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A Tale of an Abandoned Farm

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AS Ned Randal reached the summit of the hill he paused and looked back over the long, dusty road behind him. He was tired in body and mind, and just a little discouraged. The road behind him stretched away in the distance like a long yellow worm. Not a house could he see in all that long stretch of landscape before him. The air was heavy, and it was very warm. Great black clouds were gathering, and occasionally vivid flashes of lightning would leap from the black, threatening mass, and the low, distant rumble of thunder became more and more pronounced. Ned was not very well acquainted with this particular part of the country, but he knew enough about thunderstorms to realize that a violent storm was imminent.

Ned had never owned a piece of real estate in his life until now, and he was in search of the only part of the earth that he could say he owned. He was not burdened with too much wealth, so when he determined to see this farm which he was informed had suddenly become his property he was compelled to walk, which he did cheerfully, thinking that the adventure would do him good, and take away some of the monotony of his rather humdrum life. He was furnished with a map, and, full of confidence, he started out to find his farm, which was one of the many abandoned farms of New Hampshire.

As Ned continued his journey he wondered if he had been wise to undertake such a journey with nothing but a map to guide him, a guide with which he was not at all familiar. When he began to descend the other side of the hill large drops of rain began to fall, and as he made a light turn in the road he uttered an exclamation. There, nestled among some tall trees, was a little house with a long, slanting roof, and a quaint, old-fashioned chimney built on the outside of the house. Ned welcomed the sight of this house, for he had no doubt that it would afford him shelter for the night.

Ned entered the yard and walked up to the door and knocked. There was no response to his continued knocking, and after a little survey of the premises he found that the house was unoccupied, and that apparently it was in very bad repair. The house had at some time been painted a dull red, but very little of the paint remained. Ned concluded that he would try and enter the house, as he thought there could be no harm in utilizing it as a shelter for the night.

He found no trouble in getting into the house, and was a little surprised to find it furnished. In the pantry Ned found a candle setting in an old but somewhat elegant candlestick. Finding a match, he lighted the candle and looked around him. He was evidently in the kitchen. It was furnished with a table, an old stove, an ancient-looking sideboard and four chairs of doubtful ancestry. The thing which seemed to fascinate Ned was an old clock almost six feet in length, with weights reaching almost to the floor, and as far as he could see, the works were made of wood. Ned was seized with a desire to see the inside of

this clock which he could not resist, and after searching a little he found a few tools, and was soon hard at work taking it to pieces. He found it to be a very delicate piece of work and made entirely of wood. Being a good mechanic, he soon had the works out, being careful to place them in numerical order so that he would not have difficulty in putting it together again. In the back of the case-ment he found what seemed to be a

small box dovetailed into the frame in such a way that it could be drawn out like a drawer. It was supplied with a small wooden handle of highly polished oak. Ned pulled gently at the handle, and to his surprise it slid out into his hand. It contained a neat little package of age-yellowed paper, tied with a piece of old-fashioned black braid. Ned completely forgot his surroundings in his haste to see the inside of this package. He untied the braid with nervous fingers, and not without a sense of guilt.

It was quite heavy for so small a package, and Ned wondered what it could contain. At last he succeeded in unfastening the knot and proceeded to unwind the braid from the package. What he saw inside made him utter an exclamation of surprise and gratification. There in the little tin box that the package contained were packed four neat little piles of gold pieces, and along the side of the box lay a roll of greenbacks tied with thread.



"HE PAUSED AND LOOKED OVER THE LONG, DUSTY ROAD BEHIND HIM"

upstairs. Entering the first room at the top of the stairs he stood for a moment in doubt as to what he should do next. A flash of lightning revealed an old-fashioned bed in the centre of the room. Ned went and sat on the edge of the bed and wondered if it were not all a dream. He was very tired and, in spite of his excitement, Nature asserted herself and lying down on the bed he soon fell into a sound sleep.

How long he had slept he could not tell, but he was awakened by someone opening the door and entering the room. The moon was shining into the room now, the storm having spent its fury, and objects were easily distinguishable. Ned sat upright and listened. Suddenly his startled eyes beheld a man standing in the doorway looking straight at him. Ned thought of the packet in his pocket and mechanically his hand stole into his pocket to see if it were still there.

What, he thought, if this was the abode of some farmer who had just been away when he happened along and was returning to find Ned in his house, and his clock, the hiding-place for his little hoard, rifled of its treasure? Visions of the penitentiary, and even of a violent death, loomed before his mind's eye. The man in the doorway seemed to divine his thoughts, for a smile played around his mouth, and then in a kindly voice he said:

"Come, Edward, dinner is prepared and the guests are waiting for you. I hope you have slept well, and I have no doubt that you have, for these rock-ribbed hills are quiet and slumber is deep up here."

Ned felt as though he would like to be somewhere else. He felt a creepy sensation as the form slowly turned and retreated down the stairs. What had he meant by saying that slumber was deep up here? Suddenly he caught the sound of voices down the stairs, and faintly the strains of a violin reached his ears. The man who had invited him to come down to dinner was a very old man with a long white beard, and somehow Ned could not get it out of his mind that he had seen that face somewhere before. He could hear women's voices, too, and something seemed to impel him to go down and join them.

He arose and made his way to the head of the stairs and listened to the sounds coming from the kitchen, then he went down, seeming to be drawn by some power that he could not define. When he entered the kitchen he beheld a sight which for the moment almost unnerved him. There, seated around the old table, was a group of men and women all of whom were very old. As he entered they all rose and exclaimed with one voice: "Welcome, Edward, to the house and to the table of your fathers." The man who had appeared in his room rose and drawing a chair out from the table told him to be seated, and he did as he was bid.

When he was seated in the chair all thoughts of fear seemed to suddenly vanish from his mind and he seemed to know all the assembled people, and it all seemed to have been premeditated.

The paper in which the box had been wrapped was yellow with age, but was closely written over on the side next the box. Ned held it up to the light of the candle and started to read it. He succeeded in reading only a few words when his candle flickered and went out, leaving him in inky darkness. Shoving the packet deep down into his pocket he groped his way to the middle of the room. Here he struck a match and, locating the door leading to the upper part of the house, he proceeded to make his way

Just when and how he could not for a moment think, but it seemed like a reunion. He took part in all the conversation and when some incident was related regarding the youthful days of the aged company he seemed to remember with the rest and to enjoy the remembrance as much as the rest. The wine cup was passed, and toasts were drunk. As Ned responded to a toast his voice seemed strange to his ears so feeble with age did it sound. As he sang some old familiar song his voice trembled. He seemed to be living two lives at the same time. He faintly realized that he was Ned Randal, and that he had other acquaintances, but he seemed to be nearer



"THE THING WHICH SEEMED TO FASCINATE NED WAS AN OLD CLOCK"

to the ones who were gathered around the table eating, drinking and singing. Such a rare feast he thought he had never before tasted. Somehow the faces of some of the company seemed to resemble some of the family pictures in his own home in the city. His home in the city consisted of a flat of five rooms which was his only as long as his rent was paid promptly. Here he lived with his two sisters and it was not always a certainty that the rent would be paid on the date that it was due. For sometimes his sisters were working and sometimes they were not. And the same was true of himself. But they managed to get along very respectably, and his mother's wish had been fulfilled, that he and his sisters would stay by each other. The two girls worked in a store for very small wages and Ned worked in the machine shop at his trade for fairly good wages. But now the shop was out on strike, so Ned took the opportunity to go on a search for his recently acquired farm. That it was not worth much he had been told by the attorney who informed him of the fact that he owned it. But Ned thought that perhaps the lawyer did not know what was much and what was a great deal, because, Ned thought, what he would consider small would seem a fortune to Ned. These thoughts were running very hazily through Ned's mind as he sat at the table. Conversation had waned and it had become rather still. Suddenly Ned looked around him with a feeling that something was about to take place. He saw that the forms at the table were growing dim. Perhaps the lights were going out, he thought, but to his amazement there were no lights in the room that he could see.

Suddenly the man who had invited Ned to partake of the feast arose and said:

"Edward, we have enjoyed your company very much to-night and as it is getting along to the time when we must depart we will all join in singing 'Auld Lang Syne.'" At these words the entire company arose and began to sing the time-honored song. As they neared the end their forms became dim, and as the song ended Ned was alone. He sat for a moment in awe-stricken silence, then silently crept upstairs to bed. When he awakened the sun was streaming in through the window and the place did not look near so uninhabitable as it did the night before.

Ned tried to remember what had happened during the night, and as everything came back to his memory he wondered how much he had dreamed, and how much of it was really fact. Almost shamefacedly he felt in his pocket to see if the packet were there, hardly hoping to find it at all. To his joy it was there, and the money as well. Ned looked carefully around to see that he was not observed, and then took the money out and counted it. There was two thousand

and one hundred dollars in all, and this to Ned was a fortune. He now for the first time thought of the writing on the old paper that the packet had been wrapped in. Fishing it out of his pocket he sat down and read it.

"Well," mused Ned, as he read the strange document, "that is certainly a strange thing. This must be the very place that I've been searching for. Fate must have directed my steps to this place. I am almost forced to believe now that my nocturnal reunion was no dream, but a reality. But it seems almost incredible. I am certain that my acquaintances would think me mentally unsound if I were to relate last night's experience to any of them."

The document was as follows: "This message is addressed to the grandson whom fate will some time lead to this place, and who will find this letter. It has been revealed to me that this money will be the instrument of saving from a life of poverty Edward Randal and his two sisters, Mary and Alice. Edward Randal, who will be the son of my son Benjamin, will find this letter along with the money in this box. Immediately after he finds it there will be a reunion of the spirits of the Randals of three generations, at which I will preside. After this reunion Edward Randal must stay in this house of his ancestors the two days. On the second day he will meet his future wife, and from that meeting it depends upon himself entirely what the future shall hold for him. He must make a good use of the money, or sorrow will surely overtake him. He must be kind to the afflicted and generous to the wayward, remembering that life's journey is a hard one for some, and also that circumstances sometimes make criminals of men and women whom under more favorable environment would be honest and upright. He is not bound to make his home on this farm to have good fortune, but if he should see fit to do so he will prosper if he works hard. What-

ever course he shapes out for himself he must always be just and upright, in thought as well as in deed. If he accomplishes one deed that makes the life of any one individual happier without expecting any material return for said act, he has not lived in vain. Trusting that he will learn life's lessons well, I close this letter.

(Signed)
JOEL A. RANDAL,
1830."

"Well, now, this must be the very farm I've been looking for. I wonder if that wife of mine that is to be will show up if I stay here another night? I hate to think of staying another night in that house now, and all alone, too, but I guess I'll manage to get through the night all right. Why, see here; I've only got these two sandwiches to last me all day to-day and to-morrow, but, then, I guess there is a store somewhere in the neighborhood of a thousand miles of here. I'll take a little trip around and see if I can find one somewhere. But first I must go and put that clock together again."

After some little work and a good deal of guessing he succeeded in putting the clock together, and then he started out to find a village and a store where he could buy something to eat. After walking about three miles he came to the little village of East Plainfield, where he purchased some crackers and cheese, some canned beef and some apples. Being thus prepared with food he returned to the house and prepared to make himself as comfortable for the night as he could. He found some old books in one of the rooms and so contented himself with reading and occasional little trips into the woods. When evening came he did not feel much like going to bed, being rather doubtful as to whether the spooks of the previous night would make him another visit or not. But as the evening lengthened he became very heavy-eyed and about eleven o'clock he went to bed and to sleep. That night he dreamed that a young girl came and sat by his bedside and smiled to him pleasantly. He asked her who she was, and she told him that she could not tell him now, but

that if he should walk down the road to the right leading from the house he might see her. She said she would probably be at the turn of the road at about ten o'clock next morning. Then she seemed to vanish.

Next morning he arose with the sun and took a long walk in the cool refreshing air of the hills. He ate a good breakfast from his modest supply of food, and then waited anxiously for ten o'clock to arrive. He went to the turn in the road long before ten and waited there till that time, wondering if it were possible that his dream could come true.

Ten o'clock came but no girl showed up, and at fifteen minutes past ten Ned began to lose hope. But just as he was ridiculing himself for being such a superstitious ass, a buggy came around the turn in the road, and if the letter in the clock had startled him, this surprised him even more. There in the buggy sat the identical girl that he had seen in his dream. She was looking straight at him, and a smile was on her dainty lips. How would he address her? What excuse had he to offer for speaking to her, a perfect stranger? He was not aware that in the country parts everybody speaks to everybody else. As the buggy came opposite him Ned mustered up courage enough to say "Good morning."

"Good morning," answered the girl, "are you going to the village?"

"Yes," stammered Ned, "that is, I think I will go over and get some things."

The girl made room for him on the seat beside her, and he climbed up into the buggy. He could not help admiring the girl and the masterly manner in which she could manage a horse. As they sped along the dusty road they fell into easy conversation, and Ned made some inquiries about the old house in which he had found such strange things.

"Oh, the old Randal homestead, you mean? Oh, that house has not been occupied for, oh, I don't know how long," said the girl. "They tell some very strange

things about that house. They tell about seeing lights in the windows and forms flitting about inside the house, and a whole lot of other spooky tales. Why, do you believe me, I heard that tale about the lights so often that one night as I was driving past the old house I actually thought that I did see lights in the windows. And do you know, it made me feel quite creepy and nervous. And to make things worse, the horse I was driving seemed to shy and looked quite startled. That was before I bought this one. The other one belonged to father, and he was a skittish old

thing; but this one is just the best horse in the State. That is, he seems so to me, for you see, I bought him out of my own earnings. When I worked in Boston I saved something every week out of my wages, and then when I came home I gave them all a surprise by buying a decent horse and buggy—one we could use just for driving out and nothing else. The other horse used to do all the work around the place, and act as coach horse as well. You can imagine how pleasant it must have been to drive out with a horse like that. But I am getting absent-minded. I never thought to ask you if you were in any hurry to get into the village; I always drive around this way so as to stop and see my aunt. She'd feel offended if I didn't come in."

"No," answered Ned, "I am not in any hurry to get anywhere, and I would not know whether I was going toward the village or not; I would just as soon ride around this way for a week. The air is something great up here, and I don't get much of the fresh air where I live."

"Are you stopping in the village?" asked the girl.

"No, I am stopping at that old house we passed. You know, the one you said was haunted."

"What?" exclaimed the girl, "you don't mean to tell me that you are living in that house? Why, I didn't suppose that anybody could live in that house. Not on account of the spooks, you know," she said laughingly, "but I didn't know that it was inhabitable. Did you know any of the Randals?"

"Well, yes, somewhat," Ned answered. "I believe the last occupant of the old house was my grandfather."

"You don't say so!" exclaimed the girl. "Well, now, we'll be related first thing you know." And her voice rang out in a merry peal of laughter.

"I hope so," said Ned, and the girl beside him blushed.

"Did you ever hear your folks speak of Henry Hilton?" she asked.

"Yes," answered Ned, "many times. Do you know him?"

"He is my father," she answered. "He would be more than pleased to see you, I know. You must come over and see him. Here we are at my aunt's; she will be pleased to see you, too; you just wait and see how surprised she'll be when I introduce you."

Miss Hilton's aunt was indeed very much surprised to see a grandson of the former occupant of the old Randal house, and she appeared to be very much pleased to see him in company with Nellie Hilton.

Of course Ned accepted the invitation to go over and visit the Hiltons and was very warmly received by them. On account of this fact his sisters received a wire informing them that he would not be home for several days, and that he had some very good news to tell them when he did come.

