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CONTENTMENT.

By Nancy Eaton Woodhouse.

This is my father's house, whose starry dome
Roofs all the mighty cities here below;
And all is well. Though shelterless I roam,
What power can daunt me, since the Truth
I know?

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

*** November!

*** Scorpio, the Scorpion.

*** The Serpent rules November.

*** But the old boy is a good fellow.

*** It is true he is an odd fellow, but odd fellows are good fellows.

*** "Be ye wise as serpents, and harmless as doves," is good advice. The wisdom of the serpent is essential to a well-balanced life.

*** Names of persons who are likely to be interested in CHRISTIAN are always acceptable. If you want copies to distribute among your friends let me know. You may send just as many names as you like, and as often.

*** It is wonderful how my treatments for business success stir up a man and his surroundings. It is worth more than any other kind of advertising. I AM Success, and my Word spoken every day for you will bring you into my vibration.

*** "Will you please send me three copies of October CHRISTIAN? I have some friends that I wish to become interested in it."

This is the way letters are coming in in response to the October number. Yet this number received the severest criticism of any paper yet issued—and the highest praise.

*** "Enclosed please find five dollars. One dollar for renewal of CHRISTIAN and four dollars for the good work."

This is the kind of letters I like to receive. Not for the money, but to balance things, so that those who can't pay can be kept on the roll of CHRISTIAN.

*** H. E. Butler, for a long time the editor of *The Esoteric*, which was suspended some time ago, has once more begun the publication of a monthly magazine called *The Occult and Biological Journal*. Annual subscription, \$1.50; single copy, fifteen cents. Published by the Esoteric Publishing Company, Applegate, Cal.

*** Of course, I am bigger than Uncle Sam, but as he has plenty of trouble on his hands, I have concluded not to put forth all of my strength and knock him out. He insists that CHRISTIAN shall advertise other

people. Therefore, advertisements will hereafter be received on the following terms: Five dollars per inch for each insertion, cash in advance, and no grumbling. This will not decrease the reading matter in CHRISTIAN, but beginning with next year, will increase it.

*** *Mental Science*, Vol. 1, No. 1, October, 1900, is on my table. This is a monthly magazine, edited and published by Eugene Del Mar, 27 William street, New York City, at one dollar a year. In typographical make-up this magazine is an exact reproduction of Hugh O. Pentecost's *Positive Thought*, recently suspended.

*** Here is a letter from a prominent business man in Chicago: "Dear Mr. Shelton—Your October CHRISTIAN is a wonder, it is a masterpiece. I read and reread it, and have loaned it to my dearest friends to read. I asked them to return it, as I will keep it—it is a treasure. I wish you all good." Accompanying this letter was a substantial check "to help on the good work."

*** The Light of Truth has been established in Columbus, Ohio, four years, and still we are receiving mail addressed to Cincinnati and forwarded here from that city. It is hard to tell how some people get along in the world.—*Light of Truth*.

Just so! Even my regular correspondents often send their letters to Little Rock. Persons who are in clubs in cities try to stop CHRISTIAN by returning the paper and not giving the name of their city, etc.

*** There is no space in Spirit. I frequently get telegrams from the other side of the ocean and give treatments. A cablegram will bring a patient as near to me as though he were present in this office. But I wish all of you people to remember that I have to pay for the delivery of messages, for collecting personal checks, and five cents on each Canadian paper dollar. It is not much to you, but it amounts to many dollars to me.

*** "Don't let anyone else write for your paper. I want you—everyone wants you." This is the way they begin to talk as soon as I publish contributions. Nevertheless, variety is the spice of life. An occasional word from other people is a good thing. When your questions are not answered or your article is not printed, you can generally find your answer indirectly given to some one else, or in the body of the paper.

*** "What is the difference between the soul and Spirit?"

Soul is the individual; Spirit is the Universal. You are a soul, but you live, and move, and have your being in Spirit. Your soul is the immortal individual which has consciousness in the objective and the subjective. You as a soul may live in two

worlds at the same time. Soul is always applied to the individual life. I can't tell you how to distinguish between your own thought and Spirit impression. You must learn it by actual experience. There is no uncertainty, no doubt, no fear in Spirit impression. When you are in doubt about it, you may rest assured it does not come from the Spirit.

*** To all those who have been attacked with the poison of the "Soul-mate" craze I recommend, as an antidote and a sure cure the September *Nautilus*. Elizabeth sees the Truth, though she has recently taken a mate. Fifty cents a year. Five cents will bring this number. Holyoke, Mass.—*Now, San Jose, Cal.*

Why, the editor of "Now" must be a Homeopath! The motto of Homeopathy is: "Like cures like." Does he mean to insinuate that the editor of the "Nautilus" has been infected with "the poison of the Soul-mate craze," and therefore she is able to give "an antidote and a sure cure?" Do you really believe the hair of the dog will cure the poison of his bite?

*** Look here, ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters! If regeneration could be accomplished by monks, nuns and eunuchs, why haven't they accomplished it? Now, I believe that God made man after his own image and likeness. If he had wanted monks, nuns and eunuchs, he would have made them that way. When Jesus Christ says: "In the regeneration they neither marry nor are given in marriage," the original words have reference to the marriage ceremony and the giving away of the bride. In the regeneration there will be none of this nonsense. All unions will be governed by the law of attraction. The natural law of attraction, not the attraction of a pretty face, fine clothes, or a full purse.

*** It has come at last! Mrs. Wilmans has organized Mental Science. She believes in evolution and this movement came by the regular process of evolution. First Mrs. Eddy organized Christian Science. Then Mrs. Cramer organized Divine Science, and now Mrs. Wilmans has organized Mental Science. Kernel Sabin is trying to organize what he calls "Reformed Christian Science." I would not join Sabin, even if he were a General. In this movement women are in on the ground floor. When I get ready to join, I am going to annex myself to the Great Triangle. I always did like triangles. The Church of the Great Triangle has been founded by Mother Eddy, Mother Cramer and Mother Wilmans. There is no use for men, even with military titles, trying to organize an institution under the auspices of the New Thought. The Divine Feminine is on the throne! Long may She reign!

*** To Helen Wilmans I owe much of the Spirit of Freedom that possesses me to-day. To Shelton's CHRISTIAN I owe the DARE in me. So here is NOW, the child of these two godparents. Can it fail? I think the god-child has improved upon the parents. It should.—*Henry Harrison Brown in Now.*

That sounds exactly like one of my kids. They always think they know more than I do, especially about their own affairs. Even in this office there is not a proper respect for My Majesty. The two girls that work in this office treat me as if I were a common mortal. It is the same with other people, too. The other day Helen called the great and mighty Elbert Hubbard "Mother Hubbard." Just think of the editor of the *Philistine* and the author of "Little Journeys" being called "Mother Hubbard!" I am anxious to see what Helen Wilmans will say about her part in getting up this Pacific coast kid.

