









The second course of lectures by Dr. R. B. Westbrook was commenced Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, at the City Institute, Chestnut and Eighteenth Sts., Philadelphia.

The JOURNAL is informed that one T. B. Taylor, an ex-Methodist minister, who delights in writing A. M., M. D. after his name, has in his wanderings brought up at San Francisco.

We have received a copy of "Select Progressive Spiritual Hymns and Songs," by Wm. W. Mayberry and J. H. Rhodes, M. D., Philadelphia.

The number of deaf mutes in the world is roughly calculated to be from 700,000 to 900,000; and of these sixty-three per cent. are said to be born deaf—others losing their hearing by different accidents.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for 1885 offers some rare attractions and prominent among them are the following: The Serial stories by Henry James, Mrs. Oliphant, Charles Egbert Craddock, Sarah Orne Jewett, Oliver Wendell Holmes and others.

Those who have had the good fortune during their investigations of Spiritualism to make the acquaintance of that most excellent medium, Mrs. Jennie E. Potter, of Boston will recall with pleasure the memory of her daughter Mary.

The Warrenton Clipper makes this statement: "There is an old negro in this country, it is said, whose touch will drive away warts, heal cancers and cure instantaneously the worst cases of rheumatism.

"I know my mother will be with me tonight," was Laura G. Clancy's remark before she died, Nov. 10th, in Baltimore, at the house of her friend, Mrs. H. Leimbach, on South Broadway.

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A short time ago Henry Watson, of Mill Village, Pa., was seized with a premonition that his services were necessary at a certain point on French Creek.

The Hon. Daniel Dougherty lectured at Central Music Hall, Dec. 9th, under the auspices of the Star Lecture Course.

Mrs. Helen Willmans gets out another number of her paper this week, The Woman's World, which was suspended for lack of patronage a year or so ago.

John Wetherbee of Boston has been a prolific writer for the Spiritualist press these many years; of late his fancy has been to write over the nom de plume of "Shadows."

Anna Kimball.

This notorious adventuress after a career on two continents, has gravitated to Boston. After her last return from Europe, she made a tour as far west as the Rocky Mountains, but at no place has she been able to long ply her wiles with financial success.

General News.

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Bishop Huntington is writing an article on "Vituperation in Politics" for the January number of the North American Review.

Catarh is a very prevalent and exceedingly disagreeable disease, liable, if neglected, to develop into serious consumption.

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Passed to Spirit-Life. In Ripley, Ohio, Mr. Wm. Norris passed to spirit-life Nov. 19th.

Mr. Norris had been a sufferer from cancer for a long time and was confined to his bed for many months. The local papers of the town published a notice of his death and a citizen. He was a Spiritualist and an old subscriber to the JOURNAL.

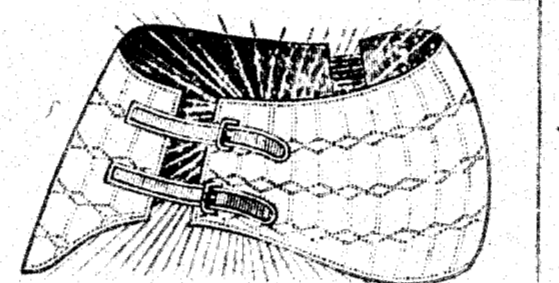
Spiritual Meetings in Brooklyn and New York. The Church of the New Spiritual Dispensation meets every Sunday at 8 and 7:45 a. m., at their new hall on Adelphi Street, near Fulton.

