Ancora Hotel, and after dinner, about 7 o'clock, I was sitting on the sofa, reading a newspaper. My wife was lying on a couch in the same room, which was lighted by a lamp. Looking up suddenly, I saw near the door the figure of my father, dressed in black and deathly pale. At the same moment I heard a voice whisper close to my ear: 'A telegram will notify you that your father is dead.' I jumped to my

not supernatural, powers. Her story follows in her own words:

Within the three and a half years that have passed since the death of the brilliant Kate Field, my days have been full of experiences for which no conceivable explanation can account, save that she is living under conditions that permit constant communication between her and myself.

It was on Oct. 24, 1896, that, by Dr. Hodgson's kind arrangement, I had the first "sitting" with Mrs. Piper since the death of Miss Field. After writing some personal expressions, Miss Field wrote, through Mrs. Piper's hand, an explanation of the will she had made. With characteristic vehemence, she alluded to some comments that had

Mrs. Piper (I being in my home eight miles away) and wrote:

"Tell them to give Lillian the ashes if she wants them."

Returning to Boston in the afternoon, Dr. Hodgson sent me this message in a note, saying:

"Of course, there is no sense in this, and I made Miss Field write it over two or three times, but this seems to be what she said. So I send it to you, but of course it is nonsense."

Does not this indicate that Miss Field had read my letter to her Chicago executor, or my thought in writing it?

One more instance, and I must conclude. Among Miss Field's papers was a long letter by Edgar Allen Poe to her father, Joseph M. Field. On an August day of 1897, I was suddenly aware that Miss Field said to me:

"Lillian, I want you to give the Poe letter to Mr. Stedman."

Now, I did not know at the time any reason for this choice of Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman beyond the fact that he was one of her most valued friends. I sent the letter, however, and under date of Aug. 20, 1897, Mr. Stedman wrote me, saying:

"\* \* \* As for the Poe letter, I scarcely know what to do. Don't you know that it is rare and valuable? But of course you do, and of course that is why you give it to me. Well, I have Poe's best daguerreotype and a famous Poe manuscript, and I need just this letter to go with them and make my memorial complete. So I am incontinentally resolved to keep it."

I had not ventured to tell Mr. Stedman that I believed it to be Miss Field's own direction, and he may learn here for the first time.

In any attempt to select reliable instances from a vast and constantly accumulating mass of evidence, one is the victim of an embarrassment of riches. In my own experience, the objective communication through a medium has linked itself with a thousand mental and actual experiences and occurrences. No one sitting is isolated from the currents of daily life. Miss Field narrates her experiences in her new condition with the same keen and brilliant humor that she often did when here.—*New York Herald.*

### Astrological Prophecies.

Prof. Lyman E. Stowe of Detroit, Mich., says:

Wonderful and terrible events are predicted for the year 1900, the last of the closing century. Astronomers and Astrologers look to the extraordinary conjunction of the planets, soon to occur, for disastrous results to the earth, and many theories are abroad, probably some of them erroneous.



MISS LILLIAN WHITING, of Boston.

feet and advanced hastily toward my wife; but, not wishing to frighten her, I explained my movement by saying that the tea-kettle was on the point of boiling over. At 11 o'clock on the same evening we were taking tea with some visitors, when the concierge brought me a telegram. I cried out: 'I know what it is; my father is dead—I have seen him.' The telegram was from my sister in St. Petersburg, and it read: 'Papa died suddenly. Olga.'

### Lillian Whiting's Experiences

Miss Lillian Whiting, of Boston, is the latest person to come forward with a story showing that Mrs. Piper has at least supernormal, if

been made, and then asserted her desire to tell me why the will was so devised.

After the finding of Miss Field's will, it was decided by her executors to have her body brought for cremation in San Francisco, and to consign the ashes to Boston, that they might be committed in the Field family plot in Mount Auburn. Suddenly finding that I should be in Chicago, I wrote to the executor in Chicago asking if he could not have the urn consigned to him in that city and permit me to carry it to Boston. This letter I wrote and sealed in the solitude of my own room, no one having the slightest idea of it.

Within two or three days—and I think it was the next day—Miss Field came to Dr. Hodgson through

Never in the history of this country did a political situation bring so much excitement as awaits us in 1900, and never was our country in such danger. For the whole of the coming year our people will be kept in a whirl of hopes and fears, joys and sorrows, and at the end of the year they will have forgotten much of it in their wondering, as now, what will the next year bring forth?

Perhaps the most startling prediction as affecting the people of the United States, was that of the danger threatened President McKinley.

President McKinley is in danger of assassination during the year of 1900, as is also Gen. Otis, or the man who may relieve him; also the Premier of Canada. It is more than likely that we shall hear of the death of the Pope, the Queen of England and the Czar of Russia.

My reasons for judging of the probability of the assassination of President McKinley and the Premier of Canada is the eclipse of the moon which occurs December 16, first visible between Nova Scotia and the coast of Maine, while the moon is in Taurus near the Pleiades. All Astrologers claim that an eclipse of the moon taking place while the moon is in that position, means violent death of the leading man of the country where the eclipse is first to be seen. Or, if not actual death, an attempted assassination.