*** A correspondent writes: "If these people who are inquiring so interestedly after their soul-mates would in the Silence search the temple within themselves they might be led to see that if they found another soul that matched themselves, they would be in a worse plight than they are now." The same writer adds: "If you can, tell us how love is to be distinguished from insanity! I do not deny the existence of the passion, but it is full of evil. It makes one insanely happy, sweetly miserable and utterly wretched." Well, sweetheart, love is the greatest thing in the world, therefore it is likely to upset humanity as long as they are in the realms of mortality. It is a fire, and fire, while it will warm you under certain conditions, will consume you under other conditions. Fire soothes and hurts, nevertheless there can be no existence without fire.

*** The Pennsylvania coal miners are not the only ones who strike. Here is a declaration of independence:

"My Dear Doctor—I have gone on a strike! I will not put up with poor health, poverty and business failure any longer. Now you know, or if you do not 'She Whom Your Soul Loves' does know that when a Taurian goes on a strike something must yield. I am so glad she is a Taurian, for I feel she is a part of myself and can understand me. And I feel through her you can help me as you never could help alone. Now, dear, as I said before, I am on a strike! I will not endure the old conditions any longer! *My own must come to me now.* It is my right. I demand that it manifest to me in Money and Success. I have use for it. And I know that she and you will help me to get it. I am one of your old sweethearts. Alice S. C."

This declaration of independence comes from New York City. All right, Alice, I understand the Taurian. I have a couple of little Taurians in this office and they are hard to drive. But if they undertake to drive, look out! There is nothing to hinder you from being a success in everything. "Strike! Strike until the last armed foe expires!" But, sweetheart, after a while you will learn that the hardest blows come from repose.

*** Everybody seems to want to give me advice. I don't mind receiving letters of advice and instruction from persons on this planet, who have a regular postoffice address and are willing to enclose a dollar for my

time. But the other day a spiritual medium of Detroit sent me two long communications from what she called a "planetary spirit." This spirit told me all about Brahm and how I was hatched out of one of his eggs, and that I was a chosen vessel to do a good work on the earth. There was a great long story about my incarnations and reincarnations. Many pages were taken up with wavy lines, showing how I had been wobbling through all the centuries. It was the same old story of man's fall and his return to a "Paradise Lost." This falsehood has been floating around in the psychic atmosphere for centuries. It has been absorbed into all the creeds of all religions. It is a big lie! Man never fell, never lost anything, and there is absolutely no such thing as progress in Spirit. It is the one unchangeable substance. It is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. I AM the Sun, and therefore I give instructions to all planetary spirits. "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

*** "Would like to have Dr. Shelton comment on the Reform Christian Science Movement of Col. Sabin in Washington, D. C.; on his unchaining the Truth. How can any one "chain" the Truth? That is impossible in my opinion. It is as free as the air—you only have to walk into it."

I know but very little about Col. Sabin and his work. I send CHRISTIAN to him every month, but never see his paper. You may chain the man who utters Truth, but you can't chain the Truth. Christian Science can't be reformed any more than any other Science. It is the same yesterday, to-day and forever. If Col. Sabin is undertaking to reform Eddyism it will be love's labor lost. There isn't an "ism" on the earth that can be reformed. The better thing to do is to go on and preach the Truth, without regard to the errors of anyone else. Let everyone blow their own horns! Individualization is the only way to a clear understanding of the Truth. Let every man speak the Truth as he understands it. But don't let him organize himself into a sect and make everybody use his brand of spectacles. You can perpetuate error through organization, but organization is never any benefit to the Truth. Some of the worst kind of lop-sided ideas are kept before the world through the power of organized effort. Just think of the 666 sects in religion going forward building churches and perpetuating their institutions without a single spark of Truth in their creeds!

*** Dear Brother Shelton—In the October issue of CHRISTIAN I observe that Brother Pentecost criticises you for conforming to the marriage law of your state! Knowing your position in regard to marriage—that only the God-Marriage can secure peace, harmony and perpetual love—my first thought was in line with his. But I recalled the controversy between Paul and Peter (Gal. ii., 11). Both were right, but each from his own point of view. Peter courted peace. Paul would be consistent, though it cost his life, thus forgetting that himself had said: "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing." The higher law covers all demands. Peace being enjoined,

"So far as in us lies," why invite "Nothing" to stir up strife?

Your love for Blanche, and her desire to avoid "even the appearance of evil," dictated the course which you pursued. "The powers that be are ordained of God," and the Bible commands us to obey them. To shut the mouth of scandal with a ten dollar note was the part of wisdom.

"No might nor greatness in mortality
Can censure 'scape: back-wounding calumny
The whitest virtue strikes: what king so strong
Can tie the gall up in a slanderous tongue?"

Beloved: If only for observing a "nothing" you invite criticism, you have done well. Peace be with you.

By the way, this is a wonderful issue of CHRISTIAN! With its charming editorials and its criticisms pro and con, it constitutes a number of surpassing interest. "Wines on the lees, etc." All are lovers, and lovingly express themselves. Such criticism generates no bile. So be it ever. E. A. Hodson, Minnehaha, Minn.

Thanks! All sensible people will view the matter as you do after second thought. True, marriage has to do with the physical law as well as moral and social law. Soul mates are bound together by the law of attraction. This law is written in their bodies as well as their minds. The electro-magnetic current is so mated that there is a perpetual exchange of the life forces. They are complete within themselves and may live forever. When Jesus says "They are as the angels of God," he means that they are united by the law of electro-magnetism. It is perfect health, perfect harmony, and the readjustment of all the life forces. I had this in theory, and now I have it practically demonstrated every day of my life. "I am the Lord thy God, and there is no one beside Me." There are always two beside me, but no more. God created the male and female in his own likeness, and after his own image. There is only one male and one female in the union of a true marriage. For this cause a man leaves all others and finds the full desires of his soul satisfied in his mate. The angels of God live and move, and have their being in pairs, two and two; and when immortality is realized on the earth, it will be with "the twain in one flesh."

*** "Pardon this intrusion, but as every man owes Society for all he knows, and I being an integral part of Society, I propose to exercise sufficient impudence to ask you to pay me some back rent. Seriously now, will you give me your attention just for a moment. I have had a very laborious discussion with a friend on some points which I wish your assistance upon. Neither has conceded anything as yet to the other. We can't both be right.