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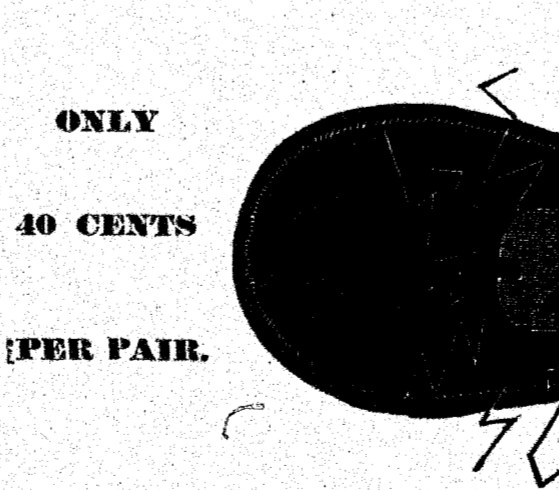
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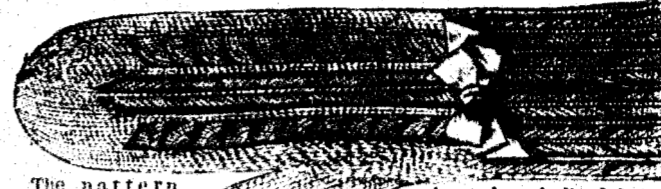
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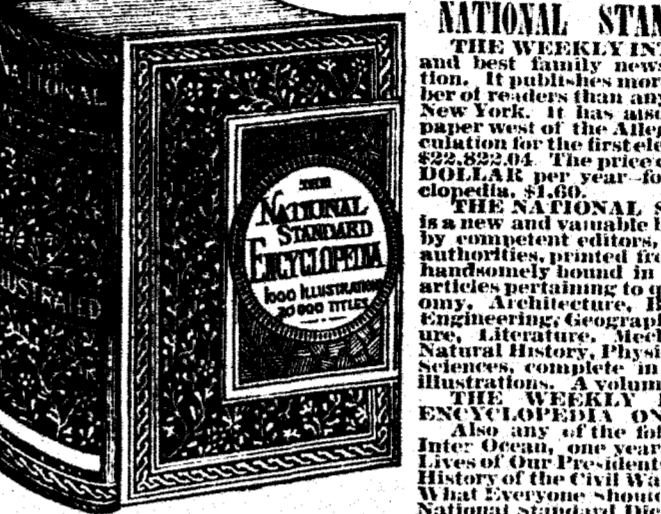


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How Little we Know of Our Fellows.

BY HATTIE J. RAY.

How little we know of our fellows! Even the ones that we hold as our all. For each has a thick outer covering...

How little we know of our fellows! We may feel that we know every thought of the ones that our souls fondly worship...

Then vain are all weak human efforts. To strive with our short-reaching sight. To look down in the hearts of our fellows...

The Dying.

"Mother, I can see a great distance," said a good man once, as he was just entering on the endless journey...

The utterances of dying Christians indicate that they see angelic forms, and the familiar faces of the departed dead...

The film which covers the mortal eye, and hides from physical sense the beings and the things at hand...

But, further on in the act and article of dissolution the sight that pierces ether, falls and falls and fades and fades...

A dying man sheds no tears. He calls his wife and children, his parents, his best friends, to his bedside...

There is one sign of approaching dissolution. We have never seen it alluded to, and yet we have never seen it fall...

A Worthy Society.

The Ladies Spiritualist Aid Society, of New York City, meets every Wednesday afternoon in the parlors of the President...

J. G. Walker, of Dallas City, Ill., writes: Our little Society of Spiritualists here is still trying to promulgate the truths of Spiritualism...

Truth.

BY THOS. HARDING.

"You're liar," is an expression which is everywhere regarded as an insult to the party to whom it is spoken...

There is not a river on the face of the globe flowing directly to the sea; the operations of physical nature are indirect; the only exception which I can at present call to mind...

I appeal to those who have conversed with a spirit, as souls converse without the medium of language, gesture or facial expression...

Let us conceive the idea of a perfectly straight pole, standing perpendicularly, and we will have a symbol of truth and the Spirit-world...

Some of our foreign ministers and visitors of note in this part, are not only firm believers in our faith, but writers and mediums as well...

The Lectures by O. S. Wheeler.

An increasing interest in matters pertaining to the cause is manifest throughout this vicinity. The recent articles from prominent secular papers...

The Sentence of Pontius Pilate.

The following, says a newspaper paragraph, is the correct transcript of the most memorable judicial sentence which has ever been uttered by judicial lips in the annals of the world...

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Items From the Pacific Coast.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

The occasional JOURNAL which falls into my hands contains now and then some brief account of the work of the press element...

Looking over a back number of the JOURNAL, Aug. 2nd, one may read "An Interesting Letter from the Pacific Coast," from the pen of one of our local speakers...

There are already two incorporated societies here: The Progressive Spiritualists, and the Mediums' Union; the former discuss some progressive subject each Sunday afternoon at Washington Hall...

You have, no doubt, already been provided with the report of the Long Branch Camp Meeting, held at Alameda in October, and which resulted in organizing a State Society...

RETROSPECTIVE.

Turning backward to read the pages of the past, many are the changes that Time's unsparring hand has wrought. There seems to have been a gradual settling down of thought into more quiet ways...