The great conjunction that is now exciting the world takes place in December, with the point of conjunction in Sagittarius and the earth opposite with Neptune in Gemini. Just this position has never before been known, and the earth is at present drawn three degrees out of its orbit, or regular course. Thus it is feared this conjunction, with so many planets on one side of the sun and the earth on the other, may produce prodigious tidal waves, internal disturbances and great earthquakes.

The eclipse of the moon occurring Dec. 16, 1899, must be taken into consideration, as it bears a great influence on the first three months of the year. The moon at the time will be on the sign Taurus, the bull, in the house of wealth, in opposition to Jupiter, the god of wealth in the house of death. Taurus rules Ireland, Persia, Asia Minor, the archipelago, southern part of Russia, the Islands of Cyprus and Samoa, also the Transvaal and South Africa. Thus to those countries we may look for the most excitement and stirring events for the first three months of the year. And the smaller powers must yield to the greater, but the greater powers will not escape severe punishment. In the financial and commercial world, the bulls and the bears seldom experience such excitement as they will during the close of this year and the first three months of 1900. This position also points to some failures of very large concerns, and the death of many people of note.

An unusual number of suicides and murders will also take place from Jan. 1, 1900, to Jan. 15, and so on every 88 days, when Mercury enters and leaves Sagittarius. These prophecies may be included in the whole coming year, but with increased violence at the period mentioned. A close observer will notice that the majority of people are more or less anxiously looking for wonderful events to be ushered in with the coming new century, and naturally enough are mistaking 1900 for the beginning of the new

century, though 1900 is really the close of the nineteenth century.

It is impossible to give as full particulars for the whole coming year as can be given later, for the reason that all the eclipses are not yet figured out, but the predictions will furnish food for watchful study.

### The Unseen and the Seen.

MRS. CHARLES LONG.

Ques.—Well, C—, your first article has been published.

Ans.—It is the very desire of my heart that you should write, and this article will give help to so many; I mean the earnest workers. You will throw a light on the work; it will help all those who are deeply in earnest; but there are so many who only talk. They will not work, and they want those who do work earnestly, to carry them along.

Ques.—You said the other day that when I had gained the Central Force fully, that I must use it carefully. Please explain.

Ans.—My dear one, when you have the Central Force as much as I have, you must use it very carefully on all who are not strong, or it would cause great exhaustion. Send it for a few minutes; then stop awhile; then send the powerful love waves again. We will call it love waves. I like the name better, as it is the air that we live in.

Ques.—Have I ever succeeded in drawing from the Central Force?

Ans.—Many times. When you bring yourself into the silent concentration, you then draw; at some times you draw more than at others.

Ques.—Please tell me something more about our work.

Ans.—You have gained in the dawn sittings. There will come to you, very soon, the power to know and feel that you have received the great and true light. Your continued work will give you the great knowledge of light of love.

Ques.—Tell us what you mean by a knowledge of light of love?

Ans.—You will have the power to penetrate the forces of my life and of the earth. It will be to you like a great search-light, to know, and see, and feel.

Ques.—Dear C—, what interferes most with gaining the Central Force?

Ans.—To worry is very hurtful. My dear one, all who take up this work will have to act faithfully and with great earnestness. The first step is to have all love, and no envy or malice. They who take it up must always speak the truth; they must be pure in thought and word; they must be loving and true. When you find this, then they will succeed.

Ques.—Did you not write once through M— "Man destroys his force by constant talk?"

Ans.—Yes; great power is added by silence.

Ques.—Can I get the Central Force, when the window is closed?

Ans.—Yes, but not as strong or as perfect, and when my two dear ones go to the beach, where the power is so pure, they must be alone. You must draw on the Central Force when you see the waves break on the beach. From each wave comes a bright light, to you, and to all who wish it; it flows over you with an electric shock.

Ques.—When we go into a house that has been occupied by many people, what do you see of their lives?

Ans.—So much that is evil. I see on the walls and furniture many things that are wrong—oh, worse than wrong.

Ques.—C—, we have another magnificent surf to-day; did you see it with us?

Ans.—I enjoyed the great waves. To-day is a day of great power to gain strength from the grand depths of the ocean. Oh, if we could only have you fully understand what you could obtain from that overwhelming sea.

Ques.—What are the best conditions for obtaining the Central Force?

Ans.—I wish you to be warm and in perfect repose; then will come to you more readily the Central Force. You must be absolutely calm; I can reach you so much more easily when you are physically and mentally at rest. Your power of concentration has increased and is giving me great joy. When you have obtained that, it will be so easy accomplish what you wish. Remember, it is concentration and the power to become very tranquil.

Ques.—C—, do you know that I have had many things to trouble me lately?

Ans.—I feel your earth worries. Draw to you the power that will bring success.

Ques.—I wish I could understand more clearly the nature of the Central Force. Is it spiritual stuff which I add to my spirit, as we add food and air to our bodies?