"1. Are thoughts things? If so, how can it be illustrated or demonstrated?

"2. Is there any such a thing as immaterial substance? If so, what is it, and how do you define it or illustrate it? Is there anything tangible about electricity? Magnetism? If not tangible, where is the substance? How can there be substance without some degree of tangibility?

"3. If insanity arises from the subconscious mind assuming command over the objective mind—according to Mr. Hudson—and it is the subconscious or subjective mind that survives death, what method of mental gym-

nastics are we to employ to determine the source of happiness, since we know that all happiness must of necessity proceed from Knowledge? Yours for development, J. S. Whiteman."

1. Thoughts are things and things are thoughts; the one is just as easily explained as the other. You can't understand a thought without a thing or a thing without a thought. You can't have a thought without a thing or a thing without a thought. Just let your opponent try to get a thing without a thought or a thought without a thing. The whole objective Universe is an expression of the thought of the subjective Universe. Trees, mountains, rivers, men, animals are all thoughts. The same principle is carried out by man in his own creation. Houses, streets, roads, everything that man has made was first in his thought. The architect thinks out his plans, then puts them on paper, and the workmen build his thoughts into form. Man is simply acting as a sub-creator, but he acts on the same principle that governs all creation.

2. Fire is an immaterial substance, if you mean by immaterial invisible. Fire is an invisible substance, and it has the power to dissolve all our so-called solid material substance. In the great Chicago fire, stone, iron and steel were dissolved as if they had been dry stubble in the field. Fire in its substance is always invisible. We say of fire "it has gone out," but it never goes out. When matter is consumed and the fire has nothing more to feed upon its effects disappear. The fire returns to its invisible home. There is something very tangible about electricity, for it also is fire.

3. Insanity arises from a loss of balance between the subconscious and the conscious mind. The sane man is one who holds his balance between the subjective and the objective. There is a double vision and a double hearing. Anything which opens the inner vision without keeping the outer vision open will cause insanity. Why? Because the physical organ of the mind is unbalanced. The mind itself is all right. A diseased brain will unbalance the mind, just as a diseased leg will cripple the body in walking. Let the insane man throw away his old body and his mind will assume its normal condition. Insanity belongs to mortality and nowhere else.

THE RESURRECTION AND REGENERATION.

The October number of CHRISTIAN created a stir. Stir is better than stagnation. There has been no change in the I AM who edits CHRISTIAN. He is without changeableness or shadow that is cast by turning. From the first number of CHRISTIAN until the last one there has been one clear, strong, word-proclaiming regeneration through sexual vibrations. Moses was all right as far as he went, but he died. Don't point to any of these old men who have gone to the graveyard as examples for me to follow. Adam never fell. Paradise was never lost. Man is not an evolution. Man did not come up from lower orders of life. Man suddenly appeared on this planet in the full splendors of manhood. The first men on the planet were "mighty

men, men of renown." I quote from a recent writer whom I heartily endorse: "The Bible is perfectly correct; man appeared suddenly on this planet about six thousand years ago, and by the end of the twentieth century the Darwinian theory will be nothing but a memory." I may add that by the end of half a century the Miltonian theory of the fall of man and his return to a "Paradise Lost" will be nothing but a memory. Of course, I expect some of you people to stand up and yell at me for these statements, but they come from headquarters and can be established. You can't get at the Truth by going backwards. Here is a letter about the fall of Shelton, which may interest you more than the fall of Adam:

"Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 8, 1900.

"Dear Shelton—Vibrations! Yes, unquestionably the CHRISTIAN carries with it a vibration, but the October number brought an entirely new one—of the earth earthy.

"Shame on you, Jove Shelton! For have you not led us up to an exceeding high mountain? But now, behold our Moses! Chosen to lead the children out of bondage, himself a captive; standing on that exceeding high mountain, viewing the Promised Land, himself falling of entrance. And, unlike that man of old, who fell asleep at that great height, our idol has descended into the valley of the shadow, midst the old familiar flesh-pots.

"How shall we ever straighten up this shape,
Give back the upward looking and the light."

"Shelton, our Guide-light, 'The New Man,' the Regenerate! repeating the old, old 6,000-year-old story of the 'Old Man' Adam.

"We seek wisdom, tell us initiate, you who have sounded all the depths and shoals and scaled the dizzy heights, what meant the wise man who said: 'Those who are accounted worthy of the resurrection and that world are not given in marriage.'

"Why did you not 'get thee to a nunnery' for a soul mate instead of the garish world. Are there no vibrations in a nunnery?"

"One hundred thousand subscribers and readers have felt the change of vibration in CHRISTIAN.

"We know Shelton is honest, the maker of no lies, and if, God-like, he finds the error of his ways and repents, we may expect to hear about it in CHRISTIAN.

"The words of CHRISTIAN have soared over the heads of the multitude and have lodged in high places—with the thinkers of the world.

"They who know that love is the miracle that has created all that there is in the earth, that Love is God and God is Love; who know that love is the transmuting alchemy by which man shall be regenerated—born again, that woman's love must have its place in that test crucible, out of which shall issue, Phoenix-like, the New Man, the Christ; they, with upturned faces, watch, awaiting the appearance of that star which shall guide them.

"The sin of Old Man Adam we condone,
Who ate the tempting fruit and lost his home.

If true a pity 'tis, and pity 'tis 'tis true,
The story old, again is told, the New Man fallen, too.'

Sincerely yours, Allan Parkinson, 123 Wilmington street."

Beloved, there is no more truth in the fall of Shelton than there is in the fall of Adam. I called up Adam a while ago and asked him if he had fallen, and if so, did Eve cause him to fall. He denied the allegation. He declares that Eve was his soul-mate, and that the devil only added to their wisdom and

helped them to a better understanding of each other.

I am following the Spirit. Everybody else can do as they please. I don't care whether you believe what I say or not. I am not saying things to make you believe or disbelieve. I am not talking through my hat, and I am not talking for Buncombe. I am saying things that I hear the Spirit say. There is just one way, and only one way, into the Truth. Be honest; be sincere! Don't tell a lie to yourself! I have been all along the road. No man has ever fought a fiercer battle against nature or made stronger efforts to kill God. I did not succeed in killing God. I have folded my hands in the pulpit and solemnly told lies, believing them to be the Truth. I thought eating, drinking, and the satisfying of any other natural desire was carnal, and even devilish. I believed that spiritual aspirations took the form of sighing, singing, praying, and even whimpering like a whipped puppy before the I AM. I now know from the very words of the I AM spoken in me that I was a fool. I was a regular jackass dressed up in a long-tail coat. Every desire of man is the desire of God. God is in man and man is in God. Every action, aspiration and appetite of man is God-given. "It is God who worketh in us," and there is no one else at work in us. The exceeding high mountain of spiritual perception will teach you to be natural. I am in the regeneration and I am just as sure to work it out through the Divine Feminine as that the Sun shines and the worlds move. Why don't these poor, fool mortals recognize the divinity that stirs within them? Put out of your mind the old falsehood that woman's body is a snare of the devil. It is the Temple of the Living God, and I AM the Living God.

