

tively to a lecture delivered by Doctor H. S. Sparks, late of New York. The subject—"Does Man Live after Death?"—was handled by the Doctor with peculiar ability; the evidences of immortality being drawn from Nature, without even a reference to Solomon's doubt as to "the soul of the beast that goeth upward," and the soul of the beast that goeth downward." The seeds of truth were sown broadcast, and permanent good must be the result.

PHENOMENAL FACTS.

And Still They Come!

Spirit voices, spirit messages, spirit warnings, spirit invitations! Notwithstanding the recency of some mediums, and dishonesty of some to whom heavenly gifts are entrusted, still our dear friends do not desert us, but continue to extend their efforts and renew their hold on our world, with confident hope to raise us out of the depravity and despondency into which our old superstition has sunk us. Interest is going the rounds here, creating much story and comment, which, so far as we can yet learn, seems well authenticated, and, if true, will yet make more stir and awaken more opposition from our enemies, whose business it is to put the "medium" untrue at whatever sacrifice. It runs somewhat in this wise: A medium by the name of Green has been giving sances most of the winter, from which we have had various and some remarkable reports we did not choose to publish. It is stated by a friend, whose word we cannot doubt, that on one occasion a visitor was taken to a sance, whose opposition, abuse, and ridicule of such mediums were large, loud, and unstinted in measure. He was placed in close proximity to the medium, who had three rings, made of the hardest steel, on his opening, crack, or flaw to be found in them. One or more of these rings are said to be sometimes put on his neck, while his head will not admit of their being put on or off by any person but a spirit, if at all. On the occasion referred to, the skeptic left the sance rather quietly, and soon as it closed; and soon after, the managers missed one of the rings, which could not be found, and had not been found nor heard of for several days after the sance; but they were inclined to lay it to the spirits, who sometimes play little tricks for sport or for tests, etc. As the story now runs, the ring was carried off on the neck of this gentleman, who employed several mechanics unsuccessfully to get it off with files and otherwise; but it was too hard to cut with files, and could not be heated without charring the hair, or least, by a welder. Report further says, he applied to several mediums for advice in Troy, Albany, Philadelphia, etc. He was told there was one in Akron, Ohio, who could relieve him of the ornament; but before he had got ready to go there, he found a cancerous tumor which had long been on his neck, was actually getting well, and, it is said, is cured, and the ring is still on his neck; and we are assured, on what seems to be good authority, that he is converted, and finds himself cured, and with remarkable health, power, and ability, he will soon openly use, with a full and open statement of the above facts. We can afford to wait patiently for the change of mind in such cases, and for the development of all medium powers in our opponents and skeptics, since we have plenty of undeniable evidence and thousands of well established facts, and what to us is still more, daily intercourse with the dwellers in the Summer Land, all of which are so complete that no treason, denials or betrayal, from the weak in head or heart or backbone, can in the least interfere with our knowledge of intercourse between the two spheres of existence.

Remarkable phenomena like the one referred to, if spiritual or not, have not the least influence on us, nor on thousands of others, who, like us, know that the spirits whose bodies are in the "yards" are living, and not shut off from us by any "great gulf," but can and do communicate to us, often giving us valuable advice and counsel upon the affairs of life, without pretending to order or dictate to us as tyrants, masters, or superiors, or requiring of us any sacrifice of our individuality, or of the exercise of our reason and judgment. Those who cannot recognize spirit intercourse without accepting spirits as Gods or Devils, are not prepared to reap much benefit from it at present.

Clairvoyance Produced by an Accident.