America, the home of the new, the birth-place of liberty and the cradle of our divine faith, has been prophesied of olden times...

Among the different nationalities foreign to our own, perhaps none devote more thought, or hold more adherents than old Spain and Spanish America. The official organ of the Society of Spiritualists in Spain...

The Horse.

New facts bearing on the origin of the domestic horse have recently received, among interested persons, a most interesting and important...

Should I remain here I am in hopes soon to give you a wider range of news relative to the cause, but for the present and immediate present, have been, and am forced to simply speak of what comes within my personal knowledge...

A Story of a Blind Negro.

There passed out of Cotton avenue a two-horse wagon loaded with flour, meat, sugar, bagging, and general plantation supplies...

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An Awful Loss, and James E. Felton.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal:

An one who tries to be faithful to truth, it was with pleasure and profit that I read the articles with the above titles that recently appeared in your columns...

In hundreds of cases, spirits with characters of our own kind, have been seen, the Rev. A. B. C., but lacking his cultured intellect, have come to me, or been brought by my spirit guides...

I have never had such a case as that of Rev. A. B. C. His finely cultured intellect gave him great power to describe his feelings, and also intensified his misery...

From other portions of the State we hear occasional reports of the several localities to which you are not doubly posted.

Spiritualism in Boston, Mass.

The Working Union of Progressive Spiritualists which has held its meetings on Sundays and Wednesdays in the spacious parlors of its president for little more than a year, finds itself obliged to want more rooms to accommodate the number of hearers...

On the last Sunday in November, when the beautiful hall was filled to overflowing with an attentive and apparently delighted audience, the guides of Mr. Felton lectured upon the possibility of union of forces among Spiritualists for work and progress...

One clairvoyant medium told the writer that during the lecture the guides of the Rev. Mr. Colville (who is the regular lecturer for the Society which is held in the parlors of Mr. Felton on the Sunday mornings) and those of Mrs. Dyer who occupied the platform on this occasion and who has been lecturing for the Working Union in the parlors at West Chester Park...

An earnest investigator. Push this matter of scientific investigation of Spiritualism. I have been mortified and aggravated at the credulity and perverse intolerance of Spiritualists...

Carrying building material around the globe is unprofitable for the most part, but during the days of the Flood that is what is being done with the stone for the Flood mansion in San Francisco...

The school for printer's apprentices at St. Petersburg has been opened with appropriate ceremonies. There will be taught on three days every week, not after working hours, but during the day time...

In the neighborhood of Lamoo, Cal., about 150 tons of honey will be stored by bees this winter; yet not one-tenth of the bee range there is utilized. There are thousands of acres of sagebrush land that will never be cleared...

London clerks who have their dinners provided for them on the premises of their employers seem to fare very well. The insurance clerks, for instance, have their choice of several sorts of meat fish when it is in season, vegetables, bread, and pudding for seven pence...

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Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The Lord Mayor of London is a Methodist lay preacher, and recently delivered a sermon at the opening of the Methodist Church.

In France the sale of proprietary medicines is only permitted after the formula has been communicated to the Academy of Medicine. In Germany the sale of all such articles is strictly prohibited.

The greatest tea drinker in England is Mr. Gladstone, the greatest in France Mr. Clemenceau, and in America Mr. Boucicault.

A Cleveland inventor has a new war machine, with a bomb which explodes and fills the air with a deadly gas which rises to the vicinity of a foe they must fly or suffer asphyxiation.

A Nevada ranchman has a herd of hybrid cattle, crossed between the male buffalo and the domestic cow. They are not housed during the winter, but find their food and thrive where other cattle would starve.

A highly respected lady of Flint, Mich., called upon a doctor there and wanted to sell her body, to be delivered after death and used for dissection in the interest of science.

Suicides are on the increase in France. Five years ago the number was 17 to every 100,000 inhabitants. Now it is 19.

The death of the late Dr. Samuel Babcock, of London, caused by clearing, by means of suction, a tracheotomy tube had introduced into the throat of a child of the Rev. Mr. Babcock's, who died of the act is concealed, but the question is asked if a man has a right to bring misfortune to his own family for the sake of an isolated case of disease.

The investigation into the practical utility of the natural gas of Western Pennsylvania is being pushed into various branches of industry with promising results.

An hour a day is devoted by S. N. Silver, of Auburn, Me., to eating. He eats but one meal a day, but no more at this one than if he took the other two daily.

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