WHOLE MATES, SOLE MATES, SOLD MATES AND SOUL MATES.

Eleanor Kirk, in her *Idea*, and Kate Boehme, in *Radiant Centre*, are fighting shy of the sex question. They are both widows, and widows are proverbial for their shyness! But here comes Josephine Barton in the *Life* and discusses intelligently the whole phase of whole mates, sole mates, sold mates and soul mates. I give you her own words from the *Life* of September 26, 1900:

"Dear Mrs. Barton—Would you mind giving your views on the subject of sole-mates. Do you think that everybody must have a particular sole-mate? How was it with you and Mr. Barton? I have been very well satisfied with my wife, and she showed no signs to the contrary till she got to reading science papers. Sense then she acts queer sometimes."

Answer—Your question reminds me—viewed in its literal significance—of "sole-mating" in Germany. There ladies' shoes are both made on the same last, so that they can be worn on either foot. Such soles mate too well. In order to truly mate, soles should be opposites. When exactly alike they may be called matches, but not mates.

Seriously, no, I do not think that each soul must have a mate. I have observed several cases of "soul-mating," but in every case, so far, where they have had time for results, the woman woke out of the delusion with the consciousness of having made a terrible mistake; and in one instance she "took the veil" to punish herself and to atone, to get back to real oneness again, and she gratified the

priest's tickling ears by relating to him her tale of woe. The man was not perceptibly moved, but went right on building another web, until health failed him, and each time affirming that he had certainly found his soul-mate this time.

Ours is a great, good world, and every one should be happy. But if one unwisely leaves the fruitful fields of Causation and indolently lies round waiting for "his own to come to him," to make him happy, he will waste lots of precious time! Mr. Burrows did not allude to *material avoirdupois things*, he simply meant that the one who rises into the perfect consciousness of the knowledge that all things in reality are his already, is serenely sure of right and happy results.

The Infinite is not around mating soles. Elohim has expressed man in Its divine Image. The Individual is the Grand Man of the Universe, the Representative of the Invisible Powers, and is a *whole unit* in himself, lacking nothing. He has both poles of the magnet man. You might as well talk about the earth going out into the abyss of heaven to seek its other half in Jupiter before it can have both poles, or of waiting in its majestic orbit until "its own shall come to it" before it can continue its marvelous movement in space with its full complement of force and fidelity to its appointed times.

In reply to the personal question, with permission of my readers' forbearance, I think Mr. Barton and myself are two whole individuals spiritually united. I am quite sure that I am not a *half*, and I look upon him as a complete individual in himself. I would not like to associate my interests with only a half of a Mind or soul!

Here are some lines written by Mr. Barton to me only a few years ago which may make our position clearer:

MY ONE LOVE.

My heart has held in all these years
But one, but one.
Through joys and woes, through smiles and tears
Thou art my own.
No shadow cast in all the past
So drear, so drear,
Thy image in my heart could blast,
Obscure or blear.
No flower of beauty's tempting wiles,
So fair, so fair
With luring hope or siren smiles,
My heart could share.
A queen thou reignest in my life,
Supreme, supreme!
No rival has my darling wife,
My muse's theme.

He did not suppose there was any danger of publication, as it was just a thought written almost impromptu. But I hope it will help those who are waiting for soul-mates to turn up, to quit doing things they have to sneak about, and fill the noble mission in life each one was intended to fill, with honest heart and open countenance—beginning in the field he lawfully occupies—and merit happiness through his fidelity and a clear conscience.

Not one noble son was born of all the fifty years of polygamy and degradation of the Mother of The Living. Like the American Indian who ignorantly enslaved its motherhood, they failed as a race because, born of a slavish and over-burdened mother, its sons and daughters portrayed the inherited qualities and proved that they belonged to a race of slaves!

It was not the Science that made your wife queer, though it may have been her misunderstanding or misconception of its principles.

If one would be supremely happy, let him perform in the great field of the Lord-self, and so lift the race up higher, up above the plane of wars and discords. Let him keep his mentality fertile of good, pure, wholesome thoughts, and then he will not lack of physical vitality and will need no outside magnetizing to keep his vital forces fresh

and vigorous. This is the better way. In it there are no broken hearts, no remorseful consciences, but the emotions are kept tender and true and in *healthful appreciation* of sweet nature's charms, and through the knowledge of daily benefiting mankind and of helping the race to a higher plane of life and into a loftier type of consciousness, there is found supremest earthly joy.

This morning I found a fresh-blown honey-suckle blossom, and as I inhaled the fragrance I thought "There's a world of wealth in that blossom," and I perceived it there. Substantially beautiful castles turreted in gold and capped with precious stones appeared above a molten sea of sapphire. Wide and cultivated distances whose every inch is beautified and rendered most desirable with rare improvements, and without a desert spot or swamp or place for rubbish the whole realm through. No weapons of warfare are there! The field lark, the thrush and mocking-bird warble their wildest notes of joy and know not fear. The sleek-furred beasts are friendly and reflect no antagonism from man's selfish cruelty, for there man is human. Flowers open with praise. In the gentle unfolding of their petals is soft cadence and a tiny tinkling as of far-off bells when fruitful pollen falls. The rosy down and splendors of the sinking sun; flowers drinking dew of heaven and exhaling sweetness gathered there; the wild rose thriving in the fragrant hedge, and in the fields the ceaseless song of insect and of birds; the trackless air distanced in blue and arched with twinkling, jeweled worlds that leap for very joy and flash to us their word of Love; "All life is centered in The Life intense and hath a part in Being," all to show forth the Infinite and make men happy in the true knowledge. Let him who is dissatisfied study the ways of The Invisible Powers—through the apparent—and so find the true blessedness of this beautiful life."

HOW SHALL WE DO TO BE SAVED?

I take the following letter from among many, in order to answer a few questions raised by an article under the above heading in October CHRISTIAN:

"Oct. 4, 1900.