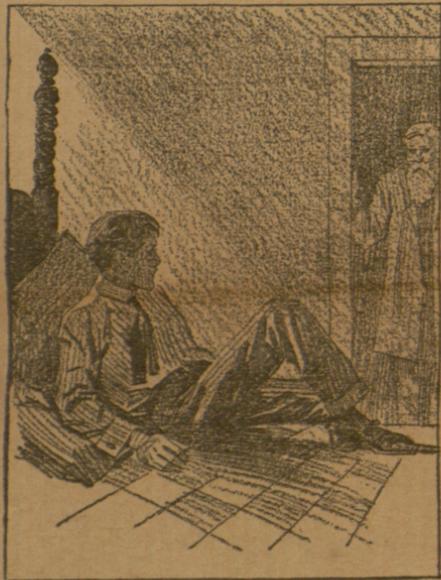
One day, as Nellie was driving him over to the village, he told her of his dream, and about the strange things he had seen in the house of his ancestors, but said nothing about the money he had found in the clock, as he told himself that if he succeeded in winning her for his wife he wished to give her a little surprise. He found himself very much concerned about her possible answer to his question as to whether she would consent to be the fulfillment of his dream. When he had concluded she was silent for some time, and he seemed almost afraid to put the question direct. But when, in the evening, they were driving home in the twilight, a sentimental mood took possession of him and he asked her point-blank to be his wife. She blushed a little and hesitated, and as his arm stole around her she said to his eager question:

"Yes, I guess it is so ordained by the spirits of our ancestors."

There was an unusually happy expression on Nellie's face that evening when she reached home, bringing her father's mail from the village. After supper Ned had a long talk with the senior Hilton.

"Well, from the first day I saw you and Nellie together I had suspicions of my own," he said, "but I guess Nellie knows her own mind; she always was one to decide things quickly, and as she does not often make any great mistakes, I guess she's made a pretty good choice in this case. At any rate, if you're a real Randal we'll get along all right."

When Ned returned home it was not



"HE BEHELD A MAN STANDING IN THE DOORWAY"



"NED MUSTERED UP COURAGE ENOUGH TO SAY 'GOOD MORNING'"

for a long stay, as arrangements had been completed for the purchase of a splendid little property near the village, Ned having reached the conclusion that the city held no charm for him. He could not keep his secret about the money, though, and as the two families were gathered around the dinner-table at the Hilton home, he told the whole story, and showed them the letter he had found in the old clock.

"It seems almost too wonderful to be true, doesn't it?" said Nellie when he had finished.

When Ned went to look over the place he was to make his home he discovered

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The Paragon Prosperity Circle

The Law is that Health, Wealth and Prosperity are for each and all of God's Children.

"Ask, and it shall be given you. Seek, and ye shall find."

HEALTH	WEALTH	PROSPERITY
Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in Health, even as thy soul prospereth. <i>Third Epistle of St. John.</i>	Wealth and Riches shall be in his house. <i>Psalm cxii, 3.</i>	If they obey and serve Him, they shall spend their days in Prosperity and their years in pleasures. <i>Job xxxvi, 11.</i>
For I will restore Health unto thee. <i>Jeremiah xxx, 17.</i>	And I will give thee riches and Wealth and honor. <i>II Chronicles, 1.</i>	

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- SECOND DEGREE LEADS YOU TO WEALTH
- THIRD DEGREE LEADS YOU TO PROSPERITY

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Encouraging and hopeful words will be printed here in this department each month.

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We bring out in you, beloved, all the resources of your soul, heart and mind.

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THE PARAGON MONTHLY is one of the great official organs through which the Mystics are approaching the people of to-day, who are alive to the fact that there are more wonderful things to be revealed than have yet been dreamed of, and as you have been led to join our Circle, the Mystics want you to put the same opportunity in the way of your brothers and sisters.

This is the golden opportunity of your life. If you doubt it, go into the Silence and ask the God within the soul about it.

Read this over thoughtfully and ask yourself about it.

THE PARAGON PROSPERITY CIRCLE is organized and founded by men and women who have realized tremendous success, and it will be in a prosperous and forceful condition as long as there is one discouraged soul on this planet.

Each member of this Circle becomes a determined and purposeful conqueror of discordant and adverse conditions of Life, now and here.

In a while, each member assists others to rise and realize fulness and wholeness of Life.

Read, each month, about THE PARAGON PROSPERITY CIRCLE.

With love, peace and good-will to all beings in the universe, we are, always for grand success,

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Letters are pouring in from all parts of the country, speaking in glowing terms about the wonderful blessings that have come to them since they enrolled their names as life-members of the Circle.
Read the letters printed below.

Sister Mary G. Woods, New Bedford, Mass., sends us a letter vibrating with universal love. She says, in part: "I am so thankful and joyful in the thought that I am a member of a band of great souls, banded together to help each other and all. How blessed!—to feel and know I am an eternal child of an eternal Father, and that all are the same. I send love, peace and good will to all."

Brother Geo. L. Fletcher is making great headway and will be very successful. He says: "I have derived a great deal of good from the work in our Circle. I have improved and advanced in every way since I joined the Circle. I send brotherly love to all."

Brother Mat. Stuckert, has reached serenity and calmness. He says: "I cannot tell you how quiet, composed, serene, calm and happy I am. I am very thankful that I am a member of this Circle; I cannot express in a letter my gratitude. I hold all beings in a different light now than I did before I joined the Circle. It is surprising. I send love, peace and happiness to all."

Sister S. Messinger is overjoyed in being a life-member. She says: "I am on the way to peace, power, success and happiness. I now feel different in every way—in health and in spirit. I had rheumatism in my left shoulder ever since last September, and it kept growing worse until two weeks ago, when I commenced work in Health Degree, and now it is about gone. I am no longer worried." No disease can last under the mystic healing power of the Spirit.

Brother Joseph Duhamer, after working through three degrees, writes us a letter filled with the vibrations of universal love. Among other things he says: "I am a new man now; I cannot find words

strong enough to thank you. I had consumption when I wrote to him for special help, but I can say I am entirely well now; I have not coughed for six weeks, and I am sure I am cured. God bless The Paragon Prosperity Circle!" Praise God, beloved, for all your blessings. Our special treatments, which are free to all members, are curing many so-called incurable diseases. In a while, the record of cures made by the Spirit through the holy mystic adepts of this Circle will astound the world.

Sister Sabree J. Larsen, Grand Forks, B. C., is by the Power of the Spirit making great progress. In writing about the results of her work at the end of the First Degree, she says, in part: "I have had joy in working this First Degree, and know I have received much benefit spiritually, mentally, and physically. In my calm sleep I get a holy sensation that seems like magnetic waves. The work is beautiful, inspiring and impressive. I hope, some time, to be able to make others as happy as the Paragon Prosperity Circle has made me. May God bless the Circle and all its members."

Sister Estelle Nichols, Waterloo, Iowa, like many other spiritual teachers and healers, indorses and praises our work in the highest and most sincere terms. Special stress is laid on the simplicity, quickness and permanency of the work done. The test of Divine Work is its quickness, greatness, simplicity and permanency. In this blessed work of the Spirit there is nothing puzzling, involved, intricate, perplexing or complex. The simplest child of God can comprehend the Mystic Way—the Holy Way.

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THE SHIP CARPENTER'S GHOST

CAPTAIN E. E. GARRITSON served as engineer in the United States navy, and before that as engineer in the merchant marine. He was in the latter service when the incidents of the following story occurred.

"I was engineer on the steamship *Hondu* in 1889," said Captain Garritson. "During January of that year we were taking on a cargo of mahogany in one of the harbors of British Honduras.

"The *Hondu* was not provided with lumber ports forward, so that the logs had to be lifted from the water to the deck with cranes and arms rigged to the derrick masts.

"These logs were very large, and mahogany being an exceedingly heavy wood the masts were often strained to the breaking point. These derrick masts were securely banded with thick hoops of iron on a level with the deck to prevent checking or splitting.

"The steam winches were in charge of the ship's carpenter and the nature of the work required that he should be constantly on the job, with an attentive eye on every wheel and rope and stick to detect the first signs of weakening or chance for a split that might result in an accident causing damage or loss of life.

"Being an unusually faithful fellow and a most dependable worker, I placed full confidence in his ability and trustworthiness to supervise the work carefully and safely. There was none of the officers who bothered about looking after his end of the operations, since all trusted him alike.

"In view of this confidence reposed in him I was therefore more than a little surprised and somewhat annoyed to find him sitting in his bunk room along in the middle of the afternoon while the work overhead was in full swing.

"I was walking through the alley into which his door opened when I noticed him sitting on his chest leisurely sewing on what looked like a 'Davy Jones robe,' a bag made of gunny sacking in which a dead body is placed before burying at sea.

"He was contentedly smoking a pipe, and, with legs crossed, one shoulder eased against the bunk, seemed rather to be enjoying a rest than engaged in work.

"I very distinctly recall that I was about to speak to him to ask why he happened to be off duty at that time or how it was that he was excused to his room during heavy working ship hours. Being a super-sensitive Scotchman, however, I feared that he might resent my interference, even though he was for the time at least under my orders and that it was my duty, in fact, to see that he was at his post or know a sufficient reason why.

"I passed his door, hesitated, stopped, intending to turn back and speak to him. Then it occurred to me that if I should pass his door he would probably notice me and volunteer some explanation.

"Turning, I slowly repassed his door, looking in and directly at him as I did so, that I might immediately show my attention and an expectant and inquiring expression when he should look up.

"Instead of paying the least attention to me, however, he continued to busy himself with his sewing, passing his needle mechanically through the turned edges of the sacking and swinging his arm leisurely the length of the twine and back again, taking a stiff pull at his pipe with every throw of the needle.

"He was an inveterate smoker and I remember wondering why he did not keep his pipe lit; I could not see any smoke coming from the bowl of the pipe or issuing from his lips, nor did I smell the odor of tobacco. It was a rather subconscious mental note that, in the light of later knowledge, makes the incident seem now all the more uncanny.

"As he did not seem inclined to pay any attention to me I again passed out of sight, feeling more provoked at him than before for so unconcernedly taking valuable time away from his post.

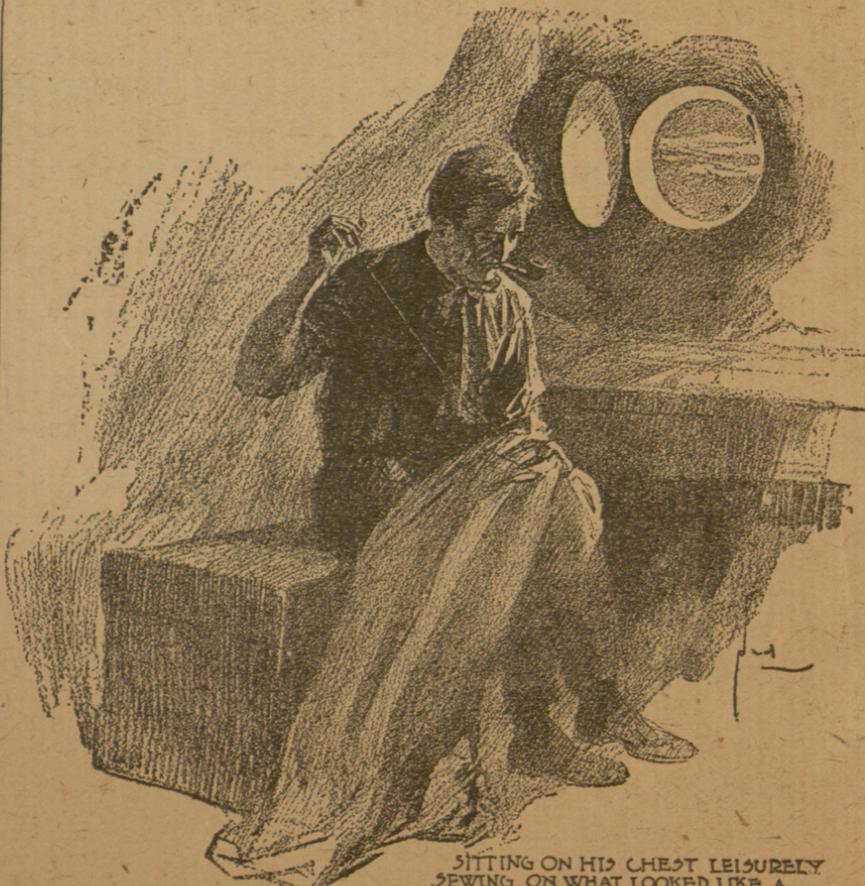
"I returned to my room and concluded that on repassing his door to go on deck I would stop in his doorway and look in long enough that he might surely become aware of my presence, and so give him a chance to offer me the explanation I felt was due me as to his absence from duty.

"Reaching his doorway again, I put my hand up on the casing, dropped my foot noisily on the steel watersill and leaned forward into the room.

"He gave no heed to me, however, and

so, to make sure that he should know I was there, I coughed lightly and waited. There was no move on his part to indicate that he recognized my presence, so I coughed and hemmed and hawed again much louder than before.

"He was keen of hearing and I felt that he must know I was there, but never a sign did he manifest of any knowledge of me. This made me feel sore in earnest,



SITTING ON HIS CHEST LEISURELY SEWING ON WHAT LOOKED LIKE A DAVY JONES ROBE

and I was getting not a little angry at his utter nonchalance and evident unconcern both toward me there before him and of his work up on deck.

"Not once did he alter the steady swing of his needle as he continued to turn over the edges of the sacking, making a seam, apparently, as good as any sailmaker. His body swayed and his head nodded and raised in rhythm with the drop and lift of his needle, while his lips contracted and relaxed as he puffed at his pipe.

"He was just a life-sized picture of self-satisfaction; of a man enjoying a little siesta from more laborious work; caring mighty little the while how the rest of the world might be wagging along.

"But the thing that I couldn't get through my head was why the carpenter should be making a corpse shroud when we had a sailmaker whose business it would have been to rig out a sea robe; and then, too, there wasn't anybody dead aboard, and that added to the mystery.

"Getting out of patience at last I scraped my foot hard several times on the iron sill, and then coughed loud enough to dislocate a lung. But still no response.

"Then I lost all patience with him and concluded I'd let him alone, so I drew my foot heavily off the sill and said, as I turned away:

"Well, if you don't want to say 'Boo!' you can be clean blown for all o' me!"

"I had just turned on my heel and headed down the alley when I felt the boat tremble, and there was the sound of breaking wood and splintering timber, followed by the jar of a falling log on the deck, while I could hear the confused voices of men shouting and of the officers calling out orders.

"I knew instinctively that some of the derrick rigging had given way, so I yelled back to the carpenter to be lively and get on the job, hurriedly making for the nearest companionway to the deck.

"There I saw the men all gathered in a group about the forward derrick rigging, where they seemed to be looking at something lying on the deck, making motions and all talking at once.

"I saw, too, that the jury or derrick mast had gone down to starboard and that the tackle and halyards were in a confused tangle.

"Pushing my way through the crowd of crew and stevedores, I looked inside the circle and saw a man lying on the deck. The body was headless—decapitated close down to the shoulders, with the head nowhere in sight.

"How did it happen?" I asked the stevedore, not concerning myself at the time as to the dead man's identity.

"Mast split in half right down at the deck band, sir, and the free half flew up and struck him under the chin, threw him against the deckhouse and tore his head clean off, sir!"

"Know who it was?"

"Somebody said 'twas the carpenter."

"Can't be! I just left him below."

"The captain coming near me just



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then, I asked:

"Captain, was it one of our men?"

"Yes; more's the pity!"

"Who?"

"'Chips.'"

"That's a mistake, captain! I just left him not two minutes ago down in his room!"

"What brand of oil you using on your headgear? It's got 'em jammed bad. 'Chips' hasn't been away from his post for half a minute for the last two hours."

