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AN EXPOSE.

We are in receipt of a letter from Buffalo with an account of an alleged materializing seance, by people giving the name of Roberts, at 90 Tracy St.

Mr. R. H. Hoyt, president of the Buffalo Spiritual Temple Society, and his friend, George I. Allen, attended the seance in question, and becoming satisfied that it was not straight, flashed an electric torch in the face of an alleged spirit, and claim they found a confederate.

We are acquainted with the gentlemen in question and believe they found things exactly as they reported; but not having any paraphernalia to show, there will always be a question as to the expose in the minds of those who are always excusing such things.

We would suggest that the Temple society select twelve of their most trustworthy members, those who understand the conditions necessary to the production of phenomena, and arrange a seance in the Temple. If the "mediums" decline to conform to such reasonable conditions as such Spiritualists would ask, it would appear to be a good case to turn into the hands of the police.

Spiritualists cannot afford to ignore such a circumstance, nor can they afford to move without the greatest caution. Absolute justice to both sides say we, then fight to the last ditch if they do not prove their mediumship.

COMSTOCK AND PUBLIC MORALS.

In another column we give an account of Anthony Comstock and one of his recent escapades. It seems to us that if the "Society for the Prevention of Vice" wants to accomplish the work they claim to, they had better get a gentleman for president, or else tell Comstock to stay in the background.

His methods are known, his abusiveness and arrogance have brought him into conflict with the authorities a number of times, while his failure to disprove charges brought against him in connection with the Lexow Investigating committee, have been against him.

Miller may have been wrong, but he used the only kind of argument such a person can understand. By calling him a liar in open court, when he was a court officer himself, Comstock opened the door to a harsher charge than the lawyer who thrashed him.

Cleanliness is but love transforming the dirt. Dirt is the external manifestation of crudeness and ignorance.

Putting Incurables to Death.

A new question has arisen among philanthropists. Men and women occupying high and responsible positions in church and in medical and educational professions are openly advocating the horrible idea of giving a painless death to those suffering excruciating agonies from incurable disease.

What sane, sensible and humane man should have the authority or responsibility of deciding when this murder, or suicide, shall be committed? Will the power be abused? Perfectly sane people are sometimes sent to the asylum through hatred or for gain.

In bringing a painless death to a suffering mortal it would be encouraging and abetting suicide. The suicide is the greatest and most abject of all cowards. Robert G. Ingersoll, shortly before his death, advocated and defended suicide of persons suffering with cancer.

Humanity is governed by suggestions. The world is controlled by thought. Auto-suggestion is stronger and more effective than that from outside; still, the greatest benefactor of the human race is he who can inspire men with the most courage.

Death is just as natural and inevitable as birth. The laws of nature are the laws of God. These laws execute themselves with un-failing precision. They are immutable and inexorable.

Whenever any animal, including man, is suffering excruciating agonies, beyond the limit of endurance, nature (or God Almighty) mercifully permits it to die.

The instinctive desire to destroy the weak, the defenseless and the suffering is a relic of barbarism. It is as old as humanity. It is contrary to the enlightened and benevolent spirit of this age.

In order to eradicate the supposedly incurable diseases we must begin at prenatal influence and education, but much can be done by the force of proper suggestion. The mind controls, or should control, the body.

Something should be done, quickly, to counteract the suicidal mania that murderous suggestions have induced. Whoever kills people, on the scaffold or sick bed, is a murderer. It should be the mission of all benefactors of the race to bring life, not death; to inspire courage and hope, not cowardice and des-

pair, to save and to bless, not to murder and to kill. They should teach that the mind of man, in its own place and by its own powers, can transcend and overcome any pain. Numerous cases are recorded where men have received death wounds and bravely fought on, oblivious to the fact.

How much better it would be to suffer and grow strong in spirit, "to endure all things, to hope all things, to bear all things," and then, if the soul has a conscious existence after the death of the body, how inspiring and consoling will be the memory of having lived a heroic life and died a heroic death and not having been the most miserable coward that ever slunk out of the earth.

To all such cases we should apply and teach the sublime and immortal lesson given by Job in the Old Testament. No matter if we have lost all earthly possessions, health and reputation, we still have a soul, mind and spirit, with godlike powers, that will live on and on forevermore.

O. L. HARVEY.

SECOND LESSON IN ASTROLOGY

BY MYRTLE HYDE DARLING. CANCER.

The first decan is ruled by Venus. The nature is sociable, amiable, generous, kind and attractive, and brings many friends. These are supporters amongst women of position. The social standing is very good.

The second decan is ruled by Mercury. There is a strong imaginative intellect, and the person is a clever writer and a lover of travel and learning. He is, however, too loquacious, a tattler. Faults is conferred by use of the pen, but enemies are made by too free use of the tongue.

The third decan is ruled by the Moon. It gives love of romance, traveling, adventure, mystical subjects. There is public recognition and a certain popularity, honorable or otherwise according to the position of the moon at birth. It gives many sea voyages, constant changes in life, patronage of women and acquisition of property.

The first decan is ruled by Saturn. The nature is strong and forcible, difficult to control. There is plenty of poverty and trouble in life, with one was able to spell correctly the following list of words, all commonly used. Try them on your friends.

Can You Spell?

Of fifty school teachers, including several county superintendents, not one was able to spell correctly the following list of words, all commonly used. Try them on your friends. Auxiliary, Tennessee, beef-steak, proceed, supersede, precede, picnic, Self-imposition and self-deception in diet and clothing. There will be many changes of residence.

Grow the Spiritual Life.

There is nothing going to be added to the individual life by some God-Power in the misty future. All the life you will ever have through all the eternities of time is involved in your being now. Expansion by yourself of that life, by more and more conscious realization of its divine harmonies, is all that is needed. The same living force, that one may waste in careless impulses and reckless, thoughtless, idle, and inharmonious conduct, when intelligently directed in harmonious channels of industrious endeavor becomes the blessed life, whose peace surpasseth understanding.

Recollect, that when you are unclothed of the physical body, your life will still be the character that you have grown, while manifesting in the flesh body.

You cannot have a spiritual life until you have unfolded it, any more than the rose bush can have a rose without growing it. If you have cultivated nothing but the crude and discordant root of being, your habitat will still be the earth, just the same as when you inhabited the flesh body. If you do not like that dark realm of disease, disaster and death, you alone must outgrow it, and until you outgrow it by refining and spiritualizing your thots, desires and actions, you will have to live in it, whether it be in the flesh body or in the spirit.

To many, after the death of the physical body, to those who have lived only in passions and appetites, the grave is then to the consciousness as the prison cell to the prisoner. The undeveloped spirit is imprisoned in his own ignorance, and his coming into the light will depend upon the progress he makes while yet held in the dark. His imperfect spirit is held to the body as a seed is buried in the soil—for purposes of growth. Beware of the penitentiary of your own spirit!—The World's Advance Thot.

Now.

Let gratitude ever and always Be uppermost in our hearts, For we reap in the fields of those Who bravely have played their parts.

Let all our work be for freedom Of soul and mind and sex. Help the weak and sinful and careless Help the burdened and sore perplexed.

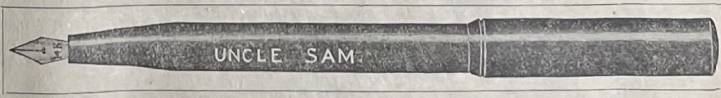
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