Ans.—I will try and make it clear to you. If you were to put a large, dry sponge in water, you know how it would take it up; it would be heavy with the water when it had absorbed all it could hold. Now, in time, you will have more of the Central Force than you can hold, but you can give it to others, and they will feel that they have received a power from you. I do so hope that you understand what I have said to you; if you do not see it clearly, I will try again. It is by that power that all the great events of to-day have been accomplished.

Ques.—Do all great inventors have it?

Ans.—My dear ones, every great invention, or any great work that has been done, has been of the Central Force. Poets, singers, artists, lawyers and business men have it. I, your C—, had it in earth-life, but I did not know it. That was the reason that I could come back to you. It is the greatest power of the earth. It was known in the East and they used it for healing and sending messages in times of war. If they wished to reach their friends, they communicated with them in that way, instead of writing long and tiresome letters.

Ques.—When they sent messages in times of war, did they have stations at short distances apart, or could they send intelligence to any distance?

Ans.—The Rajah says, that in times of great trouble, they had stations about 100 miles apart, but when they wished to reach those that they loved, distance was nothing.

Ques.—Dear C—, when I bring myself in harmony with the divine mind, does not that harmony extend to every person and thing in my life surroundings? It is not only when I sit to send out the love waves, but also when I am busy with the duties of the day, if I am holding the perfect tranquility, the inner calm, that the forces of harmony are passing out through me to help and protect every person and thing that belongs to me?

Ans.—Read that again and very slowly.

I read it and C— wrote: "My dear one, that is just what I would

like to have said. Everything that is of you, and in your life, is helped by your divine love, and you gain at every sitting the beautiful, restful force. When you sit to send out the love waves, at first be very quiet, and then begin to draw in long and deep breaths, and the powerful love waves will come to you.

### Earnest Inquiries.

BY J. M. PEEBLES, M. D.

The doctrine of no evil and no matter—"but that all is mind"—is the absurd theory of Mrs. Eddy, the noted Christian Scientist, in her book, "Science and Health." These are her printed words: I have demonstrated the proposition that all is mind.

Scholars, metaphysicians, reformers, and the literati of the centuries, have been toiling to redeem the drunkard, to free the slave, to educate the ignorant, and to make the wrongs of the world nearer right—in brief, better—but if all is "good"—if all is "mind"—if all is "right"—if all is "spirit"—why so strive to benefit humanity? Or, can pure spirit be made more spiritual?

1. If all is good, and if all is "mind," why talk of "the reforming influence of the world?" If the world is good,—if the world is all spirit—can it be, should it be reformed?

2. One writer further says: "We need to know how to spiritualize the gross material conditions of our environments;" but, according to the affirmations above, they are already "good"—they are "spirit." Will such persons tell us, therefore, how to "spiritualize" spirit?

3. As all is "good," then ignorance is good, perjury is good, forgery is good, thieving is good, larceny is good, slander is good, highway robbery is good, malicious murder is good. And everybody will admit that the good—the doing of "good"—should be encouraged. If not, why not?

4. If everything is "good"—if everything is "mind"—the virus of the rattlesnake is mind, the froth of the mad-dog is mind, the putrefying viscera of an old carrion carcass is mind—and, if so, does not mind, under certain conditions, stink?

5. I am treating a man for obesity. He weighed 290 pounds when he first came to my office—that is, weighed 29) pounds of "mind." I am trying to reduce his "mind" by mild, magnetized medicines, by perspiration, and a light, nitrogenous diet? Am I doing right in removing a portion of his "mind"?

6. Three thousand Hindoos perished last year in India by cobra bites—that is, they were bitten by "mind"—by "spirit"—(for all is spirit) and died. The query is: How many cobra bites, which are "good"—which are "mind"—will it take to educate the pariahs of India and construct everywhere, in all lands, infirmaries, hospitals, orphan asylums, and homes for the aged?

7. A furious mad-dog, panting and frothing at the mouth, bit several persons the other day on the street. Now, would it be pathologically and medically correct to say that "one of these persons bitten by 'mind' died of hydrophobia?" Is poisonous mad-dog froth, causing hydrophobia, "good"?

These are not so much my questions as they are the questions of many who are inquiring into the merits of "Christian Science?" The way they are put may be considered perhaps a sort of *reductio ad*

*absurdum*. Nevertheless, they are not designed to stir up any controversy, nor are they asked in any captious controversial spirit, but simply to give the opportunity of enlightening such Spiritualists as cannot readily and clearly see that all is "good"—that all is "mind"—and that "Whatever is, is right."

### Constructive Thought.

MARTHA K. PEARCE.