"It's somebody else that's been to the dope can. I used to bunk with 'Chips' and ought to know him when I see him."

"Which shows you don't know what you're talking about. I spoke to him not thirty seconds before he was killed, and was looking straight at him when the mast broke, my attention being called to him by his yelling at a man on a drum rope because he was holding it too tight, so's it heaved too fast and strained the rigging."

"Don't seem to understand it, captain. I was looking at him not five feet away from me not ten seconds before I heard the crash of the breaking mast that killed this man."

"Well, young man, you may see for yourself. Over there is my coat, and under it is the poor fellow's head, just as I covered it where it fell. His face isn't even scratched or bruised, and one look at it will convince you that it is the carpenter."

"And the captain was right; for there was the carpenter's face, apparently in life, with its sightless eyes looking at me."

"Without another word I went immediately below to the carpenter's room."

"It was empty."

"Nor was there the least evidence that he had been there for hours; no shroud, no sacking, no needle or thread; and the chest was locked, with the key in the pocket of the corpse on deck."

"I talked it over with the officers later and, figure around it as much as we tried, there was no getting around the fact that I had seen the carpenter, or his ghost, in his room just before the accident and almost within a second of the time that he lay dead on the deck above."—*New York Herald.*

MYSTIC RITES AND TRADITIONS OF HALLOWE'EN

By MARION Y. BUNNER
Written expressly for THE PARAGON MONTHLY

PEOPLE have been incredulous in supernatural things from the beginning of time, and the origin of certain traditions, like the absolute origin of superstition, can never be reached. Many customs which prevail have been preserved simply as a matter of thoughtless habit, others by the power of imagination, which has made vague beliefs appear as realities, and which has kept alive certain observances when all knowledge of their causes has long been forgotten.

The origin of traditions connected with Hallowe'en, like those surrounding many other subjects, is lost in antiquity; and though the traditions themselves are composed of such material as the fancies of people, they seem to have survived shocks which would destroy a more substantial thing.

Even in these practical, matter-of-fact times we meet people who have their superstitions about dreams, folk-medicine, weather proverbs, the number thirteen, and the fulfilment of wishes upon various conditions; and every one is familiar with the witch, wizard, hob-goblin, and evil eye of past days.

Talk about supernatural things was almost as universal and interesting as talk about the weather.

Many ancient popular divinations were associated with a particular season, and the observances connected with Hallowe'en probably represent a heathen festival whose celebration consisted in giving to the departed, at harvest-time, his share of the fruits of the earth.

At this time the spirits of the dead were supposed to walk abroad, and all practices, as are shown by ancient magic and savage custom, were of such a nature as would be favorable for spirits to manifest themselves.

In these ceremonies water, fire, all the elements of nature, with the sun, moon and stars, were resorted to that the spirits might easily find expression; but there seems to have been little success in gaining very much general knowledge, for in modern times only those superstitions have the greatest interest for us which are based on the broadest and most human foundation—those connected with death and marriage.

So the custom of prying after knowledge about future partners for life is but a survival of an older practice, and though the special intention of many ceremonies has been forgotten, Hallowe'en customs show the lively desire of all young people to look into the future with reference to marriage.

However it came about, it is quite certain that the evening of the thirty-first of every October has been stamped with a peculiar character by the popular imagination. The notion prevails that the supernatural rules. Spirits walk the earth, shades haunt all convenient places, spooks hide in every corner, and hob-goblins run wild.

In spite of all this uncanniness, instead of being paralyzed with fear, people court these unseen things, who have the reputation of being friendly spirits and who will give valuable information upon important subjects if approached rightly, and if one complies with some simple condition.

The questions with which these invisibles are taxed, usually refers to somebody's love-affair. That being settled, all minor matters will easily adjust themselves.

If these spirits take such interest in mortals that they are willing to show gratuitously how young people may solve their hearts' riddles, surely one cannot hesitate to perform a few simple rites.

First there is the oracle of the nuts. A number of nuts are named for lovers and put upon a bed of coals. If a nut jumps, the lover will prove unfaithful. If a nut blazes and burns, he surely loves the girl who named the nut. If both nuts named for a maid and her lover burn together, they will be married and live happily.

Nuts seem to have been used very early for purposes of divination. The Roman boys made some use of nuts in their sports, for the poet Horace speaks of it; and in marriage ceremonies among the Romans, the bridegroom threw nuts about the room for the boys to scramble for. In the ancient Romish calendar nuts are referred to, as some religious use was made of them.

An old Scotch method of seeing future things is to pull a cabbage blindfolded.

A young woman would grope her way

to the cabbage-patch and pull the first plant she stumbled against. The amount of earth clinging to its root showed the amount of her dowry, the shape and size indicated the appearance and height of her future husband, while the flavor of the heart and stem signified his disposition.

In the old Scottish Hallowe'en game each took home the stalk and laid it behind the outer door. The first person to enter next morning was to be the future husband.

An appropriate Hallowe'en method of inducing visions directs a young lady to eat an apple while standing before a mirror combing her hair. The future husband will look into the glass over her shoulder. To be effectual this must be done at midnight.

Another night-spell is to walk backward several rods, out of doors, in the moonlight, with a mirror, or, if this is done indoors, with a candle in one hand and a mirror in the other, repeating the following rhyme, a face will be seen in the glass:

*Round and round, O stars so fair!
Ye travel and search out everywhere;
I pray you, sweet stars, now show to me
This night, who my future husband will be.*

Should there, however, be inquisitive young men, this Scotch test is good for those who have plenty of courage and a good constitution. You go out, one or more, for this is a social spell, to a south-running spring or rivulet where three lairds' lands meet, and dip your left shirt-sleeve. Go to bed in sight of a fire, and hang your wet sleeve before it to dry. Lie awake, and some time near midnight an apparition, having the exact figure of the grand object in question, will come and turn the sleeve as if to dry the other side of it.

There are many other ways with which simple people in earnest, and wise people in sport, try to discern future things.

An easy way is for each person to melt some lead and pour it through a wedding ring into a dish of water. The lead will cool in various shapes, which may be suggestive of future events. An ingenious imagination will see weddings in bell-shaped drops, fame in a lead torch, wealth in a horn of plenty, and travel in a trunk. In fact, one can make almost anything out of the lead shapes, and interpret them in almost any way.

There are other ways of finding out in a very few minutes what will take years to discover by more scientific methods—for instance, cut the letters of the alphabet from a newspaper and sprinkle them on the surface of water: the floating letters will combine to spell the name of future husband or wife.

String a raisin in the middle of a thread a yard long, and let two persons take each an end of the string in his mouth. Whoever by chewing the string reaches the raisin first has the raisin, and will be the first to be wedded.

Tie a wedding ring to a silk thread and hold it suspended with a goblet; then repeat the alphabet slowly; whenever the ring strikes the side of the goblet begin the alphabet again, and in this way spell out the name of your life partner.

The crowning Hallowe'en test is made by a girl who must go directly to her room without speaking to anyone and, kneeling beside her bed, must twine together the stems of two roses and repeat the following lines, looking meanwhile upon the lover's rose:

*Twine, twine and intertwine
Let my love be wholly mine;
If his heart be kind and true,
Deeper grow his rose's hue.*

If her admirer be faithful, the color of the rose will appear darker; if unfaithful, deponent saith not what happens.

Then again, go at midnight to a walnut tree, walk three times around it, look up into the branches and ask your true love to bring you some nuts, and repeat this:

*Last Hallow Eve I sought a walnut tree
In hopes my true love's face that I might see.
Three times I called, three times I walked apace;
Then in the tree I saw my true love's face.*

A very old Hallowe'en divination, which was formerly much practiced by the English rustics, will tell you from what quarter of the compass the future husband or wife will come. Go out—of course at midnight—pluck out a lock of hair and cast it to the breeze. In whatever direction it is blown from that point will come the long expected person.

In Ireland, upon Hallowe'en, the whole family partakes of the mysterious spirit of the time. Aged grandfathers delight to recall their youthful days, when

people expected the marvelous and the most unaccountable things caused no wonder. Then midnight goblins lurked everywhere, women dressed in white glided about, gaunt warriors galloped through dark glens in black armor with plumes of waving fire, and crowds of transparent figures reveled among old ruins or danced in the moonlight.

While at these home gatherings the grandfathers tell stories of the good old days, the mothers sit knitting. Their past is not so far behind as to be surrounded with a pleasant mist, while enough of the future is guessed as to leave no room for curiosity.

But the girls are still prying. They are dumbly kneading cake with their left thumbs—a single word would break the spell and destroy the hope of seeing their future husbands in dreams, after having eaten the mystic "dumb-cake."

The whole list of ceremonies was gone through, with more or less success; every lass was in high spirits, and every lad determined that each vision should materialize, thus making everyone's ideal become a substantial reality.

ONE CURSE OF THE WORD—
TO-MORROW

How many readers of "Our" Magazine can honestly say that the word "to-morrow" has not interfered with their lives?

The thing which has no real existence, the day which you will never see, is to-morrow. Yet how often you wait for that day which will never be here?

You should begin some new work and you think you will begin it—to-morrow.

The dearest of all nations is Spain, and in Spain the national word is to-morrow.

To-morrow is the soft lounge on which the weak human will lie down to rest.

The power, the dangerous influence of the word to-morrow is fortunately not a sign of going backward. It is a sign that we are not yet fully developed mentally.

It takes an effort of the brain to say of a disagreeable thing, "I will do it to-day."

The will, the expression of the soul's intellectual purpose, is the most recently developed feature of the human being and it is often the weakest.

Our primitive animal faculties have full swing and "to-morrow" does not interfere with them. The man who wants to eat, or drink, or indulge himself in any animal attraction has no thought of to-morrow. His animal will is well developed, and when the animal is in command to-day rules.

Unfortunately to-morrow controls the mental processes and therefore the processes which are most important.

It is hard to reform, so we say, "I shall reform to-morrow."

A million men say every day, "I mean to save money and live more sensibly. I will begin to-morrow."

There is no need to spin out into words an analysis of the world-wide "thief of time."

If this picture and what has already been written can persuade a hundred thousand young men to try to-day to cut to-morrow out of their list of words a most useful work will have been done.

Take this for a motto: "I shall not think of to-morrow, for to-morrow can never come. My only possession is to-day and I will do all that I can in it. I will not lull myself to sleep promising myself about a time that will never come. I shall be a man of to-day."

FLASHES

A PASSING word of encouragement has so often helped others to their feet; nothing is so uplifting to another as to make him see how great are his own possibilities.

The personal elements, the outpouring of worship, is what binds the fellowship of religions. Why not give such tokens of honor to the present living children of men—for each one enshrines a divinity.

Every selfish act, every narrow phase of interest, is a veil of illusion which closes out the real facts of life. The gateway of Knowledge is reached by the path of sacrifice or devotion, by the way of Love.

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AN EFFECTIVE SUBSTITUTION

By MARIAN BREWER

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OPPORTUNITY for economy, at his time [of life, Homer Hinsdale could not possibly have foreseen, for had he not repeatedly been promised that all of which his Uncle Ordman should die possessed should be his at his uncle's death? Yet at the death of that uncle all that Homer received was a cumbersome, rather ugly old East Indian vase, which he was documentally informed was of great value. Having no taste for antique pottery, he had no admiration for the piece and furthermore he was overwhelmingly disappointed at the meagreness of the legacy. While he had been waiting, sustained by expectations, which meant future luxury to himself and Ellice Lyman—the woman whom he loved—he had spent his time wandering over the earth with, and at the urgent desire of, the relative whose envied heir he was supposed to be. At length he returned to America, leaving his uncle in India, to find that a grievous illness had rendered his fiancée a confirmed invalid. Cerebral rupture, the doctors called it; paralysis followed and in the rooms from which she had daily gone forth to teach, she was compelled to lie incapable of occupation and subsisting— with her old Aunt Viney, who had long been her special charge—on the few hundreds she had accumulated by years of industry.

Those who are nobly unselfish and con-

formed into an invalid's room; bedroom and sitting-room combined in the low-ceiled but spacious, old-fashioned room. Half a dozen new pieces of furniture were there. A roomy couch, furnished with large pillows and soft and daintily colored blankets had been placed on the south side of the room; beside it was a pretty table with magazines upon it; and there were also a new easy-chair and a padded foot-rest. Mrs. Lane viewed the unwonted extravagance of her brother with surprise and heard of his plans with evident disapproval. "Bring Ellice Lyman here to live?" said she, "she will never consent to anything of the kind." "She may not consent, but she's coming, all right," was the rather ambiguous reply. He spoke from the standpoint of conviction, for they had discussed the matter fully, she from her bed of weakness and inability, he from his position of strength, determination and still handsome and vigorous manhood. With no hesitation, and most unselfishly, he had made up his mind—before talking about it with her—that the moderate annuity which had been secured to him for life by the man whose heir he was supposed to be, must be made to provide comfort for her who was to have been his wife as well as himself. Time was when there was no question of separate interests between them and there should be none henceforth, he concluded.

the other side of the room designed for the occupancy of the invalid was a smaller room which was to be for the use of Aunt Viney. His preparations for the reception of the invalid were most complete and at sixty he was no less the lover than he had ever been and forever would be, though the cold, hard years had whitened the hair of both since first they had contracted to travel over Life's highway together. From that compact—it seeming unnecessary—she had never actually asked to be released, though she had given back the betrothal ring when her disablement came, considering it too valuable to keep when the fulfillment of her promise was hardly to be thought of. Homer, with good old-fashioned loyalty, took the ring for safekeeping for her, but he considered the promise as indefinitely binding.

"I think the couch would look better over there," said his sister, pointing to another part of the room. Homer, taking plenty of time, moved the table a few inches and turned the easy-chair to a slightly different angle before he replied, "No, Ellie always loved to watch a fire burn, and from there she can look right into the old fireplace. It was a little cool this morning, so I built a fire; it feels very comfortable, and besides I wanted to see how the room would look the way I've fixed it up, fire and all."

With a disapproving shake of the head, Mrs. Lane went back to complete her preparations for departure, and as she disappeared he crossed to the chimney, took the tongs and drew a burning stick from the fire. "Three sticks are enough for me," said he. "I shall need this one more when Ellie gets here," and he extinguished the fire from the piece of wood and laid it aside.

