

Woman and the Household.

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A MID-DAY DREAMER.

What, dreaming still? Having reached the crowning height of the life of life! When already the thoughtful eye...

Yes, dreaming still, In the face of all this. No power of will can hold quite in check the soul's high dreams...

Elizabeth Boynton Harbert has had the degree of Doctor of Philosophy conferred upon her by the Wesleyan Female College, Cincinnati.

A Colorado woman has discovered and done the assessment work on fourteen mining claims. In addition to this she has kept a hotel...

Miss K. T. Morgan, formerly of New York, who has been teaching successfully in various cities of the South, has according to the Nashville American, built up a school in the beautiful regions of the Cumberland tablelands...

Mrs. Alice Le Plongeon, now in New Orleans, is a remarkable woman as scientist and linguist. She has accompanied her husband in all his travels, and is a devoted and learned archaeologist.

Travelers say that among the colonial possessions, or, more correctly, dependencies, of Holland, there is a remarkable little State, which, in its constitution and original costume...

GRAVE TRUTHS. The following is copied from an exchange. The figures are taken from the statistics of the last census: "Among what are called wage-earners in England, 7,668,000 are women."

ON APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL. By John W. Hoyt, LL. D. Paper, pp. 69, 12 mo. New York: John W. Lovell Company.

Charlotte Smith is President of the Women's National Industrial League of the United States. She is employed to gather statistics of female employments for the Government Labor Bureau.

WHAT FOLLOWS? It seems to me that our first duty is to en-

able women to be self-supporting. It is a truism that every woman wants a home; that men are the aggressive forces, and are intended to conquer material wealth, to furnish the home and provide for the family.

1st. That she should have a home. 2d. That she should be trained in the duties and amenities of a housekeeper.

Now we will turn from what should be, to what is. What are the facts? In one city, alone, 125,000 women are breadwinners, either wholly or in part self-supporting, and one quarter of this number are destitute.

Suppose we go out and preach to these poor creatures of their duties? We will tell them that they should be happy centers of lovely homes, protected and supported by many vigor? Would that place them in such homes, or fit them for such responsibilities?

Society must first be educated to a true understanding of, and respect for, the nature and mission of womanhood. It must give woman perfect independence to work out her life in her own way, and ensure her the conditions for so doing.

It is to point out the end and indicate a few of the means, and to mark the steps of progress, that this column is devoted to Woman and the Household. However imperfect and feeble the effort, at least it indicates the tendency of the times.

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BOOK REVIEWS. [All books noticed under this head, are for sale at, or can be ordered through, the office of the RELIGIO-PHILOSOPHICAL JOURNAL.]

INSOMNIA; AND OTHER DISORDERS OF SLEEP. By Henry M. Lyman, A. M., M. D., Professor of Physiology, and of Diseases of the Nervous System, in the College of Physicians, of Theoretical and Practical Medicine in the Woman's Medical College; and Physician to the Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Ill. Chicago: W. T. Keener. Price \$1.50.

It is a notable and pleasing fact to record that advanced thinkers among the men of letters and science to-day are beginning to realize "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in your [their] philosophy." Prof. Lyman has taken a step far in advance of the rank and file of the profession in this work.

The author in this volume has presented the definition and physiology of sleep as far as understood, in a very pleasant and instructive manner, and has given from his stand-point a concise treatise on sleeplessness, and its treatment; his only failure to accomplish what he has undertaken, seems to arise from his attempting to base his metaphysical reasoning upon a physical rather than a psychical basis.

The "feminine" of Mr. Rowland, quoted from Abercrombie, where he dreamed of certain important facts being revealed to him by his father, which in the minutest points proved correct, would seem to be a more positive evidence of the actual presence of that father's spirit in the son, than "that the dream was merely a revival in consciousness of knowledge that had been long previously forgotten."

ARNE: A Sketch of Norwegian Country Life. By Bjornstjerne Bjornson. New York: J. W. Lovell Company.

This is a translation of one of the celebrated Norwegian tales, and induces the reader into the innermost life, the customs, and habits of rural Norway. The author is one of the greatest Northern Europe has produced, and among the first, if not the first, to give his nation a distinctive literature.

FAMOUS WOMEN SERIES. VOL. X. HARRIET MARTINEAU. Mrs. F. Fenwick Miller. Boston: Roberts Bros. Price, \$1.00.