The roots are not the trunk, nor are they the leaves, and neither of these parts can be transformed into another. The roots must do their work as roots, letting the energy so generated be taken up according to the law of being, which it is impossible for them to know with merely the experience of roots. Now suppose that the roots, having a vague consciousness of leaves, gained through their development along natural lines, should hunger after a fuller realization of that upper life. Would it do any good for them to stop their special work for a while each day and send up leaf thoughts? The leaves, influenced by sun, air and other agencies with which the roots have not come in contact, are perfecting the organism according to a fully realized law of being. The roots should do their special work, and then, because they have served the law and furnished the crude energy for the organism of the leaves, will be able to send down leaf thoughts to them and thus establish a circuit of realization.

The marvelous constructive forces of our universe can not be helped directly by man's aspiring thought. It is only by his deeds or by a constructive thought on his own plane that his energies can be so related to the system as to be used constructively. An interplay of forces which no mortal mind could comprehend is now straining to produce the harmonizing curves which must be made to perfect the spiral turn with which the sixth race is being ushered in. These constructive intelligences need a certain spiritualized quality of energy which only occult students can furnish. Had there been enough harmonizing energy of this sort generated on the physical plane there would have been no war with Spain, nor would we now have fighting in the Philippines and in Africa. How can occult students help in this organic work if they are divided into circles and societies, each holding aloof from the others? How far, think you, can thoughts of unity and peace go, which are "sent out" under such conditions? What is required is a deed of unity and fellowship, inspired by a feeling of unity and fellowship.

### Fear Rules.

The principal ingredient that goes to make up the human mind is fear. Fear is its ruler, and it is a selfish, cruel and tyrannical ruler, yet it has no power to compel obedience if the mind refuses to obey. But each individual member of the human family has elected it as ruler, and it is acknowledged and obeyed *en masse*.

We inherit fear and bequeath fear. We begin to fear with our first breath. We fear God. We fear life. We fear death. We fear what has happened and what will happen. We fear amidst plenty that want will overtake us. When in health we fear sickness. Thus we build fear upon fear until life

becomes too burdensome to bear, if we did not fear to lay it down.

All governments and sectarian religions are based upon fear. It is the only means employed to keep people subject to control.

Just recently, within a few years, there are some who have questioned the right of fear to rule over their lives, and they have to some extent liberated themselves from its power; and the result manifests itself in strength of character, health, both of mind and body; and in place of the daily routine of worry, care and suffering, comes peace and joy. We hope that the influence of this manifestation will extend until fear no longer rules the world.

Fear cannot stay where love is.—  
*Lucy A. Mallory.*

### Mystery of Cards.

A private soldier by the name of John Orton was taken before a magistrate recently for playing cards during divine service. It appears that a sergeant commanded the soldiers at the church, and when the parson had read the prayers, he took the text. Those who had a Bible took it out, but this soldier had neither a Bible nor a common prayer-book; but pulling out a pack of cards, he spread them before him. He just looked at one card and then at another. The sergeant of the company saw him and said: "John, put up those cards; this is no place for them."

"Never mind that," said John.

When the service was over, the constable took John before the mayor.

"Well, soldier, what have you to say for yourself?"

"Much, sir, I hope."

"Very good. If not, I will punish you more than man was ever punished."

"I have been," said the soldier, "about six weeks on the march. I have neither Bible nor common prayer-books. I have nothing but a pack of cards, and I will satisfy your worship of the purity of my intentions," and spreading the cards before the mayor, he began with the ace: "When I see the ace, it reminds me there is but one God; when I see the deuce, it reminds me of Father and Son; when I see the trey, it reminds me of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; when I see the four spot, it reminds me of the four Evangelists that preached—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; when I look at the five spot, it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps—there were ten, but five were wise and five were foolish, and were shut out; when I see the six, it reminds me that in six days the Lord made heaven and earth; when I see the seven, it reminds me that on that day He rested from the great work He had created and hallowed it; when I see the eight, it reminds me of the eight righteous persons that were saved when God destroyed the world, viz: Noah and his wife, with three sons and their wives; when I see the nine, it reminds me of the nine lepers who were cleansed by our Savior—there were nine out of ten who never returned thanks; when I see the ten, it reminds me of the ten commandments which God handed down to Moses on tablets of stone; when I see the king, it reminds me of the King of Heavens, which is God Almighty; when I see the queen, it reminds me of the Queen of Sheba, who visited Solomon, for she was as wise a woman as he was a man. She brought

with her 50 boys and 50 girls, all dressed in boys' apparel, for Solomon to tell which were boys and which were girls. King Solomon sent for water for them to wash. The girls washed to the elbow and the boys to the wrist, so King Solomon told by that."

"Well," said the mayor, "you have given a good description of all the cards but one."

"What is that?"

"The knave," said the mayor.

"I will give your honor a description of that, too, if you will not be angry."

"I will not," said the mayor, "if you will not term me to be the knave."

"Well," said the soldier, "the greatest knave that I know of is the constable that brought me here."

"I do not know," said the mayor, "if he is the greatest knave, but I know he is the greatest fool."

"When I count how many spots in a pack of cards, I find 365, as many as there are days in a year; when I count the number of cards in a pack, I find there are 52, the number of weeks in a year; and I find four suits, the number of weeks in a month; I find there are twelve picture cards in a pack, representing the months in a year; and on counting the tricks, I find thirteen, the number of weeks in a quarter. So you see, sir, a pack of cards serves for a Bible, almanac and common prayer-book."