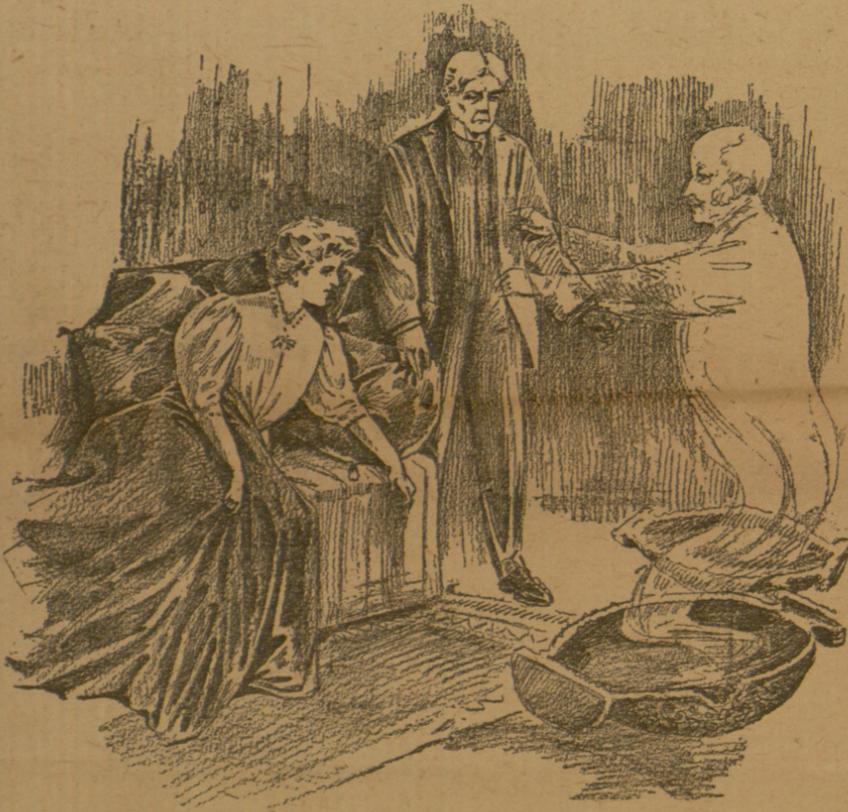
Then, walking slowly about, he looked with discriminating eye at the curious things with which the walls of this, which had been his living-room, were nearly covered. There were curious old arms and shields, strange bits of wood and stone, and wonderful birds and reptiles, some of the latter far too truthfully preserved. Taking down a too lifelike specimen from the wall he cast it into the fire, and others which he feared might be an unpleasant exhibit he resolved to remove before Ellie's arrival. At the old urn he looked with vast dislike; it was such a perpetual reminder of his thwarted hopes and wrecked expectations. It was, indeed, the irony of fate that that useless vessel should have been thrust upon him in lieu of a practical benefaction. The practicableness of the gift was as yet well in advance of his comprehension. In outward appearance the urn certainly had but little to recommend it; in fact it looked as if it had been unearthed from some buried city, it was so cracked and discolored. It had come all the way from India to him after his Uncle Ordman's death. In his chagrin at the poor legacy he had placed it on a strong bracket in the corner of the room with the other curious but useless things, where it had since remained. In shape the piece was like two separate vases, a larger resting upon a smaller one and into which it fitted with a groove. The effect was top-heavy and unsymmetrical, but it was somewhat relieved by the broad, square base upon which it stood.

"I'll take that old vase home and put it out on my front lawn if you don't care for it," said Mrs. Lane, coming out cloaked and bonneted.

"It doesn't require much care, so I guess I'll let it stop where it is," replied Homer. His sister was what he considered a fine woman; she had married well and had a fine home a few miles out, but at that time he was on the verge of such an important transition that he would not permit the smallest interference from anyone. At last she was ready to go, and warning him that he was the first Hinsdale that ever became thus indiscreet in his maturer years, she gave a long, halting look about the room. "Mercy," said she, "I am glad I haven't got to be with all these horrid things about me."

After that remark she departed, and Homer made another round of the room culling every object which could possibly annoy the comer, and tucked them away in some place reached through the door to his own room.

At last everything was ready; couch, table, chair and foot-rest were moved to their most attractive angle, a fire was



"REARED ITSELF INTO THE WRAITH OF ORDMAN HINSDALE"

sider it a pleasant duty to devote half their incomes to the relief of those less fortunate—and there are many such—will understand how it was that Homer Hinsdale, at an age when many men lapse into crustiness and oyster-like reserve, resolved to substitute what he believed to be the last fragment of happiness that remained to them for years of utter emptiness which seemed to stretch on and away to man's inevitable end.

He would have married her long ago; persistently he urged her to let him protect her in her weakness as she was to have done in her health; but to this she would not consent, and as she was inflexible in her decision, and when the man's solicitude for his love was a perpetual pain to him, he argued comfortably with himself and decided that it was his right and duty to take matters in his own hands, defy conventionality, and take the woman whom he still passionately loved directly under his own care. Having thought it all out and decided without opposition—i.e. secretly—he was all ready one day in the spring to put his plans into execution.

His widowed sister, Mrs. Lane, had come to see him that day and exclaimed at the re-arrangement of the long, low room, which had, hitherto, been a general living-room; now, however, it was trans-

"It is a very unconventional proceeding," Mrs. Lane opined. But, it was evident that he was about to do what he believed to be best and right, irrespective of conventionality. The move that he was prepared to make would—he believed—make a happy substitution for the utterly colorless life of both himself and his former sweetheart—and but for ill-fortune, his wife.

"You may as well let me take home a few of the things I want; you can't tell where things will get to when you get outsiders in the old home."

"I don't know whom you mean by 'outsiders,' Emily; I guess Ellie won't carry much away; she can't use but one of her hands, you know; and if you call her an outsider, I tell you I've got everything fixed so that I can take good care of her and she has been an outsider just as long as she is going to be."

Mrs. Lane looked at her brother with perplexity: "Well," said she, "if you are bound to take such a responsibility upon yourself I am very sorry that you haven't a better income with which to do it."

"It's got to do, and I think it will stretch considerably when it becomes worth while to make it."

Mrs. Lane withdrew to an adjoining room—which Homer had prepared for his own use—to put on her things. On

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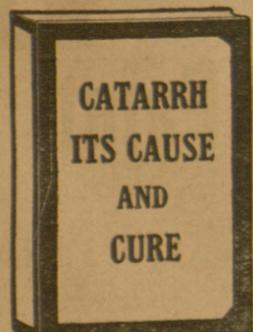
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lighted in the wide, black-throated fireplace; and it only remained to bring the invalid thither. With a request to Nora—of the kitchen—to "fix something Miss Lyman will like," the very last detail had been attended to, and he started out into the rose-scented air at nightfall to convey her over the few yards of intervening space in his own strong arms, believing that they would form the most comfortable mode of transit, and, preceded by Aunt Viney, he laid her with wondrous gentleness on the soft couch. He felt as if a fortune had been left him at last.

How he congratulated himself when he saw that she was pleased and entertained by the change of abode! How glad he was that he had had the boldness to wrestle with Fate for the trophy he had won. On that first evening Homer had happy occupation telling her the history of many of the souvenirs of his journeys into foreign lands. She was deeply interested in the entire collection, but in the old Indian urn she was markedly occupied. The mystery of the piece, the speculation as to wherein consisted its value and the strange part it had played in frustrating their hopes, gave her unlimited thoughts. She knew as much as Homer himself about the history of the piece, though she had not before seen it. Thus a long, tranquil evening was enjoyed, and this was but a prelude to many others which followed in unhalting succession.

Homer adjusted the invalid's pillows with his own hands, arranged for proper ventilation, and, laying a light kiss on her unlined brow, retired to his own room, declaring audibly, "Something to live for at last." Quietly the happy days moved on, keeping perfect step with Homer Hinsdale's plans. Ellice had suffered little or no discomfort, but much pleasure, from the change; Aunt Viney fluttered about half blind with excitement, getting good-humoredly into everybody's way, and appropriating many a task which rightfully belonged to Nora, the maid-of-all-work and general helmswoman of the bachelor's home. As for the bachelor himself, he was

buoyantly triumphant and valued the new, sweet care which he had assumed beyond silver and gold. "What happy occupation for the dull years!" he thought. "What a fortunate substitution for the years of weary waiting to no satisfactory end!"

Such were his noble sentiments and in a perfect communion of a spiritual affection which is capable of enduring into eternity these two lived on.

Unlike the average invalid, who is doomed to count the figures on the wall for mental exercise, the host of strange things with which the room was decorated gave unlimited territory for her fancy.

An improvement in her physical condition was obvious, though—considering her protracted invalidism—it was practically unexpected. Early in her residence there she had begun to lie on the couch and watch the conditions of the old urn which to her sight were often visible; and the vagaries of the vessel were peculiarly manifest to her because the injury to her brain had apparently opened an avenue of sight which enabled her to see some things which are not generally visible to mortal sight. It was by this subtle faculty that she discovered that the Oriental urn was nearly always guarded by a spectral figure that crouched over it as if to protect it from injury. The host of strange things in the room, carrying with them an air of the mystery of other climes were well calculated to influence one to observe and search for hidden meanings. Observation had shown her that though to all appearance quite inanimate the vase was strangely susceptible to noise. A door noisily closed seemed to imbue it with a nervousness almost human. It actually seemed at such times as if some live thing were within the heavy china struggling wildly to get free. When Homer was told of what had been seen and had listened to a description of the apparition which stood guard over the vase he had no hesitation in declaring it to be the spirit of his Uncle Ordman and said he was not surprised that the spirit of his uncle was restless if it were able to reflect upon its injustice to him when it still inhabited the flesh. Aunt Viney's strongest characteristic had been a deep distrust of man but when—as sometimes happened—she looked through the open door to see Homer on his knees by the couch, his shoulder held motionless to form a comfortable support for Ellice while she told of the behavior of the Indian vase, she would remark to Nora: "I never supposed that any man's constancy could so survive the years and a sweetheart's disability. It's a pity that that old earthen jug doesn't turn into a bag of gold, for I am sure they deserve it if a couple ever did." How near to a sure prediction she had come she was soon to know. As she closed her door with a snap the urn shivered. Homer entered by another door and saw it. "You will have to get used to a noise before to-morrow is over," said he and laughed. The morrow to which he referred was the Fourth of July, and Ellice had been an inmate of Homer Hinsdale's house for over a year. It had been a happy time; let no one say that love is the dower of youth alone. The soft hours of the gloaming possessed a rare value for them now. Perhaps a greater value than in the days of their early courtship, for now they must drink of the cup that time was rapidly exhausting if they were to know aught of the flavor of happiness. Both liked to affect some little attractiveness of attire for that hour, and Ellice especially would endeavor to add a touch of becomingness to her luxurious hair. Being deprived of the use of her right hand, Homer often helped to gratify her little vanities.

When the morning of Independence Day dawned, hot and unpromising, who of all that mixed household where the utility of economy was generally recognized, could have dreamed or even imagined anything so entirely inconceivable as the substitution of wealth and enlightenment for the slight scantiness and mystery which had heretofore prevailed. The day surely proved beyond peradventure that hopes are like the wheat which is hidden in the mummy case a thousand years, and, if given a chance are capable of resuscitation.

The night before Ellice had had a strange experience; a shower had suddenly arisen and all the others were busy resisting its onslaught on barn, windows or porches and she was left alone a few minutes. Gazing, as usual, at the old vase, she saw a ghostly column of vapor wreath upward from it, rise and fall, float outward and recede until it assumed the form of the aforementioned apparition, who leaned over the vessel with arms outspread above it as if to guard it against assault. As the figure swayed, like a thin cloud, its attitude seemed to be that of

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one pronouncing a benediction on the household.

On that particular fourth of July Homer displayed an almost boyish enthusiasm, so satisfying had his adjustment of their joint lives proven. He felt like taking a hand in the noisy demonstration himself, and had actually provided himself with a supply of fireworks. All the earlier part of the day he had been exploding them with the ardor of a school-boy. The more spectacular pieces, however, he had reserved for the evening and had erected a good firm rocket stand on the wide back porch. At mid-afternoon the youthful contingent were celebrating the day with boisterous cracker and cannon. When their patriotism found expression very near the house, Aunt Viney said to Nora: "That racket will just about kill my niece, I expect." But on softly opening the door into the apartment she looked upon a scene which dissipated her anxiety and ought to have forever dispelled her disbelief in man's enduring fidelity; on his knees by the couch was Homer, with a soft hairbrush in his hand. On the pillow lay a length of light blue satin ribbon, the mate of which was tied in a bow near the delicate ear of the occupant of the lounge, confining that half of her hair, which lay like finely spun white silk rippling across her shoulders and over the pillow. The other half of her hair was being gently brushed in preparation to receive the corresponding length of ribbon. This was the elderly lover's assistance to the toilet for the waning hours of the day. Affixing the last ribbon he placed the mirror in her one able hand and witnessed her pleasure at his offering to her vanity.

Forty-five years had not entirely robbed Ellice Lyman of her beauty. Her face was as lovely as a rare white rose with a pink shading, framed in luxuriant snow. As he saw her joyous appreciation of his efforts Homer felt abundantly compensated for stiffened knees and the strain it had cost him to get those bows tied artistically and alike. How sweet were the lees of love! Aunt Viney withdrew, awed by this continual proof of man's constancy. After supper and all through the evening the patriotic demonstration was sure to be more pronounced. Homer was eager to engage in the work of contributing to the general pandemonium. Placing the invalid in the easy chair he drew her to a place from which she could see the fireworks and incidentally have the Oriental vase within her range of vision. The last was a most important item, though it did not at the time appear so, and was quite without purpose. The light in the room had been toned down to a pleasant radiance; Aunt Viney and Nora were on the porch watching the rockets and fire-balloons which were being sent up from different points. Homer was hard at work taking care of his own display. Placing a rocket in position to fire he stepped inside and opened the window at which he had placed Ellie's chair. She was leaning forward in her chair, looking intently at the vase, when he returned to his work—or play—and well might she gaze, for the piece was certainly behaving strangely. A puff of white vapor reared itself and from the urn came a clear, vibrant, ringing, like that of a sea-shell when it is brought in contact with the ear. It was very strange, even uncanny, yet it was but a forerunner of what was to follow.

Homer fired the rocket and it went screaming and hissing skyward. The vapory cloud that had been observed immediately arose like the lifting of a fairy fog, twisting and curling fantastically and shaping itself into the form of a man safeguarding the vessel. "Oh, Homer!" Ellice cried, eager to have him witness the condition with which she had now become quite familiar. Stepping to the open window Homer thrust his head and shoulders through it and with an arm laid reassuringly across her shoulders he, with her, watched the cloudy figure beside the vase. She was for laying forcible hands upon it, for it seemed as if some living creature were trying to escape from a too secure confinement. "Wait until I fire those other three rockets, and I don't know but I will," said he. Another rocket went tearing through the air, and apparently he was to be saved the trouble of forcing the vase open. The spectral vapor wreathed pronouncedly, and the heavy piece trembled as with a sudden chill. Aunt Viney had become interested in the setting off of the fireworks, and when she asked Homer to let her fire one off he placed the last rocket safely, and after giving her the necessary instructions for applying the punk he hastened within and closing the window sat down by the side of Ellice. The rocket was safely ignited and went screeching upward to dispute the super-

ority of the stars. It had been a most enjoyable day; he did not remember that he had ever enjoyed a Fourth of July celebration so much. Then, as if to quell his too perfect content, there fell upon his buoyant spirits, and dampened them, a sense of his somewhat urgent need of money. In his love for the woman beside him he had not accurately counted the cost which the care he elected to give her would entail. The ablest doctors had been secretly consulted and their costly remedies applied. And now, he saw with great gladness that her disability had diminished and her strength increased, and he sanguinely hoped for ultimate recovery, which he determined to hasten by every possible means. He was confronted by the crushing consciousness that the limit of his financial resources was reached. But was it? He was aroused from his depressing and secret meditation by a loud report which was obviously from within the spacious porch. The Indian urn instantly began to reel and stagger like a drunken thing, swaying and tottering in a perfect delirium of erraticism. It slid, recklessly, to the very brink of the shelf, over which it seemed to lean in a spirit of complete abandon. Another report, which apparently came from within the very

room, and the vase reeled to the very edge of the shelf, where it stood shuddering a moment before it toppled and went to the floor.

As it fell, the parts separated, and reaching the floor they recovered their relative positions and rolled back and forth, in a half circle and finally were still. A puff of white powdery substance arose from the smaller part and reared itself into the wraith of Ordman Hinsdale. The expression of benevolence on the face of the apparition—considering his usage of his nephew—Homer thought, at first, was out of place.