"My Dear Doctor Shelton: Will you kindly explain in CHRISTIAN the following quotations from October number:

"Sexual association is just as essential to health as sleeping and eating." And again, 'If you crucify the flesh, if you repress natural desire, you are crucifying and repressing God.' Again, 'What are you to do with these desires? Satisfy them. Everything given from the Spirit is for your satisfaction. There is not anything that will satisfy Spirit except Spirit. For this reason none can satisfy you except your mate. All other associations are adulterous.'

"According to this, one must either crucify the flesh, and thus crucify and repress God, or be adulterous in absence of one's mate. As you doubtless know, through your large correspondence, the majority of people have failed to find their mates. Which of the two evils would you recommend to such, repressing God or being adulterous? A sincere seeker for Truth."

The writer of this letter is a woman. Her first name is Ruth, and she lives away out on the Pacific coast. She is as clean and pure and high-minded as any woman who ever lived. I have had several letters from sexual dyspeptics, who have abused me for everything they could think of, and some have stopped their subscriptions on account of that article. You know a sexual dyspeptic is like all other dyspeptics. They are ready to turn up their noses at everything, because

they have lost their own appetite. You may put before a dyspeptic the finest meal in the world and he will either go to work and gourmandize, or else will turn away in disgust. This is true of the sexual dyspeptic. I am writing for those who can understand. The ones who impeach my motives should stop CHRISTIAN. If you have not confidence in my honesty, integrity and purity, you should not come to me for instruction. I am not writing for praise, neither am I courting censure. I am speaking as the Spirit of Truth gives me utterance.

Some have written to me, stating that God, the Spirit, does not enjoy anything. They tell me that God is not capable of any kind of sensation, whether of pleasure or pain. They affirm that all sensation is in matter, therefore the sexual appetite, as all other appetites, is of the flesh. This is an old lie. There is no kind of sensation in matter. All sensation is in Spirit. God not only does all of the suffering, all of the sorrowing, but enjoys all of the pleasure, all of the ecstasy of life. God is life. There is no life in matter. All life is in God, for God is everything that is substantial. Matter is a medium of Spirit, and when Spirit is withdrawn from matter, sensation ceases. 'The dead know not anything.' This old lie of all sensation being in the flesh is the cause of nearly all of the error on earth. Banish the idea from your mind! There is only God! Therefore, whatever you enjoy of pleasure or suffer as pain comes from the Spirit, while the flesh is only used as a medium. 'To be carnally-minded is death; to be spiritually-minded is life and peace.' Why? Because the mind that is in you determines life or death, joy or sorrow.

In answer to Ruth, I will stand by what I have said. All associations that are not in accordance with the law of attraction are adulterous. There is no other law to determine the right except this law of attraction. There are more soul mates on earth than you think. In fact, I believe that the majority of people who come together are soul mates. Because there is a battle is no sign that you are not soul mates. Soul mates do not come together as so much slop in a bucket. They do not come together as two balls of putty. They come together as individuals by the law of attraction. I told you that before I saw my soul mate I knew there was going to be a battle between us. There was fierce warfare for the first forty days of our acquaintance. There has been many a battle since, but if we had not been mates, if we had been indifferent, it would have been only a skirmish and a separation. Because there was deep feeling, there was a fierce contention in our minds. It was a struggle of life and death. There was no power on earth or in hell that could have kept us from coming together. And no power could separate us. Still we had to come together with a welding heat, a fierce struggle of spirit against spirit, mind against mind. Why? Because it was two individuals coming together, not two halves, or one whole individual and one being who was a "mush of concessions." It was God meeting God! Since we have been blended into one, we can see why the battle had to be fought before

the victory was won. I write these things so that you may not be disappointed because you are not made one in mind, spirit and body at once.

All literature bears out the statements I have made, that "the course of true love never runs smooth." Do your quarrels bring pain? Are you hurt by the words you use towards each other? These are the questions you are to ask. If it is a contention of spirit against spirit, the wounds will hurt. But if your coming together is simply one of convenience, "a good match," a bargain you have made in a commercial way, then, of course, quarrels only deepen the gulf between you. You can't expect to find your soul mate as you get a roast at the butcher shop. Take the commercial idea into the matter and you are nearly sure to be cheated. Are you looking out for a bargain? Then go to the bargain counter. This is the reason you are not mated. You have been putting your best foot foremost, setting out to catch a man or woman. Of course, both of you will be disappointed, but if it is a coming together of two individuals who have been mated for all eternity, there will be considerable hell raised before the union is perfected. If She had been a wooden woman, she would not have been my mate, unless I myself had been a man of straw. The royal, dominant, individualistic spirit in me must also be found in her, or we are not mates. It is the coming together of two commanding forces. It is God meeting God!

The old lie that all of our sensations are of the flesh is the cause of the trouble. People are taught to sneak around and hide themselves. They are taught that it is wrong to gratify so-called desires of the flesh, when the facts are that the flesh never did have any kind of desire. It is God that desires, and it is God that we have been crucifying all of these years of mortal foolishness. It is God who is being trampled in the streets and slums and dives of our cities. It is God who is crying out in the agony of a despair born of man's errors. Not the error of feeling desire, but the error of condemning the one who feels desire. It is God who lives, and moves, and has being in us. Just as long as you call this sensation animal, beastly, devilish, etc., you are desecrating the Temple of the Living God by words—words full of the poison of your own foolish mind. The way out of this wilderness is the recognition that God is good and that God is all. Just as long as you are cross-eyed by trying to see two Principles of Being—one Evil and the other Good—you are between the Devil and the Deep Sea. There is only Good! You can not fail to find your soul mate when you find your soul. If you think your soul is lost in what is called animal nature, lost in the flesh, or lost in any other way, you are a fool for want of spiritual sense. Your soul is not lost, never was lost, and never can be lost. It is your own mind that has been made crazy by trying to see two Principles of Being. It is utterly impossible to have two Principles of Being in the Universe. Therefore, when the mortal mind tries to conceive an impossibility, it goes crazy. This is the reason these fool mortals are a set of lunatics in their

marriage relationship and in all other relations.

The trouble is not on account of your not finding your soul mates. It lies much deeper. It is in the thought of the race. "To be carnally-minded is death." What is a carnal mind? It is a mortal mind. It is that mind which condemns the life we have to live in the body. It is that mind which ascribes wrong, evil to the natural desires and appetites of a human being. Just think of it! A woman brings a human being into the world through what she calls "carnal" connections with a man. The word "carnal" here is used in the sense of evil. The creative act is looked upon as something low, vile and to be avoided by the spiritually-minded. Just think of ascribing the creative act, the act of the Almighty, to the Devil and Tom Walker! The gateway into life is called the Gate of Hell; the path that we travel, the road of lust, carnality and evil. We have been taught that all the natural desires of the flesh are to be condemned, and the real life of those who are spiritual is far above all of these things. They have told us that we are going to heaven. This place called Heaven is where all of the good people go. It is a place

"Where congregations ne'er break up
And Sabbaths never end."