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Pat Flynn had sixty-seven hats,

And wanted sixty more;

It was an odd, strange whim of Pat's,

For only one he wore:

But he would toil by night or day

To get a hat to lay away.

'Twas hats the first thing in the morn,

And hats at noon and night.

The people laughed the man to scorn,

And said it was but right

To send such crazy cranks as he

To spend their days at Kankakee.

A million dollars Peter Doyle

Had laid away in store,

Yet late and early did he toil

To get a million more.

He could not use the half he had,

And yet he wanted more, bedad.

His neighbors praise him to the skies

Wherever he may go:

They called him great and good and wise,

And bow before him low.

Is there such difference as that

Between a dollar and a hat?

### How do Clairvoyants See?

I am quite certain that in many instances there is no suggestion from the sitters, as proved from my own experience.

On one occasion with Mrs. Bliss, in Margaret street (not a regular seance and Mrs. Bliss being in her normal state), I gave her my crystal, and within a few minutes she saw and described a very large funeral taking place in a country churchyard. I could offer no explanation and did not see at the time how the scene could possibly concern me.

On leaving Margaret street I went on to the house of my aunt in Regent's Park, and the first thing I heard was the sudden illness and passing over of an old friend and family connection, Mrs. B., who had resided some way off in the country, and whose funeral had taken place that day at the identical hour of 2 o'clock, when I was sitting with Mrs. Bliss. I had often met this old lady and stayed in the same house with her at my cousin's, Mr. L. J. Indeed, she was his first wife's mother.

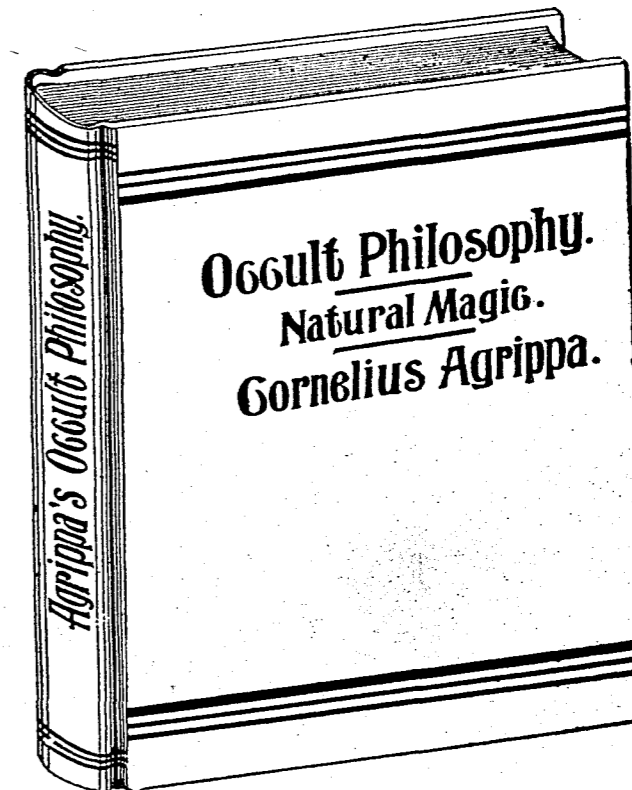
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**The Many Letters** from our correspondents expressing sympathy with the editor in his affliction, are duly appreciated, as well as the articles in the spiritual periodicals, which refer to the same subject. He will be unable to reply personally to the many letters of condolence, and will ask each one to consider this a personal acknowledgment. There is no indication yet of improvement in his eyesight, but it is to be hoped that complete blindness will be avoided by more rest and change of air.

**Printing by Speech.**—Edison recently said that he was on the verge of producing a machine into which a man may talk and which will print in ordinary letters the words as they are uttered. This will mean the displacement of the stenographer and type-writer. Edison is also confident of being able to turn out a machine which will not only print the spoken word, but will do the work in such a way that the sheet may be placed on a machine and the voice of the speaker will be reproduced.

**Medical Monopoly.**—Edmund Louis, psychopathic physician, of 330 Main St., Evansville, Ind., was arrested on Oct. 10 for practicing medicine without a license. He proposes to carry the case to the highest court, if necessary, to gain what he believes to be his rights. He appeals to all whose sympathies go out to the oppressed, to aid him in a financial way, that the benefits of freedom may be enjoyed by all.

**The Light of Truth** will, on Jan 1, 1900, increase its subscription price from \$1.00 to \$1.50. If the price of paper continues to make gigantic strides upward, many others will be compelled to do likewise.