Day before yesterday afternoon an accident occurred in the State and Norcross mine, by which Thomas Loomis, a miner, was very seriously injured. He was removing some old timbers, and thoughtlessly knocked out a post while standing under the cap which it supported. The moment the post was removed, down came the cap and a large mass of loose rock from the roof of the breast, crushing him to the ground and fearfully lacerating his scalp and badly bruising his head. The cut in the scalp is some six inches in length, but the most serious injury is to the skull, which is probably fractured. He was taken up in a state of insensibility, and so remained when we last heard from him, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. He lies with his eyes tightly closed, and appears to have lost his hearing, as he answers no questions asked him, and never opens his eyes to look at any one. What is most striking in his case, is the fact that he talks almost incessantly, but at the same time connectedly and sensibly, telling long stories. The moment persons of his acquaintance come into the room, he begins talking about them—not to them. Without seeing or hearing of any one who enters the room, by some sort of mesmeric sympathy, he knows who it is, and at once begins talking about him. Of a young man who came into the room, he said: "I am something of a physician; there is Mr. ... mentioning his name, "is a very good man, but he is down on me, I believe. He once asked me to lend him \$50, and thinks I didn't want to let him have it, when at the same time I went off and got the money for him, but couldn't find him to give it to him." Of another man, he said: "So-and-so is a jolly fellow" and then went on to tell about their having drunk half a dozen hot whiskeys together upon a certain occasion; and then he gave a long account of the pranks of himself and friend, while under the influence of their hot drinks. He seems to hear nothing, and no questions or talk can stop him or turn him from the thread of his stories. At times he speaks of his own condition, saying that he is weighed down by an immense load. His skull at the top of his head appears to be pressing down upon the brain, as when the hands in attendance press the sides of his head between their hands, it seems to afford him great relief. But the most singular feature of his case is what we have related above, his clairvoyance. Dr. Hillier is attending the injured man.—Virginia Enterprise, April 18th.

WOMEN have a much nicer sense of the beautiful than men. They are by far the safer umpires in the matters of propriety and grace. A mere school-girl will be thinking and writing about the beauty of birds and flowers, while her brother is robbing the nest and destroying the flowers.

A PREACHER says—"When I was young I thought it was thunder that killed people, but when I grew wise I found it was the lightning; so I determined to thunder less, and lighten more in future." Elder Knapp should cut this out and paste it on the back of his Bible.

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SUNDAY, MAY 10, 1886.

LYCEUM DEPARTMENT.

"Angels where'er we go attend Our steps, what'er we bid, With watchful care their charge defend, And with awful awe their charge defend, With awful care their charge defend, With awful care their charge defend."

—CHARLES WESLEY.

NOTICE.

THE CHILDREN'S PROGRESSIVE LYCEUM of San Francisco will assemble to-day, May the 10th, at 2 o'clock, P. M., at Dashway Hall, Post street, above Kearny. Friends of the Lyceum are cordially invited to be present.

LYNES ON THE DEATH OF LITTLE MARGARETTA.

BY BENJAMIN TODD.

I saw a rose, a lovely rose, That proudly hung on parent stem; I gazed again—its leaves were brown; The Autumn winds had o'er it blown, And borne it from the sight of men.

PRETTY MARUSCHKA.

Then the Ice Month arose from his seat, stepped across the area to one of the young men, put the staff into his hand, and said: "Brother June, take thou the pre-eminence."

Then the girl joyfully hurried to the slope, and gathered an apronful of the luscious strawberries. She curtsied to the twelve Months, thanked them cordially, and hurried home.

"O, if I had only ripe apples!" she said, and then, turning to her sister, she ordered, "Run, Maruschka, run into the wood and gather me some ripe apples."

"Dear sister, this is not the time of year for apples. Who ever heard of apples ripening in an icy wind?"

"O days, ladyfern waved and wafted its pleasant odor; a constant hum of bees and beetles and flies sounded through the wood. Maruschka looked about for apples as beheld a tree on whose branches hung the ruddy fruit."

"Quick, Maruschka, shake!" commanded September. Then she shook, and there fell an apple; she shook again, and there fell another. "Quick, Maruschka, hasten home!" said the Month.

"Mother!" exclaimed Helena, "give me my dress. I will go the hill and bring some apples. That hussy has eaten all she brought except two. Then she wrapped herself up and hurried to the wood."

"What seek you here?" asked the Ice Month, with a frown wrinkling his white brow. "That is no business of yours," answered Helena, sharply, over her shoulder.

The mother looked out of the window and wondered that Helena did not return. Hour after hour passed, and her daughter came not.

So she wrapped herself up in a thick shawl and went forth. The snow lay deep, and nowhere was a human footprint. She called Helena, but received no answer.

Maruschka sat over the fire and cooked supper. Mother and sister came back no more. Once a Week.

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