In this beautiful place people neither eat, nor sleep, nor drink, nor kiss. The idea of one angel kissing another would shock the ordinary religionist. Oh, no, you never do any such thing as look into each other's eyes with love, or feel the vibrations which come from the Sun Center! You just spend your time singing, playing on a harp. I would rather go to hell! I agree with Elbert Hubbard when he declares he would rather go to hell with Walt Whitman than to live in heaven with these goody-goody religionists. If these sanctified people were sincere it would help me to have a respect for their folly. But they are not sincere. I have had long years of experience, and the people who claim to be so spiritually-minded that they will not condescend to even speak of sex, or of eating and drinking and sleeping, are the very ones who go to excess behind the door. Damn a hypocrite! Did you ever notice that Jesus Christ never condemned anyone but hypocrites? He spoke gently and lovingly to the woman taken in adultery. But he everlastingly damned the old hypocrites who dragged her into his presence. They sneaked out and went on praying, and preying. You need not be ashamed of your natural appetites and desires. They come up from the depths of your own Divinity. Praise all these desires, and their gratification will not hurt you! Condemn yourself and you will be condemned! Glorify the God within you, not by psalm singing, but by healthful, natural life. Glory to God in the highest and the lowest!

Never do what you would wish to undo
to friend or foe.

Remember, the person who would ridicule you for reforming bad moral habits would be the first to blame you for the vices into which bad habits lead.

OFFENDING THE LITTLE ONES.

"But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a mill-stone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! For it must needs be that offences come, but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!"

I am not above criticism, but I am above taking offense at criticism. I am Love! "Love suffereth long and is kind. Love beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." It is not because Love is afraid, for perfect love casteth out all fear. It is because Love is God, and God does not offend himself or take offense from himself. There is only God! Therefore, when you get this idea fixed in your mind, it relieves you of all the burden and care of life. Vanity is one of the great sources of sorrow, trouble, tribulation and cares. You have to keep on feeding vanity. It is easily offended. It is always ready to take offense. God is not vain. Why should there be any vanity in God? As God is All, there can be no one before whom to parade His vanity.

The other day Elbert Hubbard, editor of the *Philistine*, being true to the name of his magazine, devoted a whole number to shots at other people. He made an attack on all the cranks he could crowd into one issue of his magazine. It raised a regular howl. I understood the humor and intent of the criticism, and therefore enjoyed it. Hubbard is a humorist. I sent a copy of October *CHRISTIAN* to a prominent Denver lawyer. This is the way he writes to me in a personal letter:

"The copy of the *CHRISTIAN* which you kindly sent reached me, and I was very much interested in reading your comments on Hubbard's article. Of course, it is not expected that I should understand all that you and Hubbard say, being an ordinary mortal; the best I can do is to gather up a few crumbs here and there. This much I do know, however, and that is, that very few people understand Hubbard. Most individuals in reading what he wrote with reference to you, would have been mad; they would not have appreciated the real good nature there is in the article, and in the man who wrote it. I can only commend you for having had sense enough to see that it was intended in a good-natured way, and that there was nothing to be mad about, and you have treated it as such, and I am glad to see it."

A few days after receiving this lawyer's letter, I received an autograph letter from Hubbard himself. This is the way he writes:

"The Roycroft Shop,
"At East Aurora, New York,
"Makers of Hand-Printed Books and Things.
"Oct. 4, 1900.

"Dear Brother Shelton—The way you have taken your medicine proves you to be all you claim. All the rest, excepting our Brother Hugh, got right up and screamed in falsetto. You are what you are, and no man in East Aurora or anywhere else can harm you, and your virtue lies in the fact that you know it. So here's love all 'round, and I am ever your sincere Elbert Hubbard."

Fra Elbertus, you have borne witness to the truth. I am all I claim. No man in East Aurora or anywhere else can harm me. If I had been other than what I am, this scratch of your pen would have irritated me. But how can you irritate God? A fool mortal

claims to be Jesus Christ. You call him down and laugh at him for calling himself J. C. He gets angry. Why? Because he is not J. C. No one ever heard of Jesus Christ being frustrated because people called him by his name. I do not think J. C. will ever come back to this little dirt-dauber's nest again, but if he does He will not be ashamed of His name. I AM God, and when you apply to me all the ugly names of Myself, the only thing I can do is to say Amen! I am not ashamed of any of my names. Yet I AM One, and my Name is One. I AM Unity. There is no one beside Me. I AM the Whole and there are no parts, that is, no parts detached from the Whole. The individual is not all of Me, but I am all of the individual. From everlasting to everlasting I AM God. There is no place where I AM not; there is no being that is not Me. You cannot escape from my Presence. If you make your bed in hell, I AM there with you. If you take the wings of the morning and fly unto the uttermost parts of the earth, I will fly with you. I AM in all of the depths, and I AM in all of the heights. I Am the First and I Am the Last. I Am the Beginning and I Am the End. I Am the A and I Am the Z. And I Am all the letters between A and Z. What are you without Me? You are as stubble in the stubble field, seeming to be and yet having no stability. But when you recognize Me, thou art immortal, invincible, the only potentate, Lord of lords, and King of kings. Write My name on your forehead and on your thigh, and go forth conquering and to conquer. I Am the Resurrection, therefore in Me you can rise from any condition. I AM Life, and in Me you have the keys of Death and Hell.

INDIVIDUAL INDEPENDENCE.

"Is it the 'I' or the 'Not I' of me when I feel like renouncing my husband and demanding that he give me all or nothing? It seems to me I can not love him as I once did, as long as he shares his thoughts with another. At times I feel like telling him I can not be his wife any longer, and then I am not sure that it is the right thing to do, or whether I should do anything but wait. Will I receive the same results by silent demand or through spoken words?"