It was, he decided, unquestionably the wraith of his deceased uncle, but what did the manifestation portend? The apparition leaned over the vase as if to shield it from harm, and with the passion to investigate urging him Homer went to the fallen vase. The smaller part was empty and a little heap of ashes showed what it had contained. Adhering to the side of the receptacle, however, was a papyrus scroll which proved this, and also proved an explanation to other things which had long been a profound mystery to Homer Hinsdale, and had been the cause of an absence of reverence to the memory of the deceased. First and foremost it disclosed that the smaller

part of the urn had been a receptacle for the ashes, the mortal remains, of the uncle whom he had scarcely lamented because of the keen sense of having suffered gross injustice at his hands. The papyrus scroll also called his attention to the word "Huaca," which he found to be impressed in the glazing of the urn. This he knew was an Oriental name signifying the burial place of the dead, together with the treasure of which the deceased died possessed. The word, of course, explained the small pile of ashes if the papyrus had not already done so, and the complete meaning of the word surely invited a more extended examination. Ellice seemed to foresee the importance of the pending discovery, and leaned eagerly forward in her chair, her clear, wide-open eyes apparently trying to pierce the larger part of the vase which Homer set upright. Removing the substance with which it was sealed, he started with amazement at sight of the rich legacy.

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THE MENTAL ATTITUDE

By FREDBRICK BURRY

OUR health, success and general welfare depend largely and primarily on our mental attitude. It is not sufficient to merely have periodical exercises of positive thinking; all achievement is born of the crystallized habit of concentrated thought.

We must cultivate a habit of concentration; the mind must be at all times well-balanced. The every-day positive mental attitude is a force irresistible and all-powerful.

A strong attitude of mind is a vital influence, affecting all things, animate and inanimate. It gives life to inert conditions, and re-invigorates where life already is. It gives out vibrations of health simply by its existence.

Our circumstances are just as we choose to look at them. Everything depends on the point of view. If our mental attitude is the same old weak position inherited from the past, it will be impossible for us to make much progress.

The majority of people are down in the depths of adversity and poverty; it is their mental attitude that keeps them there. A few are at the top, crowned with health and success; and it is their mental attitude that placed them there.

If a man has absolutely nothing tangible in sight to give him a lift forward, he may, nevertheless, bravely change the currents of his thoughts into channels of life and power and behold he has at once by a subtle means opened a new field of practical opportunities.

If we gauge our actions by the few things we can see, both our efforts and consequent results will be of the most limited and meagre character. Instead of this, we should see in our ideals the models for action and the prophecies of material manifestations.

Our ideas are never-failing resources of definite capital. If anything is substantial it is truly a thought. According to the nature of our thoughts, and especially our habits of thought, our experiences and our surroundings correspond.

If we would be more successful, we must no longer be blinded to the real things of life by the present objects before us. We must keep moving, following out, one by one, each ideal, as it is born.

It is said that all growth is slow. While there is truth in this statement, it is often made to cover an unwarrantable tediousness of conduct. As a matter of fact, the course of events moves forward all too slowly; that is to say, the upward moves of humanity's evolution are not as rapid as they might and should be. The reason for this is clear, when we see that the mass of people take no initial steps in advancing; they are ever looking for a leader or some precedent.

Why should the race be always seeking an example? Why all this timidity in giving expression to our ideas?

We do not know things completely ourselves until we tell them to others. That is to say, we grow by expression. The race is a unit. The best way to learn and the best way to develop is by opening our mouths and being generous with all our possessions.

The man of secrecy and the mean man are closely related. These individuals never possess much of anything and what they have got gives them little pleasure.

It is better to lose things than to keep them to ourselves. We must not be afraid to speculate, either with our ideas or other possessions.

Most people think too much—in the wrong direction. This is worrying. How much better, when there is nothing worth thinking about, to conserve our mental energy. At least, let us find time for calm and placid meditation, and not be always engaged in nervous and anxious thought.

Concentrated thought leads to success. And it would lead to greater success if the concentration was free from strain. We do those things best which are done with ease—with joy; our labors are then the productions of art.

Do we not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed to an unreasonable extent with the currents of events? If our little plans do not turn out just so, how disappointed we are. How much better to look farther ahead, and see in the possibilities of the future a field of rich resources.

This illimitable field lies before us, to be born from the infinite depths of being—of our being. Yes, we have, locked within, great and unimaginable potencies. Then there is no cause for fear or apprehension because there seems so little done.

Let us take the thought that there is much to do, and encourage ourselves on to action with another thought—that we can do it. We are then at once made rich in the only real kingdom, the realm of the ideal—and material manifestation is simply a matter of consequence.

Above all things is it necessary that we mark out our own tracks for action. Since our own ideas are of such value, how can we any longer ignore them for the customs of others, for precedent and the past?

Never mind the "lost" opportunities; there are plenty more; only let us lose no time in taking hold of them.

We may gather many useful suggestions from past and present examples; what has been done already may give us an incentive for further action. But let us not be sidetracked with the idea that there is no other original work to do; rather let us view all conditions as the early stages of possibility.

People make themselves miserable, and grow old and ugly, because they have a wrong, narrow conception of their nature. If they would view themselves and all their resources as of limitless, infinite character, they could hardly feel discouraged or troubled.

Just as the man of millions laughs at the loss of a few thousand dollars, so may each one smile serenely as things are swept away when it is recognized that there is an endless "more."

But we cannot get in touch with this boundless supply unless we first make ourselves receptive by a spirit of faith. There are endless opportunities—but how can we grasp them when our thoughts are fixed on failure and departed things?

If you are lost in the darkness of vanished possessions, at least be brave enough to trust in the little glimmer of light afforded by your ideal; it will soon open up a path for you.

We must first make a venture; nothing of any account is purchased without daring. Are we not all fascinated by an attitude of courage? Do we not see in the brave position the crown of nobility? Thus do we instinctively give our testimony to the Power it represents.

We are here to explore new fields. Our ideals beckon us on to make more attempts. Whatever our ideas may be, they all contain some germs of sure promise; they all enshrine material possibilities.

We are truly placing our trust in tangible forces when we trust our ideals; the very substance of creation is "mind stuff."

As we recognize the absolute power of mind we will actually welcome the difficult problems that make this mental energy more operative. We all have to be pushed forward by adverse circumstances; otherwise we should be content to remain in the inertia of uncreative dormancy. Where there is too much ease there is no growth.

Life and growth are one; and what makes us so alive as the spurs and even hard knocks of experience? We are thus made more awake, aroused to the needs of the hour.

And we will not be afraid to stand alone when we realize the limitless potencies of Self-reliance and the power that can only express itself from the centre of Individuality.

There are many who complain of their lonesomeness and lack of support and outside recognition. If they would only open their eyes they would see that theirs was the most opportune position; they would see that they were really saved from the hindrances and ennumbrances that too often come from "friends" and "possessions." The very best way to appreciate true friendship and real wealth is to first know how to do without them. By the experience of solitude and poverty we are led to the apex of Individuality—to the throne of Mastery; and from this position alone are we capable of rightly using our friends or our possessions.

People complain, again, because they have not had advantages of education, when right with them every day are the great lessons of experience, compared to which the libraries

and universities are second-hand training schools. It is experience that unlocks the wondrous reservoirs of wisdom and makes individuals think and know as nothing else can. It is experience that creates a strong and more reliable Mental Attitude, so that one's personality becomes a magnetic influence, giving and receiving an endless stream of Energy, of Health, Success and Wisdom.

We are beginning to recognize how real and powerful is our subconscious nature; that underneath the surface of conscious thought the mind is ever at work, molding one's own character as well as outside conditions. We talk about the influence of a strong personality, of one's personal magnetism, hardly realizing that these are definite conditions of the subconscious mind, and that there is an actual emanation of life and energy proceeding from a well-poised character.

This attitude is reached by concentration. Our thoughts and habits must be under our control.

Just think that if you can save half your time you can make twice as much; and by concentration you can make your time more and more valuable every day; for you will not only save half by economizing your thoughts and actions, but you will increase your power to produce; you will compress your energies in a focalized vital spontaneity of production.

It is said of Napoleon that he only saw the object in view—the obstacle must give way, and that he "literally transcended the ordinary limits of human ability." While there may be many features about this man that are anything but commendable, we can gather some practical hints from his achievements; and with all such men of actual genius it has been the Mental Attitude that made them what they were, that created their powers and stimulated them into manifestation. Look along any line of endeavor and you will see the mark of personal character always at the foundation of great conduct. It is the same in ordinary physical attainments of health and vigor—the Mental Attitude is what makes the man.

How can we longer allow our thoughts to remain in the morasses of fear and worry, or allow any weak thought of incompetence to harbor with us, when we have once realized how fraught with power is the Mental Attitude? Instead of such weakening, deadening mental vibrations, let us send out great currents of a forceful and creative nature. We are childish if we allow ourselves to be frightened by obstacles or difficulties or failures. There are really no failures; for every experience has taught us something. We have to be made to feel before we can amount to anything.

We marvel at the achievements of others; and perhaps we think it would be impossible to attempt anything like them. Well, are there not ten thousand untried regions of effort, unexplored and undeveloped forests of life with dormant resources, waiting for the hand of human action? Let us take time to think awhile, and then to work—calmly, heroically, faithfully trusting in the Mental Attitude.

All through the ages men who have put their trust in their ideas, and acted accordingly, have been persecuted by the world, which eventually benefited by these ideas; to-day we have a larger measure of freedom, and while the spirit of persecution is not quite dead we are not so alone with our mental conceptions and our aspirations.

And if in the past a solitary individual dared to stand up and enunciate a new-begotten conviction in the face of severe opposition and condemnation, how much more should we bravely speak and live the Truth, when many thousands are with us, an ever-increasing number of earnest men and women?

Yes, the number of truth-seekers is growing, because they see how substantial and practical are the life-giving thoughts that spring from the attitude of faith and courage. Men are looking within, for they see in the ideal of Individuality a possession that makes everyone as rich and powerful in all real potencies as anyone on the face of the earth.

ALL knowledge is love, and all love knowledge; even with the meaneast we cannot gain a glimpse into their inward trials and struggles without an increase of sympathy and affection.

GIVE not the tongue too great a liberty, lest it takes thee prisoner. A word unspoken is like the sword in the scabbard, thine; if prevented, thy sword is in another's hand. If thou desire to be held wise, be so wise as to hold thy tongue.

THE secret of a happy life does not lie in the means and opportunities of indulging our weaknesses, but in the knowing how to be content with what is reasonable, that time and strength may remain for the cultivation of our nobler nature.

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SPIRITUAL DISTURBANCES IN THE HOUSE OF A HIGHLY RESPECTABLE GENTLEMAN

SPIRITUALISM, if, indeed, it is not a delusion, is bound to meet all the reasonable demands of science. If scientists in the West are unwilling to believe in ghosts so are men in this country, educated in the literature and sciences of the West. One such was the late Babu Raj Narain Bose, formerly Head Master of the Midnapore School, and latterly the distinguished recluse of Deoghur. He declared that previously he had no faith in ghosts, yet he had to communicate his weird experiences to the press merely from his love of truth. The experience he gathered in this manner:

He had to leave his dwelling-house at Deoghur and remove to what was then called the Boral Bungalow, at a short distance to the north of the former. No one had the least ground to suspect that his new house was haunted by a ghost. However, the thing so manifested itself that he had no help but to communicate his experiences to the outside world. What actually happened was published by his son, Babu Jogindra Nath Bose, himself a journalist, in the *Bharati* newspaper, a literary periodical, conducted by the Thakur Babus of Jorasanko. What Babu Jogindra Nath Bose wrote was indorsed by his distinguished father, and he gave a description and plan of the haunted house to show that any sort of trickery was impossible.

It was the hot season and there was a dust storm, when suddenly the manifestations were announced by a little sister of Jogindra Babu running in to tell that somebody had made a loud and unearthly sound. A little while later another messenger came running with the astounding intelligence that somebody was pelting stones into the room. But how was it possible to do this, when all the doors, windows and shutters had been closed and barred on account of the storm?

"We entered the condemned room," says Babu Jogindra Nath. "We began to watch and there was no doubt of it, that some dried fruits were falling from the ceiling. The house was surrounded by extensive and open fields; we made a search there with a light. But we saw nothing. What we saw was this: the doors and windows of the room had been closed. We all stood within, watching what would happen and we saw dried fruits falling one after the other, from the ceiling. Naturally, the idea of ghosts entered into our minds.

"But could it be the work of thieves? Perhaps, we thought, there was an opening in the ceiling whence thieves were dropping the fruits to frighten the inmates. But a thorough search with the aid of a light revealed nothing.

"We removed to another room and sat there. And we said, 'If it is the work of spirits why should not something fall from the ceiling of this room? If such a thing happens then only can we believe in the existence of ghosts.' Within ten seconds of this challenge, a fruit was flung before us with great force.

"What was this fruit? It was a strange one and we had never seen the like of it before. It looked like an almond, and was shown to the people of that quarter. They said that they did not know what the fruit was, though they had seen them on some trees growing on some distant hills. We went to the haunted room again. Immediately all the window shutters were flung open with great force and kept in that state for three or four seconds! We instantly searched, with a lantern, the veranda and the compound. We made a thorough search, but found nothing, and, therefore, again returned to the haunted room. Fruits were still dropping one by one as before, but this time they were no longer dried but fresh and strange ones! My mother had occasion to go to another room close by. My younger sister was with her. They, too, had a weird experience, for something fell in the room with a loud noise. This was a most wonderful occurrence. For all the doors were closely shut, and there was besides a bright light in the room. Mother was, of course, frightened and fled from the room with my sister. We were then in the haunted room, and ran to the help of my mother, who had been so badly frightened. Wonder of wonders! We saw nothing there, though mother said that she was sure she had seen some substance fall with a noise, though she could not very well discern what it was. 'I saw it here for about a minute,' said she. Well, we stood in a circle discussing the matter,

and just then the same substance again fell in our midst with a thud, when my mother immediately cried that it was the selfsame thing that had fallen in the same room before. On examination it was found to be a piece of used and dried soap!

"For three days the manifestations ceased, and nothing happened. On the fourth day—it was also very hot, so hot indeed that leaves and fruits plucked from trees shrunk up in a few minutes—many strange fruits and leaves fell again, only they appeared to be quite fresh; in some cases, the juice was still oozing out of them, as if they had been plucked just then."

We give in the above a free translation of the account which Jogindra Babu published in the *Bharati* newspaper for Bhadra 1293 B. S., and which was indorsed by his father.

As regards the facts there cannot be any manner of doubt. They were witnessed by the whole family—young boys and old men. What they saw was—that doors were opened violently and kept so for some time; dried fruits were dropped in the room, though it was kept absolutely closed. Sometimes they were thrown in

the direction of Babu Jogindra Nath. Fresh fruits were brought from the hills, which were at least six miles distant from the place, and brought with such speed, too, that they seemed quite fresh when handled.

This incident resembles very much the one witnessed by us—namely, the pelting of stones. What was it that did all these things? Not a mere blind force, for it showed glimmerings of reason. Then this spirit, or whatever you choose to call it, had the power, though it had no material cover, to bring fruits with lightning rapidity from great distances. Men are not acquainted with this law. A. P. Sinnett asked Koot Hoomi, the Mahatma, to bring the day's *Times* from London to India, for the purpose of proving the existence and powers of the saint. He declined for reasons which need not be enumerated here. But this seems to be established that such a feat was possible, and that there were ways by which it could be done—ways known to spirits who could bring fruits at Babu Raj Narain Bose's and pelt stones at Gonoree's.

It is time that the spirits taught us the laws which enable them to perform won-

ders like the above. Would it not be glorious if men could, by mere exercise of the will-power, or any such process, bring fruits from a distance of six miles with the speed of lightning?