The series of short biographies, published under the general title of "Famous Women," contains many excellent works, none of which will be read with greater interest and profit than Mrs. Miller's sketch of Harriet Martineau. The author has necessarily drawn for much of her material upon the famous autobiography, the appearance of which, a few years since, created such a stir in intellectual and literary circles.

Magazines for April not Before Mentioned. THE JOURNAL OF SPECULATIVE PHILOSOPHY, for July, 1884. (D. Appleton & Co., New York.) The July number comes to hand late, but the varied and interesting Contents repays the reader's patience.

BABYHOOD. (18 Spruce Street, New York.) This magazine is devoted to the care of Infants and Young Children, and the general interests of the Nursery. Marion Harland continues her Familiar Talks with Mothers, and Dr. Jerome Walker his second paper on The Accidents and Injuries of Childhood.

MIND IN NATURE. (The Cosmic Publishing Co., Chicago.) A monthly journal of Psychological, Medical and Scientific information. Bishop Samuel Fallow, D.D., writes on Facts vs. Theory; H. W. Thomas, D. D., on Mind; Prayer, and the Supernatural in Healing; by A. J. Parks, M. D., will be read with interest, as will The Doctrine of Evolution, by Prof. R. U. Piper; Coincidences, by Bishop Coxe, D. D., and others.

THE MIND-CURE. (A. J. Swartz, Chicago, Ill.) The following contents show that this number is equal to its predecessors, if not in advance: Practical Hints, or eight into two won't go; Rosterian Musings; A Plea for Liberty; Mental and Mind-Cure; Power of Mind over the Body; 'Twill be all the same in a hundred years; Editorial, etc.

THE INDEPENDENT PULPIT. (James D. Shaw, Waco, Tex.) Contents: The Standard of Right; Spirit Unthinkable; The Sceptic's Prayer; A Mild Criticism; Talmage and the Sabbath; Evils of "Revivals"; Schools of Reformation; The Origin of Sin.

THE SEASON. (The International News Co., New York.) A fashion monthly, containing all the latest designs in Dress, Millinery, Embroidery and fine Needlework.

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CHICAGO, ILL., Saturday, April 25, 1885.

Follies Associated with Spiritualism.

Enlightened Spiritualism has no tendency to folly, but there are many undisciplined minds that enter the spiritual ranks and bring their folly with them.

It is the fashion among large numbers of Spiritualists to receive everything that comes through a medium, with the same kind of faith which the orthodox Christian gives to his Bible.

How often do we hear from the spiritual rostrum long, verbose and involved sentences, which seem to contain a promise of supernal wisdom.

These are the follies which repel cultivated minds from the sphere of Spiritualism. When we see sincere Spiritualists withdrawing from association with Spiritualist movements.

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by asking similar questions himself. Not getting any answers, however, that would assist him, he appeared to become enraged because the inquirer asked questions of the spirits and would not help them to answer by giving the information they called for.

Let us not be misunderstood; we are quite sure there are genuine responses from spirits through mediums which give information to the hearer, but we cannot accept rhodomontade declamations and generalizations which do not go beyond the knowledge and capacity of the medium as any evidence of a spiritual message.

A man of apparent intelligence will follow the supposed communications of great spirits who have some wonderful mission for him to perform, and who promise him wonderful success, until he finds by the failure of all the promises and the abject poverty to which he is reduced, that he must give it up and try like his neighbors.

Another, fresh in his limited spiritual knowledge and with zeal in proportion to his freshness, fortunate enough to have a good bank account, and a prosperous business, concludes that he must help Spiritualism by some grand enterprise.

The worship of mediums is no improvement upon the worship of the orthodox—not at all. When the death of a Boston medium was spoken of as an apotheosis, we were reminded that the credulous Spiritualist does not wait for death to give his medium an apotheosis.

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The facts which Mr. Myers puts forward as proof of his hypothesis as to automatic writing are very few, and by no means warrant the conclusions he has arrived at.

Now surely it was Mr. Myers's obvious duty as an investigator of psychic facts, to submit the statements of Spiritualists to "a very rigorous scrutiny" before committing himself to a theory which would disprove with all spiritualistic agency, and reduce spiritualistic phenomena so-called, to the operation of physical movements only.

Mr. Myers is not the only learned writer who by pseudo-scientific processes has committed himself against Spiritualism before he had given it due examination.