The above is a sample of questions coming to me from wives and husbands. You have a wrong conception of the whole matter. The word "wife" and the word "husband" have become symbols of bondage. A woman gets the legal title of wife, and then she begins to domineer over her husband and make demands. A man gets the legal title of husband and begins to lord it over the woman. These legal titles are often given through hypocrisy and deceit. The woman who marries a man knowing that she does not love him is a hypocrite and prostitute, and vice versa. No formulas of the church or the state can change the facts. All the prayers of all the priests and preachers on earth can not change the hypocrite and prostitute into an honest person. We make a great hue and cry against a woman who yields through love or passion without the marriage ceremony; but she is not to be compared to the one who deliberately plots and plans a marriage without love. Let us

understand that individuals are individuals, and not wives and husbands. You have no right to demand of your husband anything, either in the Silence or with your mouth. There is no kind of bondage in love. He is an individual and you are an individual. His life is independent and so is your life independent. What are you to do? Don't demand anything! Give! Give! Freely give from out of your own individual self. Give as a queen gives, royally and nobly, without thinking of any kind of returns! Give him to understand that you are absolutely independent of all other persons in the Universe. Give her to understand that the Divine Feminine is in you and with you and that the Divine is not dependent upon the human. Live a large and magnanimous life. This is the life of an individual and not the life of a mere "husband." You were individuals before that little ceremony was performed and before you received that little piece of paper. Retain your individuality! The so-called mating in this world is simply selfishness gone to seed. The woman gets her little piece of paper called the marriage certificate and begins to demand and command and claim her "rights." You have no rights save the right to live your own individual life. You have no right to enter the domain of another individual unless you are invited. You can't arm yourself with a little piece of paper and enter the domain of another individual simply because they wear the name of husband or wife. The kingdom of your good is within yourself!

What we want to find out first of all is that we are individuals. There may be an association of individuals without destroying individuality. But just as soon as the association becomes an institution, the individual is in bondage. I vote with my own political party when it suits me to do so. If any of the party leaders undertook to whip me into the lines, there would be a rebellion. I hold certain thoughts in common with other people, and as long as my individuality is not encroached upon, I am willing to co-operate for the common good. There can be no good which does not recognize individuality. The principle of individuality holds good in all kinds of association. When two lovers are associated together they are very kind, respectful, and polite to each other. Why? Because they are not claiming any "rights." They are not making any demands. They do not own any property in each other. But just let a preacher say over a few words, and war begins at once. The woman begins to claim the "rights" of a wife and the man begins to claim the "rights" of a husband. They are no longer individuals. She has assumed a title and he has assumed a title. Therefore, by the hocus pocus of a preacher or priest, they have lost their individuality. The billing and cooing lovers have been turned into quarreling, snarling, snapping people, with the titles of husband and wife. It is a common joke in the comic papers that a man cares nothing for his wife and a woman pays no attention to her husband. You can tell a young married couple, because they have not ceased to be lovers. But after a while they simply tolerate each other, and that is all. Why? Because of that con-

temptible idea that a marriage ceremony can give them property rights in each other. Just as long as you recognize anything other than the individual, you will live in hell. As long as you think your happiness depends upon some other person, that your rights are invested in some other person, that you have a mortgage on some other individual, you are living an unscientific life.

You are an individual, and no manner of ceremonies or hoodoos can change the fact. The kingdom of your God is within you and you are not dependent upon your soul mate or anybody. If your husband divides his attention between you and another woman, then you have failed to command the whole of his love and attention. How are you to command it? By not demanding it! Go right on living your own independent life! Recognize the almighty power of love within yourself. Love attracts love. Demanding, asserting, will not command love. Let him know that you have love within yourself that is infinite and that you are not dependent upon what he gives forth. Put yourself in this attitude and you are invincible. All power in Heaven and earth is given unto you. But, sweetheart, this power is given unto you as an individual, not as a wife. It belongs to your inner self. It is the Almighty within you. It makes me sick to see the hypocrites parading before the public as husbands and wives. They tolerate each other and are polite in public, but in private they live like cats and dogs. Their kisses are hypocritical; their words of endearment are hypocritical, and they live and act a lie every hour in the day.

She Whom My Soul Loves is an individual. She has no property rights in me and I have none in her. I have added nothing to her rights, and she has added nothing to mine. Why, can't you see that if she brought me anything, or I brought her anything, there is a screw loose somewhere in the Universe? The idea of one individual's happiness being dependent upon another individual! This is a part of the old rot called the "Divine Right of Kings." There is no such a Divine Right. No man or woman has the right to lord it over another man or woman. There is no person on the face of this earth, or in the heavens, or in hell, who can keep one iota of your own from you! This is a wonderful sentence and I want you to let it sink down deep into your mind. No one can bring anything to you; no one can take anything from you! There is not any possible chance for any individual in the Universe to draw one penny of your own from the bank of Infinite Supply. It will remain there in that bank forever, unless you draw it out. No one can injure you, no one can rob you, no one can make you wealthy, no one can confer favors on you. You reign by the royal right of your own individuality. Don't get scared for fear you are going to lose something! Don't be alarmed at the attitude of any other person. All, all, and everything that is your own is within you! You are not dependent upon father, mother, brother, sister, wife, husband, anything or anybody in the whole Universe. Let every woman who reads this remember that she is an individual woman and the title of wife can not take away her individuality. Oh, the

loneliness and misery of people who are looking outside of themselves for happiness!

Don't misunderstand me. I conform to all the rules and regulations of civilized society. I am not an outlaw. I am not leading any kind of insurrection against the present order of life. I only wish to discuss the principle of Being. Ownership is the curse of the earth. The key to the interpretation of Luke xiv., 26, is the idea of ownership. He doesn't want you to hate father and mother, wife, lands, etc., but to hate the idea of owning these things and these people. A woman by hook or crook gets the title of wife, and then prides herself on owning a husband. The man does not say "my wife" in the sense of endearment, but in the sense of possession. The principle runs through all of life. The private soldier is owned by the officers. The captain of a company swells up with pride when he says "my men." The pastor of a church says "my people." It is the idea of ownership. No one can be a disciple of truth until he does away with all such ideas. It not only carries with it the idea of ownership, but that other detestable idea called commercialism. The matrimonial market is run precisely upon the same principle as the butcher shop. Everybody is looking out for choice cuts! This is all right if you are going to stay in the world of mortality and live on the plane of the earth. But if you want to come into the ideal life, let your soul love, and remember, the soul never owns anything or anybody, and is never owned by anything or anybody. The soul is in possession of itself, but does not own any other kind of possessions.

BEAUTY.