Another point was established beyond doubt by this account. Spirits, ethereal beings, ghosts, elementals, or whatever you choose to call them, can exert considerable force upon material objects, even though they themselves have no material body. Thus they did at Gonoree's when they brought out a very big piece of stone from the bottom of a well, and at Raj Narain Babu's, too, when they brought fruits from such a distance by the mere exercise of will-power. That being the case there is no improbability in a man, who has lost his material cover, to live, think and exert his influence upon matter. —*Hindu Spiritual Magazine.*

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TOGETHER, faith and fear constitute an unchangeable quantity. As the one expands the other contracts. While faith impels peace of mind and health of body, fear induces mental inharmony and physical disease. There is too little faith and too much fear.

Faith is soul knowledge, or the realization of truth. It is the spiritual assimilation of a prior intellectual perception. Faith must be distinguished carefully from credulity. Negative and passive acceptance does not constitute the appropriation and assimilation essential to faith.

That Principle is universal and eternal, and that Beneficence is its ruling motive, or that God is All and God is Good, is the basic Truth; and it is essential that one have faith in it, if he is to have health of mind and body. Without faith in the consistency and beneficence of the Universe—and, therefore, in its love and justice—one must express inharmony and manifest disease.

The foremost physical scientists of the age—such men as Darwin, Huxley, Tyndall and Spencer—rank among its greatest spiritual teachers. The faith in the unity and beneficence of God which dominated these master minds, has been conspicuously lacking in many of the best

thoughts one gives forth measure what shall come to him, and the love or hate that one puts into his environment determines what shall return to him.

The conception of Unity is the ally of faith, while that of Duality is the companion of fear. The realization of Unity renders impossible a belief in inherent contest, while in the conception of Duality, this is involved as a fundamental necessity. Unity signifies pulling together, as contrasted with the pulling apart that Duality represents.

The fear of death is the master fear, and denotes the extreme conception of separation; and from this origin flow the fear of disease and the fear of poverty. One fears that which he deems both opposed to, and stronger than, himself; so that one's fears are proportioned to his exaltation of environment over the Self. The conception of Unity excludes opposition, and forbids any such misconceived exaltation.

The realization of Unity elevates Man in his own estimation and expands his conception of God. In the consciousness of his true relation to Infinite Spirit, he knows that Self-control is the one essential to his purposeful determination of physical and material conditions.

One does not fear death when he knows

Affirmations, denials, silences and formulas are of advantage only as they intensify this realization. Experience is of direct benefit precisely to the same extent.

A belief in duality—of God and Devil, of a principle of God and a Principle of Evil in eternal conflict—involves mental inharmony and physical disease. *Belief and condition are correlated*; one follows from the other as a necessary and inevitable consequence.

The law of the whole is the law of the part, and one's conception of the Universe determines his estimate of the Self. Conceiving the Universe as self-destructive, he interprets himself similarly, and regards himself as a battle-ground for the contest of good and evil, happiness and misery, health and disease, life and death.

The New Thought attacks the very stronghold of theology—the belief in a Principle of Evil, as personified in the Devil. The conception of Unity recognizes no Principle of Evil, or of inherent malevolence. In this conception there is no consciousness of fear, for divine love and beneficence are recognized as universal and eternal. There is no need, therefore, for priestly intervention between God and Man, for there is no separation and no antagonism.

Health is not a matter of luck, or happiness the result of chance. Neither can be perpetuated through mere attention to symptoms, or consideration of appearances. They demand realization of truth and devotion to principle.

The conception of Unity inculcates faith in life, in health, in success, in prosperity. It knows the Self as an individual Soul, yet inseparable from Universal Spirit, and possessing conscious powers and privileges proportionate to its faith. It recognizes health and success as the birthright of each individual.

One who has faith in the Unity and Beneficence of God manifests it in a life service and recognizes the joy of living. He "returns good for evil," for he recognizes good only. He "loves his enemies," for he knows friends alone. He is sure of Heaven, for he carries it with him. And Heaven is peace of mind and health of body.

TRUE MOTHER LOVE

MOTHER love is supposed to be a wonderful thing. It is said by sentimentalists to be the most "unselfish of emotions." It certainly should be. But is it?

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The thoughtless, foolish ambition of many a mother to have her daughter "a belle," and to have her outshine other girls has spoilt what might have been a splendid character.

Again, the slavish, weak devotion of a mother to a daughter's whims and desires from childhood to womanhood helps the girl to be spoilt.

As a two-year-old child she sees chocolate drops in the confectioner's window and demands them, and the "devoted mother," who cannot bear to disappoint her beloved child, gives them to her, even while she knows they will harm her teeth and digestion.

The only mother love which is truly deserving is that which causes the mother to think always of the development of her child, and of instilling in him the highest ideals of manhood.

PITY THE IDLERS

God pity the idlers, the rich and the poor, No souls on the earth that need pity more. The dull, sluggish brain and the ice chilly heart,

Of the world's stock of joy feel never a part. For joy comes of labor, of doing one's share. To lighten the burden of all the world's care.

Then hail to the workers, true kings of the earth, The builders of worlds, creators of mirth! Though they dig in the mine or delve in the soil, Their sleep is more sweet, 'tis the fruit of their toil.

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Faith in God does not involve the use of particular words or phrases, or the acceptance of special formulas. One may reject current conceptions of the Infinite, and the established doctrines of theology, and yet be deeply religious and spiritual. In fact, the rejection of popular conceptions is necessary to the attainment of spirituality and faith.

One's choice is between unity and duality, or principle and appearance. The former involves wisdom and faith, and the latter ignorance and doubt. The former expresses itself in peace of mind and manifests in health of body, while the latter carries mental inharmony and physical disease.

The perception of Unity and Beneficence carries with it a conception of a Universe of Love, of the mutual benefit of its parts, of the co-operation of the Self with its environment, and of One Principle manifesting in duality of appearance.

The perception of Duality carries with it a conception of a Universe of Love and Hate, of mutual antagonisms, of the opposition of the Self to its environment, and of dual principles of Good and Evil manifesting in corresponding duality of appearance.

The Universe is not changed an iota by one's conception of it, but his conception determines his conscious relation to it. To each individual, the Universe is what he believes it to be. One receives as he gives; he reaps what he sows. The

its purpose is beneficent, and that love and justice are immanent in all the phenomena of existence, eternally and universally. Neither does he fear disease when he knows its purpose is to warn and guide, to advise and assist; that it is a reward rather than a punishment, and that it comes from within rather than from without.

One does not fear failure or poverty when he knows that such conditions are imposed only when they furnish lessons needful in one's soul development. Nor does he fear them when he knows that he possesses the key to success and affluence. One fears nothing when he knows there is nothing to fear.

When one realizes his unity with God fully, he has no ground for fear or apprehension; he recognizes the magnitude of his powers and privileges, and he has faith in his ability to accomplish; he identifies himself with power and affluence, and therefore manifests physically and materially what he represents spiritually and mentally.

The realization of the Unity of Principle—despite duality of appearance—distinguishes the spiritual man, or man of faith; while the belief in duality of principle—in correspondence with duality of appearance—marks the material man, or man of doubt.

The conception of Unity leads to a realization of the inseparability of God and Man, and elevates Man to his supremacy of environment. It establishes confidence and faith, and assures success.

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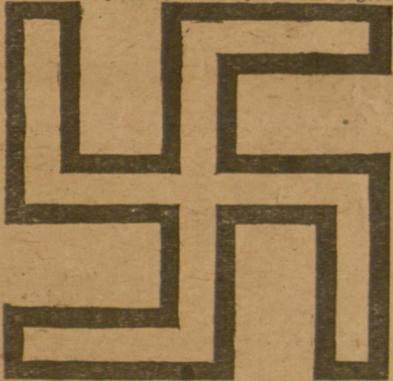
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REFLECTIONS ON THOUGHT LEADING UP TO THE LAST DAYS OF A GREAT SOUL

By S. A. WELTMER

PRENTICE MULFORD gave utterance to the statement that "Thoughts are things." It was considered an idle speculation. The same author, in earlier years, had given expression to the same sentiment, and it was followed by severe criticism. Eighteen years passed before the public mind would consider the postulate, "Thoughts are things." Notwithstanding the fact that Jesus stated, some two thousand years ago, the thoughts He uttered were more enduring than heaven, earth or even time itself. He said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words (which are the embodiment of thought) shall never pass away." How can this be proven? Every action that finds expression in the human body is the manifestation of the thought the mind has formulated. When we first attempt to measure what thought is, our intelligence is challenged to consider the intangible. Thought, to the casual thinker, seems to have only a passing vitality; but when we regard thought as being a creation of the human mind, when we remember mind is the spirit essence of man, man made in the image and likeness of his Creator, we discover thought is man's creative force. Thought is man's expression of his divinity or of his eternal discord. It follows, then, as a logical sequence, that his creations are discordant or divine. Thoughts are the only things man can create. One may ask, "Is not the steam engine a creation of man?" The principle involved is a creation, but the inventor simply uses the material in Nature's storehouse and constructs the representation of his thought. The completed machine is that creation expressed in material form. Any mechanic who can comprehend the principle can, out of the same material, construct another machine of similar design, but he does it, not because of the material. Iron and steel are inert. He does it because his mind holds a complete idea of the thought as complete as the finished picture on the canvas. Everything in the physical world is a radical statement of the Divine Mind. The tree is a statement of a creation of Divinity. It takes the trunk, all the leaves and branches, to form a tree, and the tree as a whole is a manifestation of Divine thought. Human thought is the Divine thought in miniature. Some years ago it would have been useless to declare that thoughts produce a vibration that is never lost. Man is God's creation. His power to act is derivative. Thinking antedates action. The power to think is creative power. The very function of thought is creative. The thoughts uttered by the Man of Galilee are vibrating to-day in thought atmospheres just as certainly as electricity vibrates and forms an active principle of the atmosphere of the physical world. Electricity has always existed in diffusion. Man's thought has given it material form. Electrical science has demonstrated that the thought of the material world is quivering in the atmosphere for our use. The electrician has learned to construct a little disk so sensitive that the slightest electrical disturbance will be registered upon it. Though there be no connecting wire, another instrument miles away will record the same sound. The human mind is now becoming sensitized, like the disk of the metallic plate to catch these thoughts. Every thought, once sent into space, is still vibrating, is easily detected and perfectly transferable to any mind that makes itself passive to thought. Words cannot convey an estimate of the value of thought as a thing. Were I to attempt to tell what all of thought, as an entirety, means to me, language would fail to express it. No one could comprehend its slightest elemental power.

One thought causes a whole world of thought to vibrate. Man can cultivate the power to receive thought. Says one, "A thought came to me." Where from? The man who can project thought into another mind must be able to receive one thought to the exclusion of all others, but the old thought seems to have an enchantment for the mind. The mind, by some strange perversity, welcomes the old friend with kindlier grace. Or, in some unguarded moment, he leaves ajar the door of the laboratory of his thought, and the uninvited guest finds entrance. The world is opposed to innovations. It does not wish to surrender its treasure, even though the market value has declined.

The human mind is so constructed that not one single thought, even the most vivid conception of God, can enter it until it is receptive to that thought. The passive soul is always in touch and has easy access to the Source of Power, and it will respond to his appeal. All the wisdom it takes to stretch an earth into space, to make a universe of which the earth forms an infinitesimal part, lies at man's disposal. It was but a single declaration of Divinity, "Let there be light," but instantly light diffused itself through the entire circle of created spheres. Light is the emanation from the Divine mind that enables man to see things around him. Light itself is invisible.

When electricity became one of the means of producing light, the spectrum showed rays in higher vibrations, until these vibrations became so high they were invisible. Still, the spectrum showed there were other rays. Not knowing how to define them, they were called X-rays, X standing, in mathematical formulas, for the unknown quantity. After a while they found they could get a machine to vibrate with the same rate of motion that electricity vibrates in diffusion. By multiplying that speed fifty times, these rays produced a spark that would shine through solid wood.

The thoughts man entertains in life, when he leaves the body will remain in the world's atmosphere as the sum total of his spiritual ideal. One writer has defined the human soul, "A harp with a thousand strings." When the purpose of man's life has been to honor and glorify his Maker, that life is as a harp all of whose strings vibrate in perfect unison. The harpist thinks, when he smites the lowest chords, he has attempted a difficult task. He finds, as he tunes the next chord, it responds more readily, and each successive string becomes easier to tune. When he reaches the middle string it is easily tuned. It bears him upward, and he finds the strings in the higher octaves are already in tune. So, as man passes from the physical to the spiritual, he finds every spirit string tuned by the hand of Divinity, ready to harmonize with man's effort to seek truth. But the highest notes of the human soul will be inaudible until the lowest notes are tuned. Upper harp thoughts are the thoughts of the seers of all ages. These harps have for their themes the eternal entities.

Thus, it is perceived, the evils that come into our lives are those we admit. Every man and woman presents a perfect physical photograph of their own mental conception. Spiritual thoughts do not mar the body. Man manifests in his body what he believes about his body. He manifests in his daily actions what he believes about his fellow men, and thus through the whole category. The Law is absolute. It has no variations. Were the race to-day to put itself in the attitude of waiting for a passive, harmonious thought, it would find the meaning of Christ's statement, "My peace I leave with you," and every human heart open to that thought vibration would sound that note of peace.

Divinity has so invested us with the power of thought that it is an inherent part of ourselves. God has so constructed the world that when He puts a statement into existence, even in the natural world, He has invested a part of Himself.

When Solon, the great Athenian lawgiver, visited Croesus, the richest man in Asia Minor, Croesus put the question to Solon, "Who should be the happiest man?" Solon's answer was replete with wisdom. He said, "The degree of man's life happiness can only be determined by the character of his death."

Solon's definition of happiness shows

our late martyred President to have been the happiest man in the universe. Under the stroke of the assassin, his first utterance is a prayer for his murderer, not for himself. Such prayer, under the sudden shadow of death, has never before fallen from human lips. It has been possible to man after hours of reflection. It is the music of the great minor tone of Calvary. It tells the world the keynote of the Saviour's teachings is sounded by the lips of death in the twentieth century and in the very chamber of power.

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TRUST IN THE ETERNAL PRINCIPLE OF LIFE

By WILLIAM E. TOWNE

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Abraham Lincoln was, I believe, firmly convinced that he was an instrument in the hands of Divine Power whereby slavery was to be abolished in America, and he stopped at no obstacle until his grand purpose was accomplished.

Lincoln and Napoleon not only had faith in themselves as instruments of Divinity, but they trusted that faith and acted upon it, as have all other great and successful men.

A great musician or a great artist becomes such through his ability to lay hold of the Eternal Principle of the universe. The rank and file of human beings have something of this same faith by which the genius is guided, but they fail to trust it, to follow it. They listen to doubts, to fears, to anything but the inner voice of their own souls, and consequently they never rise above the ranks.

Divine Principle is close to the heart and life of the humblest worker as well as the greatest genius. It is only a lack of recognition of the truth which keeps one in bonds to poverty, unhappiness and all negative conditions.

Amid the whirl and turmoil of material life, it is well to listen for the "still, small voice" of the Spirit (Principle of Being) and to follow its every prompting.

You are a part of the One Life. Your life is an integral part of the Whole. Hence through faith and realization you are able to draw from a limitless supply of power.

Go into the silence and seek to connect your atmosphere with the vibrations of Eternal Life. Be not misled by the senses. Seek not in the material realm for the power to accomplish your desires, but seek instead to come into harmony with Eternal Principle. Your mental atmosphere or aura is governed by your thoughts. To connect yourself with power you must first create around you an atmosphere of power by thinking power. Allow no thought of weakness to enter your mind. Think of yourself as a part of all the power in the universe and hence able to appropriate from it sufficient for all your needs. Then in the silence make yourself passive to the influx of power vibrations. Your atmosphere, if properly developed by right thoughts, will then receive and absorb life from the very fountainhead of being. That which you once deemed impossible of accomplishment will now be clearly within your means to do.