A case of apparition an hour after death is attributed to telepathic action of the brain of the deceased person by Mr. Myers and Mr. Gunney, and Light's correspondent says: "In the presence of Napoleon III, a detached hand was seen by all present to write in the light and on the table immediately under inspection, and this hand was kissed by the Emperor."

It seems that although the Society for Psychical Research has had no sittings with Mr. Eglington to test his slate-writing, some of its members sat with him without results.

But I will state against the managers of the Society, that while inviting discussions at its public meetings, they most carefully withhold from their printed reports, the names and thoughts of the few thinkers who venture to call the telepathic and other conclusions in question.

Those who believe in the spiritualistic view and have united themselves into the London Spiritualist Alliance can produce abundant proof of—(1) True clairvoyance as distinguished from thought-reading.

The editor of Light well says: "We insert the above in the interests of free discussion, and with no desire in the world to encourage any disparagement of the useful work which this society is doing."

Let the society continue its work. It has not repudiated Spiritualism and will, in due time, exhaust this telepathic fever, fall in explaining much psychic phenomena in this way, and go on to a thorough research, with the spiritual theory as a working hypothesis.

Very Desirable but Difficult to Obtain.

Mr. C. C. Mead, of Boston, in renewing his subscription, writes: "I always find something appetible in your weekly bill of fare."

In common with our worthy correspondent and thousands of readers we gladly hail the appearance of such a report as that made by Mr. Farmer to Light, and wish the JOURNAL could fill a page or more each week with records of manifestations equally well authenticated and valuable.

One well authenticated, carefully prepared account of phenomena occurring under conditions precluding all possibility of self-deception, and conscious or unconscious deception on the part of the medium, is worth more than thousands of doubtful cases where the manifestations are observed under objectionable conditions by those incompetent to observe correctly, or accurately record their imperfect observations.

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not have both, the JOURNAL prefers quality to quantity, and so do its readers, including Mr. Mead undoubtedly. There are hundreds of manifestations weekly occurring in the privacy of the Home Circle and some with public mediums, well worth recording; but most of these, however valuable, to the careful seeker after truth, are voted tame by a class whose vitiated taste demands Munchausen stories evolved from the unhealthy imagination of weak minds; and these latter are the sort most often spread before the public.

There is a wealth of evidence in the hands of our readers, which ought to be given to the public, proofs of spirit return, simple in their manifestation and easily understood, being wholly free from the clap-trap too often accompanying mercantile manifestations.

Our correspondent complains that the long articles in the JOURNAL contain "no news or knowledge." Possibly he may mean "no gossip or accounts of current spiritual phenomena."

Buckley and the Boys Did It. Rev. J. B. Buckley don't propose to allow re-opening of communication with the Spirit-world, at least the belief in it, if he can prevent it.

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ver since one day last November when a political thunderbolt blasted the fondly cherished dream of his old age.

We have no objection to the publication of whatever of fact the above dispatch contains; the JOURNAL publishes exposures frequently. The only difference between the policy of the Tribune and that of the JOURNAL in publishing such news is this: The Tribune does it to cater to religious prejudice and the JOURNAL to separate the fraudulent from the genuine.

"Mediums John and Victoria Farren," as the Tribune account calls them, are unknown to the Spiritualist public; we never heard of them, and thus far have not heard of any other Spiritualist who ever heard of them.

Jesse Shepard, the musical medium, is in New Orleans. Hon. J. G. Jackson is steadily convalescing and will ere long be in full health it is hoped.

Dr. J. K. Bailey, as he informs us, has been detained at home, by sickness and business, since his last report; but he is now, again, on his pioneer pilgrimage.

Mrs. S. F. DeWolf, unconscious trance speaker, will lecture before the People's Society of Spiritualists next Sunday in Martine's Hall, Ada Street, at 3 o'clock.

Services in commemoration of the centennial anniversary of the birth of Reverend John Pierpont, were held in the Hollis-Street Church, Boston, April 5th.

Freeman Barnum, the ever popular and genial proprietor of Barnum's Hotel in the village of St. Louis, Mo., was in town last week.

Mr. John B. Cummings writes from San Francisco, that "Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson will leave for the East on the 29th inst., for a vacation of three or four months."

Mr. W. W. Currier of Haverhill, Mass., has a fine cottage well located, at Onset Bay, which he will rent for the season.

Gerald Massey, now at Dunedin, N. Z., speaks in high terms of Mrs. Cooke, (late of San Francisco, Cal.) who is temporarily located there.