Am I beautiful? Yes, I *am* beautiful. Why should I not be beautiful, when I am the expression of that Divine Principle which is Life, Love, Health, the Image and Likeness of that Infinite Perfectness which is all Beauty, Symmetry and Loveliness? It is the innate desire of every living soul to be beautiful, to be good, even though they may not acknowledge it, even though they may not even recognize it in themselves, that racial belief that at a certain age, as man counts time, one must reconcile himself or herself to the lack of that agility and freshness that tends to make the youthful appearance, is so very strong and seems hard to overcome. I do not feel the desire for beauty to be what the world calls vanity, far from it. What can that Ideal Being which we all look up to in ourselves and to which we are all aspiring, either consciously or unconsciously, be, but the recognition of that Love nature which is inherent in every Soul and which must and will express Itself, soon or late, in a manifestation of beauty? Love and Goodness is the foundation of all beauty. Without love there could be no goodness; without goodness there could be no love. The two are one in essence, two aspects of the same nature, and when the desire for these two is blended in the consciousness of an individual, to the barring out of all envy, jealousy, anger, condemnation or malicious criticism, the visible shape must show forth the fruit of that desire, which will be every-thing lovely and beautiful.

Look at the visible world. What beauty of color and symmetry of shape is shown forth! Shall we as living Souls, who, it is said, "shall have dominion over all things," be less? If Thought is the Creative Energy, and through thought everything is created, what beautiful thoughts must have brought forth all the variety of flowers and foliated plants we see growing everywhere; the immensity of our trees, with all their shimmering leaves and graceful contour! All these tell us of the beauty and sublimity of this objective world. I do not believe we half appreciate the moving panorama that we see every day before us.

It is said that man is the microcosm; the world the macrocosm; man the summing up—the epitome of all that the world contains. What attraction of Love and desire must have thrust us forth on this plane, and how thankful we should be for this delightful existence!

So, dear hearts, let us not discourage the desire and love for beauty, in our consciousness remembering always that beautiful, pure, loving thoughts must externalize in a beautiful, pure, loving physical.

LILLIE K.

THE ELIXIR OF LIFE.

We have always believed there was an "elixir of life." Many have searched for it, expecting to find it in some material substance, but so far it seems to have eluded the grasp of man. Yes, there must be such a substance, and now in the beginning of the Twentieth century we have realized what it is.

It is Love. What, only Love? Yes, the greatest of all things, is Love. God is Love and God is Life, therefore Love is Life. Love is life in all its diversified manifestations, for there are different degrees of love, yet in each and every degree it is the Creator of life.

We expand like a flower under the influence of love, it is a glorious Sun, and without love we would as surely fade and die as does the flower hidden away from the warm beams of the Sun.

It is pure love that is to conquer death and bring immortality into manifestation here and now. "Love one another" is the great principle, it is the fulfilling of all things. O! why cannot we all endeavor to make ourselves a Sun of love and radiate these life-giving rays to all mankind. Each kind word sends a vibration of love or life to the individual toward whom it is directed. Every loving smile comes from a heart of love and carries life. A word of praise or admiration expressed brings life to the giver as well as the receiver, for both are made happy alike, the one in giving and the other in being appreciated.

Have we not all experienced this glowing life vibration that raises us to a higher, purer atmosphere when some one who loves us says, "How remarkably well you are looking to-day;" or, "That is well done." It is in the little things we are to express love and thoughtfulness.

When some one we love looks well or does something worthy of praise, tell her or him of it, let them know they are ap-

preciated and we are observing them in love. Do not fear they will become "conceited" or "vain." I love to see a face light up from a word of just praise; yet some people say, "Twill make them conceited." Oh, no, it will give them more life only, some one loves them, is glad when they are glad, they are appreciated, and with a richer glow of life flowing through their veins, a buoyant step and glad heart, they go forth to "conquer all things."

Loves creates conquerors. To me one of the greatest mistakes in life is not telling people the loving and beautiful thoughts we have of them. We should not take it for granted that our loved ones and friends know we live and appreciate them, we crave to be told it by word, deed or look, and we crave it because it is life, and if you are love, you will find all with whom you come in contact will respond to your vibrations of life, and as you give life it will flow back to you, "pressed down and running over." We must become Love manifest to be immortals.

Be an individual of infinite love, let no thought not born of love dwell in your mind, then the force going forth from you will be only a greater force of fuller life, and as the thoughts you hold are outwardly expressed in the body, if you will live in these higher vibrations of pure love in thought, word and deed, you will recreate the body, for the body is ever changing, and as you send only these true and loving thoughts to each atom of the body, they will respond and be raised to the high love vibrations and gradually be immortalized. A face will be transformed, when it expresses infinite love.

"Guard well your thoughts, for thoughts are heard in Heaven." Your thoughts are either your Heaven or Hell, and will bring either life or death. Let us all pass from death into life eternal, by realizing we can immortalize ourselves by absolutely Being Love.

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ANOTHER CONCENTRATION.

Blessings on Lillian W. Thompson!! For further particulars, see her article on Concentration in October Christian.

I have been trying to concentrate for several months. First, in imagination, I fixed up a big black object, and printed on this, in gold (imagination again), my thoughts on different subjects. The object acted very much like a balloon while being inflated, some spots sinking almost "out-o'-site," while others would bulge out, until there was no earthly use in trying to make out what it was that was printed thereon. It was a perfect conglomeration and at last disappeared altogether.

After a few days of mourning I stumbled over another idea. I think it must have been just out of the shell. It is no doubt a good one, but for some unaccountable reason I failed to get hold of the good side. It was as follows: String, on wire, all subjects that one was expected to want to refer to at some future time, and fasten each wire to the head. Then when any certain subject was wanted for discussion or reference, all one had to do was to pull that wire. Each wire to have only one subject.

I went at it with all my hopes standing straight again, and managed first rate while there were only three or four wires to pull; but so many subjects kept jumping up to be wired, and coming at such a swift rate, it soon became impossible to keep any record of them, and when any subject was wanted, for the life of me, I couldn't tell which wire to pull.

Yes, I have been within one of having a fit of "indigestion," too, Lillian; but, thanks to you, I am straightened out now, and I have taken down all the wires and am going to hang them up in the office, ready for the line men to use in patching telegraph wires. I feel like a "New Woman."

VIOLA BEESON,
West Liberty, Iowa.

*** "The Light of the World," Vol. 1, No. 1, E. C. W. Haverstick, editor. Monthly, fifty cents a year; Noblesville, Ind. This is the latest addition in metaphysical literature. Elbert Hubbard says there are thirty-nine of these publications in the United States, so this makes an even forty. Success to all of them!

The person who would receive compensation for doing right would do wrong on the same basis.

A petition for a separate jail for women in the borough of Brooklyn has been presented to Mayor Van Wyck.

Miss Cowen, daughter of the late millionaire, Joseph Cowen, of Newcastle, England, is to have sole charge of the business and editorial departments of the *Weekly Chronicle*, formerly owned by her father.

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