## Spiritual Propaganda.

In the leading editorial of the *Banner of Light*, Nov. 18, President Barrett makes some valuable suggestions in regard to methods of work for the coming year. Among them are: A division of labor; equality of burden-bearing, and persistent consecutive work. He recommends that the best talent be employed, and that it be paid liberally. The methods to be employed in a systematic movement for the spread of truth are of vast importance, and all Spiritualists should be interested in their study. Dr. W. T. Cottier of Portland, Ore., writing upon this subject, says:

My business calls me much away from the city of Portland to different towns and cities in Oregon, Washington and the State of Idaho. There is a very noticeable improvement in things "spiritual" all along the line. There is also a very marked increase in the "hungry and thirsty" expressions everywhere I go, from longing souls in search of light. I will be glad when our mother societies find it possible to send out the proper kind of missionaries to tell the people what Spiritualism is.

The great problem to solve is the money question. There is no town I have visited for years past that I have not met with at least 20 to 50 souls who are not afraid to say: "I am a Spiritualist." They frankly acknowledge their inability to pay a regular minister, but they do say they are ready to do what they can, and my idea of the situation is, that if the parent societies would only guarantee a certain stipend to pay traveling and other necessary expenses, I feel satisfied that the Spiritualists in these small towns would make up the amount to a satisfactory figure.

A Mediums' and Lecturers' Bureau should be established in every State, a "circuit" formed, and our best workers employed to carry out a definite plan. This could be done with a small capital, as the Bureau would soon be self-supporting under proper management. This, or some other plan, should be inaugurated by State societies where they exist, and where no State organization exists, one should be formed. The time is ripe for work.

**Quiet Reflection.**—We can not, except by practice, estimate the value of quiet reflection. There comes a time in the careers of all earnest men when the doubts and perplexities of life well nigh overpower the activities. 'Tis then that the questioning soul is seeking its own in the silences of personal reflection. The mood pervades the inner chambers. Sometimes a poem, a piece of music or a familiar passage brings it to us. At other times we seek the solitudes of nature in its awful solemnity, and, gazing upon the grandeur and majesty of towering, rock-ribbed mountain or the fastnesses of gorge and canyon, feel the spirit. It never intrudes. It must be invited, albeit the changeless order of its watchful care is ever with us.—*Ex.*

**Maggie Waite** is serving the spiritual societies at Syracuse, N. Y., during the month of November.

## Photographing Spirit Bodies

The Rev. Minot J. Savage writes as follows to the *Torch* (England):

If it is true that spirits have forms, then I do not consider it unscientific to think that they may be photographed. Alfred Russell Wallace, the English scientist, told me that a perfect photograph of his mother, after her death, was taken in a darkened room when her spirit was supposed to be present, which was different from any picture taken of her in life. I never saw that photograph. I have never seen any so-called photographs which I placed any reliance upon. But a statement on this subject coming from Professor Wallace impressed me strongly.

It is well known that the photographic camera can see things hidden from the human sight. A photograph of the side of an old ship will reveal defects in the timbers that no eye could have seen. The camera has revealed an unknown number of stars which are invisible to the eye through even the most powerful telescope.

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**THE TRUE SCIENCE OF LIVING**, by Edward Hooker Dewey, M. D., 323 pp.; price, \$2.25. Norwich, Conn.: Charles C. Haskell & Son, publishers. For sale at this office.

**Humor.**—There is a philosophy in humor sometimes for which the most sober disquisitions are no match. The man who cannot laugh has a blunted and blurred spirit. Humor is the efflorescence of life, albeit it arises oftentimes from temperaments the reverse of humorous.—*Selected.*

**The Close of the Cycle.**—The year 1900 ushers in a new cycle. From 1890 to 1900 marks the ending of a great cycle, at the close of which the sun passes into a new constellation in the zodiac. This occurs once in about 2160 years, and has always a great effect on the solar system. At such a time, the planets are in conjunction, a position which exerts a great influence over the earth. When last the earth entered a new constellation, according to the correct chronology, Jesus was born. Really, the Christian Era began 160 years later than our reckoning; that is, what we call the year 160 of the Christian Era was really the initial year. According to the Hindu chronology, when the sun, preceding the birth of Christ, entered a new constellation, Krishna was born. Some of the students of esoteric affairs insist that the year 1900 will find a new incarnation of the Logos, a new manifestation of God upon the earth, who will do as much for humanity as Jesus did in his day. Those who know tell us that every 2160 years there is a new Buddha, or Christ, born who arouses the world to a better life, gives to the people the higher knowledge which for centuries has been confined to the few.—W. E. Copeland, in *The World's Advance Thought*.

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In the JOURNAL of Nov. 2, a mistake was made in the price of the book entitled, "Psycho-Therapy, or Hypnotic Suggestion in the Cure of Disease, Vices and Abnormal Habits," by Jay Ross DeMude. The price is \$1.25, instead of \$1.00.