Little by little an inner sense of firmness and strength will be built up. You will have more courage, more self-reliance, less of foreboding, less of doubt, less of vacillation.

Put absolute repose and trust in the Divine Principle of life. The more completely you can do away with all doubt and give yourself up to the guidance of the Spirit, the better channel you will become for the manifestation of health and power.

Always remember that it is not from your personal self but from the One Divine Self that strength and wisdom cometh. Let the Divine Self shine out through your personal, mortal self and illuminate you.

This is what illumination means: The blending of the personal, mortal man in the Divine Life. The more completely you can blend your life in the All Life the greater will be your manifestation of power.

There will come divine peace and satisfaction from this blending, and

lasting peace and satisfaction can be obtained in no other way. Your personal life and will must be dedicated to the Spirit.

So long as you recognize only your personal self, and follow the dictates of your personal will, you are limited and hampered at every turn. You are constantly upsetting the Divine order of things and suffering all sorts of unhappiness because you do not vibrate in harmony with the Whole. You are like a discordant note in a song. Your resistance causes friction which manifests as discord.

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ATMOSPHERE OF A HOLY LIFE

By REV. H. H. BEATTYS

THE Rev. H. H. Beattys, of Brooklyn, N. Y., recently preached on "The Atmosphere of a Holy Life." The text was chosen from Acts v, 15: "That the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." Mr. Beattys said: "Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and cushions, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them." And in so doing the needy sick and diseased in Jerusalem paid their unconscious tribute to the holy atmosphere that enwrapped the life of Peter. This incident teaches the potency of the atmosphere of a holy life. Let us consider this for a while this evening. Everything has its atmosphere; the sun and the stars, the mountains and the woods, the green fields and meadows, with their new-mown hay. Who has not gone out into nature in the early spring and drank in the sweet fragrance of the fields and woods and flowers?

The country has its atmosphere, the city has its atmosphere, the home has its atmosphere, business has its atmosphere. Business men well understand this. Those skilled in promoting great enterprises, and who desire to win over certain men to their purpose, bring the men to be impressed into a room and create an atmosphere around them. The church has its atmosphere, and ought never to allow anything to vitiate or destroy that atmosphere. I know the building is nothing but wood and stone and brick, and no different from a hundred other buildings. Yet there ought to be an atmosphere about the church of God that is different from the atmosphere of a business building or a hall of entertainment. There is nothing especially in the makeup that makes the room where your mother died different from the other rooms in the house. It is of the same general architecture, the wood and walls and furnishings are the same. Yet somehow that room is different from the other rooms of the house. There is an atmosphere about it that you feel. You do not rush

into it and become boisterous there, for the spirit of the dear dead seems to hallow and make sacred the spot. So the church should be kept sacred and holy for God's worship. It is where we meet the Infinite face to face in holy worship. There should be a feeling of reverence about the place, as though God spake to us as to Moses at the burning bush: 'Put off thy shoes from thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.' Let the building be the simplest—nay, even rude—and it still creates its atmosphere. Mr. Beecher, in his 'Norwood,' has a fine touch as he describes the close of a service in the plain old New England meetinghouse. The horse jockey of the village and the doctor have driven up and are waiting for the congregation to come out. The jockey is talking in a gossipy way about the horses that are tied in the horseshed, when the congregation rise and begin to sing the closing hymn. 'There, doctor,' says the jockey, 'there's the last hymn.' It rose upon the air, softened by distance and the inclosure of the building, rose and fell in regular movement. Even Hiram's tongue ceased. The viroo, in the top of the elm, hushed its shrill snatches. Again the hymn rose, and this time fuller and louder, as if the whole congregation had caught the spirit. Men's, and women's voices, and little children's were in it. Hiram said, without any of his usual pertness: "Doctor, there's somethin' in folks singin' when you are outside the church that makes you feel as though you ought to be inside."

"But more than all else, perhaps, man has his atmosphere. 'If light is in him he shines; if darkness rules he shades; if his heart glows with love he warms; if frozen with selfishness he chills; if corrupt he poisons; if pure-hearted he cleanses.' Mr. Beecher once said that 'the soul, like the sun, hath its atmosphere. Some men move down life as a band of music moves down the street, flinging out pleasure on every side through the air, to every one, far and near, that can listen; others fill the air with harsh clang and clangor.' Some men are like the iceberg that drifts down from the north seas, that throws off a chill on every side, and whose frosty breath the sailor feels long before it comes in sight. Others go through life like the Gulf Stream, warming and tempering every climate and causing vegetation to spring up and luxuriate wherever its influence is felt. To be in the presence of such men is like getting around on the sunny side of the house in winter. Every man has something to do with the making of the atmosphere of the life about him. Each man contributes his spirit to his home, his community, his town. And every man is under a solemn obligation to put life and hope and faith into his fellows by putting these qualities into the common air.

"Not only does every man have his atmosphere, but this atmosphere is the most potent thing about his life. It is but a small part of a man's life that expresses itself in speech or even in acts. The character of the man is inexpressibly larger and finer than the words he may utter or the things he may do. The narrative of the exploits of a Washington, a Gladstone, or a Phillips Brooks is the smallest part of their works. The weight and atmosphere of the man's personality is the thing that really accounts for the man. A man's life is not simply what you see. The effects of a man's life are not merely in the things that can be seen and estimated and catalogued, but far more in those invisible and subtle influences which have no report and that come not with observation, and yet are more real and potent than the things which are seen. Though the atmosphere about us is one of nature's mighty forces, with its pressure of fourteen pounds to the square inch, yet no infant's hand feels its weight; no leaf of aspen or wing of bird detects this heavy pressure, for the air fluid presses equally in all directions. So it is with the atmosphere that goeth forth from a man's life, it is the mightiest power of that life. We do not stop to consider its power and weight, for it is as unobtrusive and quiet as the atmosphere about us.

"When we study the lives of the men and women who have done most to help and uplift humanity, we discover that this atmosphere of their lives has been the real hiding of their power. During the French Revolution, when the mob, frenzied with rage, swept through the streets with the turbulence of a mighty flood, carrying everything before it, there stepped

in to the middle of the street a well-known man of pure and noble character, and lifted his hand for a hearing. Their leader, turning to the mob, said: 'Soldiers, we are in the presence of a man who represents seventy years of noble living,' and the frenzied mob uncovered and were silent. When we seek for the secret of the matchless power and influence of Jesus Christ, we will find it in the atmosphere of His life. It was said of Him in astonished wonderment, 'Never man spake like this man.' But the greatest thing about the Christ was that never man lived like this man. But what was it that placed Jesus Christ without a peer at the summit of human living? Circumstances? Let us not forget that few are the men for whom circumstance has done less than for Him. A poor carpenter's son, of a race that has been despised and persecuted the world over. Limited in his travels to a small Roman province. Having no opportunity for culture or education. Rejected even by his own people. If we speak of learning, there have been thousands more learned than He. If we say His teachings made Him great, we do well to remember that the New Testament contains more of the teachings of Paul than of Christ. If we look for the secret of His greatness in His death on Calvary, we are reminded that there have been more tragic deaths than His. I go across the centuries to the Athenian prison and watch the aged Socrates take the cup of hemlock and drink his death. All Greece was moved when Socrates died! But to-day his death is a tale that is told. I stand in the Roman senate and see Caesar draw his mantle over his face as Brutus' dagger deals its death blow, and with the words 'Et tu, Brute?' fall dead at the foot of Pompey's pillar. And the world trembled when Caesar fell! But to-day his death is a tale that is told. I stand by the side of Lincoln and see the dastardly blow that struck him down. When Lincoln died every American home in the northland was hushed with pain as if its first-born lay dead. In distant lands men bowed their heads and the mighty empires across the seas hushed their turmoil in homage to the dead. But to-day Lincoln's death is a tale that is told.

"When Christ died He had no Plato to extol His master; no Marc Antony to arouse the populace; no Charles Sumner to voice the sorrow of a stricken people. And yet that life men have never let die, and its power and influence are greater today than ever before. But why is this? Why is not the life and death of Christ like the life and death of the other great, a tale that is told? Because of what He did? Nay, for measured by the standard of outward achievement His life was a failure. Whence then the power of His life but in that subtle but all-powerful atmosphere that He ever carried about with Him, the atmosphere of a divinely holy life. Men have rivaled His wonders of miracle working; they have discovered the parallel of His teaching; they have imitated His sacrifice, but the atmosphere of divinity that flowed forth from his divine character and wherein lay the hiding of His power, has placed Him and will ever keep Him alone without a peer among the sons of men. Medieval painters tried to express this atmosphere of Christ by painting a halo about His head. But He wore no halo save the halo that always attends a holy life. That life was a divinely holy life. Just one fault, one little sin, and the power of that holy life would have been forever wrecked.

"It is this power of a holy atmosphere, I think, that the world most needs to-day. As one has truly said, 'I do not believe the world is dying for new ideas. A teacher has a high place among us, but someone is wanted far more than a teacher. It is power we need; power that shall help us to solve our practical problems, power that shall help us to realize a high individual spiritual life; power that shall make us daring enough to act out all we have seen in vision, all that we have learned in principle from Jesus Christ.' There is a real danger, I think, in over-organization. There is great danger in our church life of substituting zeal and activity in outward things for what is of the Spirit and unseen. Let us never lose sight of the fact that while organization is necessary and helpful, the real power of the church depends more upon the spiritual life and character of its membership than upon effective organization. No zeal in good works, no liberality in giving, no good works can take the place of that devotion, self-sacrifice, purity of character, lowliness of heart, which are the elements of spiritual power; the atmosphere of the holy life, the atmosphere that flows out from vital contact with God is the only real and lasting power of the Christian and of the church.

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For the structure that we raise,
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Truly shape and fashion these;
Leave no yawning gaps between;
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For the gods see everywhere.
Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
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Standing in these walls of Time,
Broken stairways, where the feet
Stumble as they seek to climb.
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TELEPATHY

To feel the presence of a friend!
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An ecstasy, more wild and fresh
Than South winds blowing, flowerper-
fumed!
This can we see? Not by the flesh,
By spirit, is such food consumed.

A pure white light, a breath of life—
A spray of lilies, wondrous fair—
With visions, thoughts, the hour is rife,
The soul of Love fills all the air.
—CLARA J. L. PIERCE, in *Practical Ideals*.

THE POET

LET me go where'er I will,
I hear a sky-born music still;
It sounds from all things old,
It sounds from all things young,
From all that's fair, from all that's foul,
Peals out a cheerful song.
It is not only in the rose,
It is not only in the bird,
Not only where the rainbow glows,
Nor in the song of woman heard,
But in the darkest, meanest things,
There always, always something sings.
'Tis not in the high stars alone,
Nor in the cups of budding flowers,
Nor in the redbreast's mellow tone,
Nor in the bow that smiles in showers,
But in the mud and scum of things
There always, always something sings.
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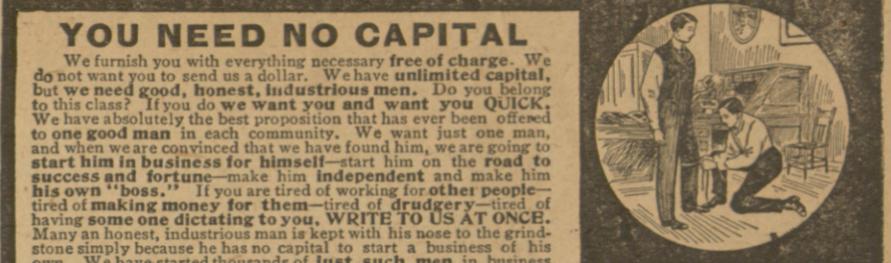
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FIRST of all among man's natural desires, uppermost in the minds of most men, is the wish for health. Without health, all other gifts of life are practically worthless. It is the lack of health that sours all the sweetness in the cup of life for most people. Every one can appreciate this blessing, however other blessings may be unappreciated.

It is curious, then, how constantly and habitually the fundamental condition of health, if this philosophy of life be the true philosophy, is ignored by most men. Even the custodians of health practically ignore it. Medical men do not profess to be materialists. For the most part, they accept this philosophy of life, as already stated, unhesitatingly. So far as they are religious men, they are constrained to accept it. Nevertheless, the constant preoccupation of the medical man with the body, his absorbing attention to the physical manifestation of the mental being, tends to produce a practical materialism that is only too obvious. A myopia, or nearsightedness, is induced, which blinds him to all but the physical facts and factors in disease. Most medical men believe in the existence of the invisible substances that we call molecules, but they do not seem to believe in the unseen and unseeable substances that we call thoughts. They believe in the agency of microbes, but they do not seem to believe in the agency of mental microbes—the little devils of lust, anger, and jealousy. They believe in the body's reaction on the mind, but not in the mind's reaction on the body. They believe that secretions color imaginations, but not that imaginations color secretions. They believe that the liver depresses the mind, but not that the mind depresses the liver.

As with our medical men, so with the laity. Most of us act as if we believed not a whit in this underlying philosophy of life, but as if we believed altogether in the very opposite philosophy. We act as if we believed we were made up of matter and not of mind; as if we ourselves were these bodies and not the souls within them. If we have a pain in the stomach, we ask ourselves what we have eaten that has disagreed with us—we do not ask what we have thought that has disagreed with us. When feverish symptoms make themselves manifest, we say that we have taken a "cold"—not that we have been inflamed by inward imaginations and desires. We believe in eating and sleeping and exercising, as means toward health—which is well; but we do not believe in any inward experiences corresponding to this physical regimen, as of at least equal moment in the preservation of health. "Oh, rest in the Lord! Wait patiently on Him, and He shall give thy heart's desire!"—this we believe in for the soul; but how few of us believe in the hygienic potency of such an attitude of spirit! How few of us believe that for the soul thus to rest in the Lord is veritably to rest every tired nerve in the body, to let down the tension of our high-strung lives, and to produce that quiet which we so much need! Opates and anodynes—these we thoroughly believe in, as means of inducing rest, the sleep which in poetry we say the Lord "giveth His beloved;" but how few of us put ourselves into placid slumber by thus resting our souls in the Lord!

"I have meat to eat that ye know not of"; "Man doth not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God—doth man live?": these are great words, which we believe thoroughly for the spirit. Who of us believe them for the body? Yet it was of the body that Jesus was speaking, in the first of these sayings, as well as of the soul. He was tired and hungered when he sat down by the well of Sychar, and His disciples went into the neighboring village to buy him food. While they were gone He entered into conversation with the woman of Samaria by the well-side. In trying to help her soul, inward refreshment came to Him. In the thoughts he shared with her, his very body found sustenance. When His disciples came back, His fatigue was gone, His hunger was appeased, and He said, "I have meat to eat that ye know not of." Who of us ever feeds his body thus from his soul? Who of us believes that he can feed his body thus from the soul? "Give us this day our daily bread"—that is a good prayer for the soul; but for the body we believe in the prayer only for the fresh loaves from the kitchen, not for the fresh thoughts proceeding out of the mouth of God, on which man liveth in his very body.

"Herein do I exercise myself to have always a conscience void of offence toward God and toward man." How many of us find in such exercise the means of anything more than what we call spiritual strengthening? Who really

believes that by thus exercising his conscience he can circulate his blood, can slough off the impurities from his system, and accomplish what otherwise he might accomplish by a brisk walk or a good ride? Yet, if the physical organization is the manifestation of a spiritual substance, then the spiritual action should manifest itself in the physical organizations, a moral effect should be equivalent to a physical exercise, and man should be able to energize his body from his mind—to vitalize his physical organism from his soul.

