

Voices from the People.

Three Thoughts.

Come in, Sweet Thought, come in; Why linger at the door? Is it because a shape of sin Defied the place before?

Spontaneity.

Temp me no more, I will not be delayed In hope, or barked in what I know is mine;

Christians and their Work.

To the Editor of the Religio-Philosophical Journal: I find the following in the Christian Leader in a report of the address of the Rev. A. N. Miner upon the "Attractions of the Ministry."

When Does the Soul Begin to Exist.

Are There Mahatmas?

The question implies that the soul is a conscious and personal entity. I assume that it is such, and that it is inherently immortal.

Our most able spirit lecturers constantly represent that there are the varied forms of organic, vegetative and animal life, in their inner or spiritual, as in our outward or natural world.

Our savans in their endorsement of the theory of a future life, and of its being in a world of activities and uses, argue that the fact of man being endowed with certain mental and moral faculties which need continued use for their perfect unfolding and his own happiness, is itself a prophecy that we will in that future life find these objects to exercise the same thereon.

Dr. Eschbach in the course of a lecture delivered in this city in 1875, stated that while in New Zealand, he obtained knowledge of a native tohunga or priest, who was gifted with marvelous psychic powers.

Dr. Archib. Stockwell in the September number of Popular Science Monthly, in an article on Indian medicine says: "All medicine men of first rank are clairvoyants and psychists of no mean pretensions."

Jesse Shepard, on Briggs of Boston. Your notice of "Briggs" will do good in these parts and further west. This wretched individual has been doing Grand Rapids, and seems to have taken the people unawares.

Real Life at Funerals. One of the city undertakers tells of some strange experiences. One funeral employing him had no money to pay for the funeral of a relative, and asked him to take a piano and call the bill squared.

Dr. J. K. Bailey's Work. Feeling a disposition to encourage those who manifested advanced thought, and having ability to do so judiciously as a Spiritist speaker, I recommended (without being requested) Dr. J. K. Bailey of Stratton, Pa.

Christstown, Mass. has a family that is serving the public well, two sons are policemen, one son is a teacher, and another is a clerk in the employ of the State, and one daughter, the youngest, hopes soon to obtain a position as teacher in a public school.

An Accident to a Spirit Light.

After our three weeks' rest, we resumed our séances for materialization (Mr. Goodfellow, medium). We had a paraffine lamp, with only a glass shade, burning to its fullest extent in the room. As our first visitor, he quickly came from the cabinet, and shut his hands with us all.

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New Earthquake Theory. The Charleston calamity has awakened the scientific mind to a search for the realm of nature's facts bearing on the seismic phenomena. Geologists have presented ingenious theories, scholarly written, and embellished with a profuse technical nomenclature, but they give no tangible demonstration, nothing that can be fortified by analogous facts.

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Notes and Extracts on Miscellaneous Subjects.

The chewing gum yearly used by a certain family of eight persons in Minnesota costs \$150.

An artist's idea of desolation—the miners' deserted cabins in places near Pittsburg where the old mines or oil wells have been abandoned, doors wide open, window panes broken, rooms empty.

Two flocks of turkeys met on a railroad track near Salisbury, Mo., and engaged in combat. A train came along and killed twelve which were fighting so busily that they had no time to get out of the way.

A pet dog belonging to a woman who died recently near North Sidney, N. S., was so attached to her that after her death he refused food of every kind, and following her remains to the grave, stayed there and starved to death.

A citizen of Bradford, Canada, went shooting got a bag of crows, and the family cooked and ate the ill-omened birds. The result was that each person became violently ill and was saved with difficulty by the local doctors.

A three-year-old child in Harrisburg got a bottle of whiskey and drank two ounces. It then fell into a drunken stupor and its life was saved with difficulty. It came out of the stupor with every indication of having a tremendous head, and demanded water continuously.

Two young men of Iowa, Mich., were playing with a rifle in a bar-room. One put a lemon on his head and the other aimed at it. He pulled the trigger quite unintentionally, the gun was discharged, the bullet knocked the lemon into fragments, and the young men were nearly scared out of their wits at the unexpected conclusion of their fun.

The largest wooden structure in the world is said to be the government buildings in the capital of New Zealand. The block is four stories high, and occupies an area of nearly two acres. The city itself is mostly wooden on account of the character of the region, and is called "The city of packing cases" and "The city of match boxes."

It is related that up in Clinton County some years ago a wagon was about starting to the riding place containing a father and his five sons, each of whom was about to exercise the freeman's right and deposit his ballot. As they drove off the mother came to the door, and pointing to the five boys, said proudly: "Look at that and then say that a woman doesn't vote!" When the wagon got to the polls the father hopped off and put in a straight Democratic ticket, the mother hopped on and voted for a straight Republican ticket.

The best examples of the eagle or dove, the phenomenon in which the bird moves all at once, are said to be furnished by the mountains of the rivers Amazon, Hoogly and Teinlang. In the case of the last mentioned river, in China, the water plunges on like an advancing cataract, four or five miles in breadth and thirty feet high, and thus passes up the stream to a distance of eighty miles at the rate of twenty-five miles an hour. The change from ebb to flood tide is almost instantaneous. In the Amazon the whole tide passes up the stream in five or six waves, following each other in rapid succession, and each twice to fifteen feet high.