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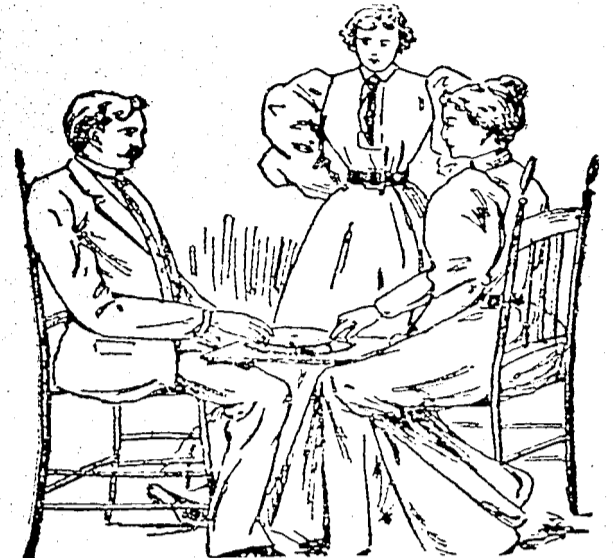
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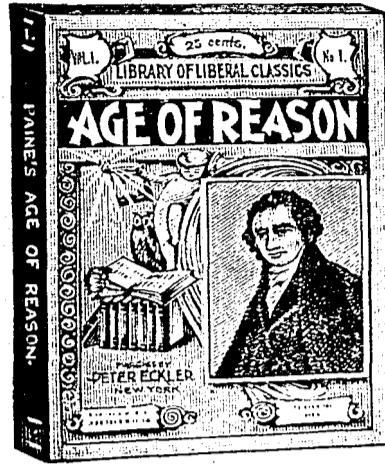
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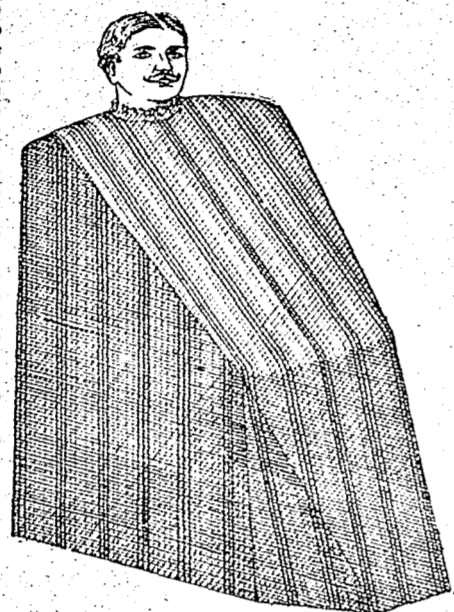
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We excrete refuse matter in four ways: by the Kidneys, Bowels, Lungs and Skin. The skin covers by far the larger proportionate area as an excretory function. Interfere with that to any great extent by covering the pores with an impervious covering and how quickly death results.

Theory of the Vapor Bath.—The heat of the vapor bath raises the temperature of the body, brings the blood to the extremities—opens pores of the skin and produces effusive perspiration which carries off the gummy and effete matter secreted by the glands, but deposited in such a manner as to clog them. The cleansing process is absolutely necessary to health and the prime object to be gained. If the cuticles are allowed to retain their accumulated impurities, bad results must inevitably follow. The skin being cleaned the valuable medicinal agency of the vapor is absorbed through the dilated capillaries and into the system. The other organs of the body are relieved from overwork, when each is able to perform its respective duties.

Success in Life is due More to a good physical condition than to any special aptitude.

In the race for success throw off the impediments and take advantage of the health and strength to be gained by our Home Vapor Bath treatments.

Let a cleanly person take a daily common bath for any length of time, and then take a Turkish Bath and they can then scrape the dead scales and cuticles from all portions of the body, in a similar manner to that which is found on the bottoms of neglected feet.

If this much can be said of cleanly people, (and everybody who ever took a Turkish Bath knows that it is true,) what must be the results with those who rarely ever bathe at all? Is it any wonder that outraged nature so often seeks relief by expelling a portion of the poisonous matter from the system in the form of boils, carbuncles, etc., on those portions of the body which are more cleanly, and thus offer the least resistance?

The ordinary bath simply washes the outer surface of the skin, while the hot air and Vapor Bath literally washes the blood of its impurities in the following manner.

The Patient Drinks Pure Water. It is absorbed by the system, passes into and mingles with the blood, by which it is carried to the capillary net work of the skin, and by the use of the Hot Air and Vapor Baths is poured upon the surface of the body through the pores in the form of perspiration—not pure, as when taken into the system, but mingled and loaded with the humors and impurities of the blood. Thus we purify, vitilize and enrich the blood, open the clogged pores of the skin, and with this solid, correct foundation the dormant energies are renewed, new life instilled into every organ of the body, the circulation is equalized. Renew the liver, strengthen the Kidneys and Nerve Centers, sooth the nervous system, causing good, sound sleep; restore the natural digestion, creating a good appetite, toning, invigorating and strengthening the entire body, producing good health by the most natural methods.

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## Local News Summary.

**Our Telephone.**—Those who may wish to telephone to this office will please call up "Jessie 1769."

**Progressive Spiritualists.**—The usual Sunday evening service in Occidental Hall began with a few moments of song and a solo by Mr. J. T. Lillie. Mrs. R. Shepard Lillie delivered a splendid lecture, taking for her subject, "Transition," with special reference to the late Emma Hardinge Britten.