Mrs. R. C. Simpson, the popular medium, left on Monday for her Dakota farm, where she will spend the summer.

The Liberal Age is the name of a new paper just started at Philadelphia by Messrs J. H. Rhodes and J. Clegg Wright.

The Conscience and Future Judgment.

I sat alone with my conscience, In a place where time had ceased, And we talked of former living...

During the various carnival festivities at Vienna, the palm for eccentricity was carried off by a "beggar ball."

The old story about the size of a whale's heart is being revived. A dissector was engaged in getting the heart of a very large whale.

A Western clergyman went to sleep on the platform at a recent union meeting, and being requested to offer a prayer...

An Expensive Delay. In falling to provide the proper means to expel from the system those disease germs...

The Cost of Ignorance. Absence of knowledge of the fact that physical and mental weakness...

A Lady's Unfortunate Experience. Was that of one of our acquaintance who suffered from scrofula, a yellow complexion...

A more remarkable or unique race, says a traveler does not exist on the continent of Africa...

The Root of the Evil. To thoroughly cure scrofula it is necessary to strike directly at the root of the evil.

It is not generally known that Vermont has a gold mine. It is called the "Book" and is located at Plymouth.

"How Can We Ever Love Him?" is what you often hear said when the prospective groom is the victim of scrofula.

Don Carlos has been traveling in Ceylon as the "Duke of Madrid."

I was a non-believer in Patent medicines, but having experienced marked relief from Nasal Catarrh...

Georgia now boasts of a farmer who raised a potato weighing thirteen pounds.

To Consumptives, or those with weak lungs, spitting of blood, bronchitis, or kindred affections...

This country controls three-quarters of the coal fields of the whole world.

Any lady who desires further information than can be given in the limited public space...

Sanford, Florida, persons have begun the manufacture of orange wine.

The combination, proportion, and process in preparing Hood's Sarsaparilla...

There is said to be a genuine case of leprosy in a hospital at Edinburgh, Scotland.

A Vermont individual claims to have a hen thirty-nine years old.

Drunkennes, say the official returns, is decreasing in England.

A Bank Failure

may fall, and yet, by wise management, regain its credit. So, also, if wise counsels are followed...

Speculation The Cause

as to what will cure Dyspepsia, vanishes before the light of such evidence as that furnished by O. T. Adams, Spencer, O.

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sarsaparilla cured me of 'Dyspepsia,' writes Evan Jones, Nelson, N. Y. Mrs. A. M. Beach, Glover, Vt., writes: 'A humor of the blood debilitated me, and caused very troublesome scrofulous bunces on my neck.'

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Advertisement for 'The Niagara Falls Route' by Michigan Central, highlighting the shortest and most direct path between Chicago, Buffalo, and Niagara Falls.

Advertisement for 'Cancer Cured!' featuring a testimonial from Mrs. O. H. Harkman, who claims to have been cured of cancer on her face.

Advertisement for 'WILBOR'S COMPOUND OF PURE COD LIVER OIL AND LIME,' describing its benefits for consumptives and those with weak lungs.

Advertisement for 'FREE GIFT!' offering a copy of a medical treatise on consumption, bronchitis, and asthma to anyone who sends for it.

Advertisement for 'STORIES FOR OUR CHILDREN' by Elbert and Eren Yettel, featuring a collection of tales for young readers.

Advertisement for 'OXYGEN TREATMENT' by Dr. Peiro, offering relief for various ailments like consumption, bronchitis, and asthma.

Advertisement for 'PILLOW SHAM HOLDER!' showing an illustration of the product and listing agents in Chicago, with prices of \$1.00.

Advertisement for 'SEALED LETTERS ANSWERED' by J. E. Davis, offering a service for quick responses to letters.

Advertisement for 'SHORTHAND MADE EASY' by Kimball's Amanuensis School, promising to teach shorthand in three months.

Advertisement for 'LIGHT' magazine, a weekly journal for spiritualists and other students of occult philosophy.

Advertisement for 'THE INDEX' radical weekly journal, published at 44 Boylston St., Boston, Mass.

Advertisement for 'ART OF PAINTING' by Paul Brown, offering instruction in perspective and harmony of color.

Advertisement for 'ELOCUTION' by Murdock System, offering classes and private tuition.

Advertisement for 'LADIES' magazine, featuring a variety of articles and illustrations.

Advertisement for 'A MAN' magazine, which is unacquainted with the geography of its country.

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