**Mission Lyceum.**—The regular monthly entertainment of this society will be held in Mission Opera Hall, 2131 Mission St., on Wednesday evening, Nov. 29th. There will be a program of rare excellence, followed by dancing and refreshments. Remember the date and number—and the children.

**Mrs. Logan's Meeting,** held in Occidental Hall last Sunday afternoon was of special interest. Dr. Carpenter, Mrs. Stoddard, Mr. McNorton, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Logan and Mrs. Cooke participated. These meetings will be held in the future at 11 a.m., 305 Larkin St. All are welcome.

**Mme. Young's Meeting** at 605 McAllister St. was addressed Sunday evening by Mrs. Sarah Seal upon the subject, "The Needs and Necessities of Life." The Oriental quartette sang a selection and Mme. Young followed with messages from the spiritual realm.

**Universal Spiritual Association.** The subject for discussion last Sunday was "Seriousness." It proved to be a good subject, and there were many "warm" talks during the afternoon. The hall is really too small to accommodate the people seeking light. Perhaps, after all, life is a huge joke."

**Oakland.**—The Union Spiritual Society met at 856 1/2 Isabella St. Wednesday night, Nov. 22. Mrs. Palinbaum read the poem, "Over the River They Beckon to Me," with beautiful effect. The audience was large and among them a good many strangers, some from Seattle and others from San Jose. The tests given by Dr. Palinbaum and Mrs. Stewart of Oakland were satisfactory. These meetings are held in this place every week, and are without money and without price, and are doing good, teaching the religion that there is no death.

A. L. A., Sec.

**The Children's Progressive Lyceum** had a visit on Sunday from J. M. and Laverna Mathews, which was greatly enjoyed by all. Another visitor was there who attended the Lyceum at Dashaway Hall in 1866. The subject for the day, "Co-operation," proved so interesting to all that it was continued for the next week. Preparations for the entertainment Christmas night are progressing finely.

C. H. WADSWORTH.

**Thanks.**—From a multitude of exchanges, as well as from many private sources, come tributes of love and esteem in our physical affliction. The words of encouragement and offers of assistance are appreciated. To encounter and conquer the adverse conditions of life is our mission. We hope to go on and fight the battles of life to the end, sustained by the kindly thought and loving helpfulness of the numerous readers of the JOURNAL.

**The Ladies' Aid Social,** held in Occidental Hall on the last Friday evening of November, was well attended, and a good program was presented. Prof. Warren and Mrs. Cooke gave a piano selection; Mr. Wm. Rider a recitation; Prof. Sawell sang twice; Mrs. Ragison and Mrs. Dr. Treadwell both recited; Mrs. Lillie recited a poem, and Mr. Steacy gave an improvisation. Prof. Warren and Mrs. Cooke furnished music for the dance that followed. Four new members joined the society, and Mrs. Stark of Modesto was present. This lady sends a box of clothing each year to this Society for distribution.

**Hermetic Brotherhood.**—The open meeting of this order, held at headquarters, 509 Van Ness Ave., last Thursday evening, was addressed by Dr. W. P. Phelon of Chicago. He took for his subject "The Symbolism of the Bible." Dr. Phelon is one of the leaders of advanced thought in our day. The spacious parlors were filled to overflowing. These meetings are held every Thursday evening. All are welcome.

**Birthday Party.**—The last anniversary of the natal day of Mrs. Sadie Cooke was celebrated by her friends at her residence, 702 1/2 Van Ness Ave., on Friday evening, Nov. 17. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Wadsworth, Mr. and Mrs. Lillie, Mr. and Mrs. Cole, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Daggett, Miss Lauce, Rene Olesen, Mrs. Jollie and Bessie Jollie. The evening was spent in a social way. Her multitude of friends join with us in the expression of love and appreciation, with congratulations and hopes for many returns of the event.

**The Bazaar** of the Ladies' Spiritual Aid Society, which will be held in Occidental Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 8 and 9, will be an event of interest to all Spiritualists in this vicinity. There will be an excellent program each evening, and the "Orange Tree" will be a source of amusement. There will be refreshments and—lots of things.

**Dr. Louis Schlesinger** is at present in Wilson, North Carolina. The *Daily News* of that place, in the issue of Nov. 14, speaks very highly of him in a half-column article. He is a guest of the Briggs' Hotel, and makes no charge for his sittings.

**A Mission Lyceum Benefit** for the Children's Christmas fund was held at Eberhardt's Hall, 3250 22nd St. on Friday evening, Nov. 24. Let us all join in and make the little ones happy on Christmas day.

**Don't do it.**—Notwithstanding the fact that in every issue of the JOURNAL we caution our subscribers about sending either coins or paper money in letters, because of the danger connected therewith, many still do it, to their sorrow. Every few days we have reports of money lost in transit. The only safe way is to get a postoffice or express money order; then there can be no loss, as a duplicate can be secured if it does not reach its destination. The cost is trifling, while the security is complete.

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