Thus are we all unconscious materialists—deniers in our lives of the inner philosophy of life itself.

Yet, if we do at all believe in our belief and trust in our philosophy, it must be true that the innermost and most vital powers of our body are mental and spiritual powers; that in the development and training of these mental and spiritual powers, we are best making for the development of our physical powers—for health itself. If that philosophy be true, life is not a mechanical process, but a mental or spiritual energy; the body is not the creator of the mind, but the creation of the mind. A man's physical organization is then a growth around his inward being.

All this is as yet a matter of speculation, if you will. If it be a sound speculation it must sooner or later come within the ken of Science itself, and be capable of demonstration. We are rapidly approaching this point, as it seems to me. Take, for example, the remarkable experiments of Professor Elmer Gates. Here is a genius who has been for years devoting himself to scientific experiment along the line of the inter-relationships of mind and matter. He ventures to affirm that every cell in our body is a centre of mind; that its real vitality is mental; that it is endowed with powers of mentation; that it is a thinking organism; that it is, in its substance, thought itself. Each cell in our body is, then, a point of the force that we call thought. The real force at work in our bodies, through these wonderful cell centres, is the force of thought. Professor Gates shows, as the result of his long-continued scientific experiments, that a man has the power of directing his thought upon any organ or function of his body, and of perceptibly affecting the action of that organ or of that function. He claims that he can increase the temperature in the point of his forefinger perceptibly, according to the record of the thermometer, as a result of a few moments of concentrated thought. He affirms that, by thus concentrating thought and directing it upon any organ in the body, marked and recognizable changes in the action of the organ will be effected at once. His conclusion is that at least one great secret of health lies in the systematic cultivation of thought, and what he calls "dirigation" or thought direction toward any part of the body where vitalizing and healing forces may be needed. Other interesting experiments by Professor Gates confirm his astounding statement that, under the action of mental emotion, love, hatred, fear, jealousy, etc., the secretions of the body are so affected that the eye and tongue may recognize the changes. The color of the secretions will be recognized by the color of the thought, so to speak. The taste of the secretions will be determined by the taste of the thought, as it were. All this is but the beginning of a scientific demonstration of this ancient and most profound philosophy of life.

As the philosophy comes to be recognized, its application will be apparent. Already that application is recognized by our most intelligent physicians. They know the power of suggestion. They habitually make use of a suggested idea, as a therapeutic agent. They systematically arouse and direct expectant attention, as a means of inducing a cure from within—by the action of the mind. They know that the different drugs they prescribe will have their potencies mightily reinforced if the patient believes in the physician, and not only desires health but expects it. They understand well enough the immense salubrity of a sunny and serene atmosphere in the sick-room.

When I was a youngster I lay very ill at one time. I can still recall the horror created in my mind by our family physician, a most desperately pessimistic man, who had not sense enough to conceal his own anxieties when he came to my bedside. He would feel my pulse, look into my eyes, examine my tongue, and then shake his head with a solemn frown and turn away to the window where my eye would follow him, as his head shaking from side to side, betokened the perturbation of his mind over my condition. A fine way of helping me back to health!

Now, our present family physician comes into the room with a bright and cheerful air,

makes the usual examinations with a pleasant smile, and has always something cheery and hopeful to say. He manages to inspire confidence in himself and assurance in his patients concerning themselves, and leaves us feeling the better for his being with us. He carries part at least of his pharmacopoeia in his own personality. He not only writes prescriptions—he makes them. He may leave his pellets or his powders behind him—he has already injected his thought, and it is the thought that vitalizes his prescriptions.

According to the adage, a man is his own physician or a fool at forty. Most of us, then, are fools. Yet each one ought to be his own physician by forty; ought to have so far learned what he is himself as to be able to regulate not merely the external conditions of his body, but also the internal conditions of his mind. And, if we believed in our own philosophy, we should be thus regulating our internal mental conditions, and thus regulating our external physical conditions. For one thing, if we were not fools still, we would cease our habitual mental preoccupation with sickness. Talk is not idle. It is a mighty potency. Talk is the expression of thought. A word is a manifestation of a thought. Each word is a *logos*—a thought in manifestation or in action. According, then, to our habitual talk will be our habitual thought; and according to our habitual thought will we be ourselves. If we persist in constantly talking about sickness, how could we be otherwise than possessed with the idea of sickness, the thought of disease? So talking, we must be constantly overshadowed by the haunting presence of infirmity and suffering. We communicate the contagion of fear, and poison one another with our morbid imaginations. We thus seek to create an atmosphere of health by charging the mind with impressions of sickness. Yet our habitual conversation is thus largely occupied with questions of disease. When we meet we first ask one another how we are. Before other topics are entered upon, we discuss one another's symptoms. What conversation would there be among our dear Tabbies without a mutual comparison of ailments?

Have you ever spent a month in a sanitarium? A sanitarium is a euphemistic term for an insane asylum. It is a collection of men and women—suffering, or supposedly suffering, from all sorts of ailments—who come together to get healed. Whatever the physical benefits of the dietary and general hygienic regimen may be, they are largely neutralized by the mental environment, the mental atmosphere created by these hosts of people preoccupied with the thought of sickness and suffering. I remember, once, in a concert in such a sanitarium, a sudden pause in the music. There was no pause, however, in sound, for the room was instantly filled with the hum and murmur of the conversation of the guests—the fashionable way of showing appreciation of music; from all quarters of the room arising such words as "rheumatism," "influenza," "nervous prostration," etc. The good folk had been busy comparing notes concerning their symptoms while the music was going on. A beautiful way, this, to gain health!

A dear friend of mine who has just passed to the larger life disused the form of asking, on entering our house—"I hope you are well to-day," and substituting for it a far more rational salutation—"I hope you are good to-day." If we were only good we should be much more likely to be well.

Plainly, if our philosophy of life be sound, the first and best way to create health is to cherish thoughts of health; to fill our minds with the ideas of health. Every thought is creative; every idea is an energy tending to materialize itself. Each image is an action of the imagining faculty wherein is the true creative power, by which God is forever making the universe and by which man is forever making himself, whether he knows it or not. Habitual thoughts of health tend to create the condition, the environment, the atmosphere of health. Strongly to believe in one's being well is to make one better. Phillips Brooks used to say that he thoroughly believed that the way to make one what he ought to be, in any respect, was to make him believe that he was just that.

So to cherish, habitually and systematically, thoughts of goodness, must tend to the creation of health. Disease must be disorder, lack of harmony, a condition other than the divine, beautiful order. And the divine order is at heart an order in mind.

Sweet and kindly and loving thoughts must make for the harmony even of the body itself. Sour, unkind, and hateful thoughts must disorder the secretions and poison the blood and disarrange the vibrations of our bodies. It cannot be otherwise. Mental serenity must produce physical calmness. Moral purity must work toward physical cleanliness. To be right, then, in the soul, must be the first condition of being right in the body. There must be therapeutic potencies in spiritual thoughts and emotions. If God the Eternal and Infinitely Good Being is the heart of the creation, then the inner spring of all its forces must be moral and spiritual energies. As with the Universe, so with the human body and mind. If a man can make himself habitually right in his thought and desire, right in his will and purpose, he must become right in the tissues built up out of the mind's action.

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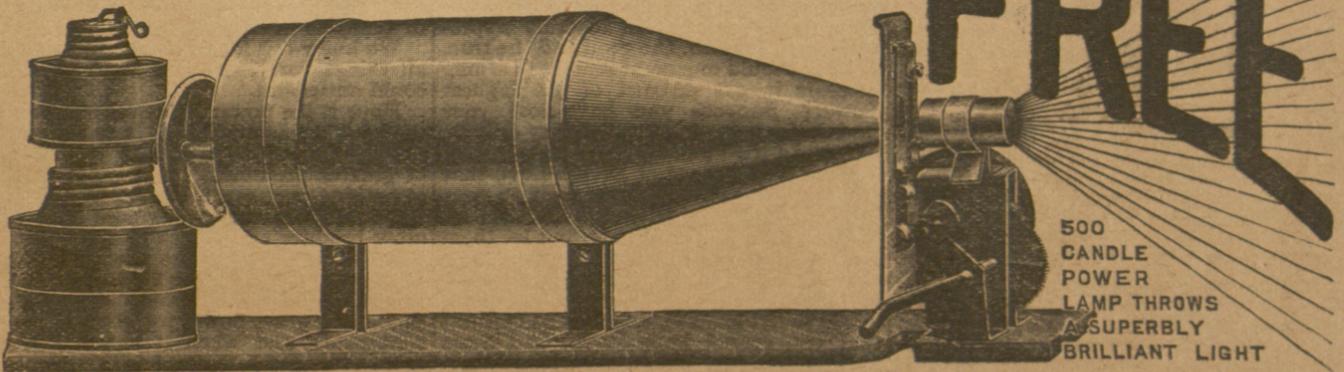
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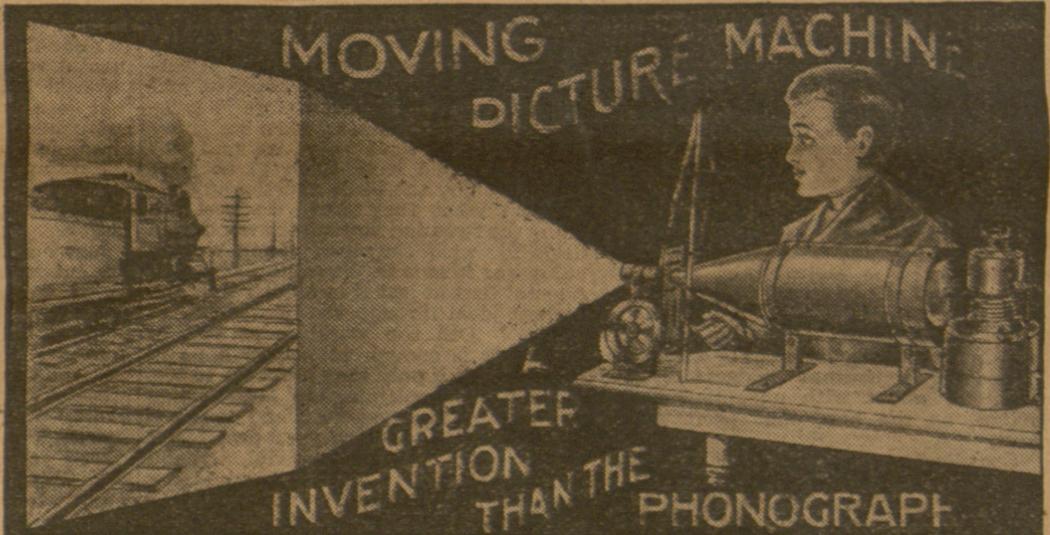
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ABSENCE OF SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS

It is an amazingly intricate problem why any human mortal should raise his or her eyebrows and proceed to scoff at another human mortal's desire to be attractive and pretty. Surely the desire of the beauty-seeker is contemptible only when it breeds vanity microbes, and thus detracts from the pursuit of mental beauty, says *Practical Ideals*.

Why should one not wish to be sweet to know, pleasant to talk with, dainty and lively to look upon? There is no reason on the face of this happy old world of ours against it. It is entirely natural, wholly consistent and quite normal.

These are distinctly the days of correct grooming. The dust must be brushed from one's intellect and removed from the tips of one's walking boots. In the most trifling detail the results of cleanliness are manifested. To be stoop-shouldered and doubled up with a contracted chest is to gradually nip off years of your life, one after the other, like the paper pages of a calendar.

Women of the stage understand better than any other class the tremendous importance of beauty of face and figure. But even with these two very important requirements, they realize that they are not post-graduates in the art of loveliness until they have cultivated a certain grace of movement.

To move about with an unconscious ease that is typical of refinement, good breeding and the natural inheritance of the gentlewoman—that is grace.

To make sharp angles of yourself every time you sit down, and to look like a telegraph pole or a bent-over Christmas tree every time you stand up—that is awkwardness.

Everything that helps toward mental or physical beauty culture assists in the acquirement of graceful movements. Breathing exercises that fill out the chest, gowns that are properly cut and fitted, calisthenics that round the muscles and make the flesh firm.

Zelie de Lussan, in an interview, was questioned concerning the cultivation of gracefulness. Being herself remarkable for a well-poised head and a charmingly graceful carriage, she can speak with authority.

"Perhaps you have noticed," she said, "the grace and ease of movement of a young child. But, strange to say, when that child grows older it may develop into the most awkward youngster in the world. My own experience has taught me that that very awkwardness which seems so inexplicable comes with the arrival of the age of self-consciousness. The forgetfulness of self is destroyed, and with it the natural ease of motion."

Adelina Patti, the wonderful singer, who, although an old woman, still preserves her girlish complexion and her sweet and powerful voice, gives this sound advice: "Drink nothing but water or milk, especially drink lots of water. You never can drink too much of it. On the other hand, remember that alcohol is poison which does untold damage within you; that wine, beer, coffee and tea are poisons, too. Shun all of them as you would diluted vitriol. Remember also that while the medicine you take may cure the disease your physician aims at, the drug never stops at that, but goes no one knows where, to do no one knows what. Therefore, live in holy fear of medicine and take it only when absolutely necessary."

CHARACTER

CHARACTER is higher than intellect. A great soul will be strong to live, as well as to think.

Character is the centrality, the impossibility of being displaced or overset.

Heaven sometimes hedges a rare character about with ungainliness and odium, as the burr that protects the fruit.

Conversation is the vent of character as well as of thought.

He has not learned the lessons of life who does not every day surmount a fear.

Intellect annuls fate. So far as a man thinks, he is free.

The flowering of civilization is the finished man, the man of sense, of grace, of accomplishment, of social power—the gentleman.

He is great who is what he is from nature, and who never reminds us of others.

Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force, that thoughts rule the world.

The firmest and noblest ground on which people can live is truth; the real with the real; a ground on which nothing is assumed.—*Ralph Waldo Emerson*.

Your best thoughts ultimately produce orderly action, and orderly action produces order, strength and health in your being, and in a while you are in perfect health, perfect order and perfect happiness. Such is the mighty power of thought.

WHERE there is sympathy and harmony, and where the Old Thought is permeated with, and radiates love, the family cannot be divided between the Old Thought and the New. The only division between the two is the attitude of mind, and when love is in control there is a perfect blending of both Old and New. Love is the fulfilment of the law, and it is this that the New Thought would restore to the Old.

HOPE: LIFE'S INSPIRATION

THE THOUGHTS OF A MODERN SPIRITUALIST

From the Light of Truth

HOPE is the bright star that illumines our life. It is the ray of light that leads us on, and without it our life would be darkness.

Hope is that element of mind that ever keeps us reaching out and up for brighter, better and more abiding life. It is that which keeps us from despair, like a guardian angel ever whispering of better things and greater joys.

Voices of hope now sing in my heart,
Sweet voices of hope that cheer me.
Voices of hope, oh! never depart,
But let thy dwelling be in me

The pessimist is a hopeless man, while the optimist is ever hopeful and carries cheerfulness to all. His very presence is invigorating and helpful. But the pessimistic mind is to be avoided as a plague, unless one is able to enlighten it, that it may see the bright and true side of life. Still, every life must sometime pass through the valley of hopelessness; at least they will be almost unconscious of any hope, for her sweet voice will be drowned by suffering, sorrow and despair. Otherwise there could be no knowledge of good; there could be no real and lasting joy in the good; nor would one know to choose good without they had tasted its opposite and found it not the way of life, but of death. This dark period of hopelessness teaches us to truly appreciate the beautiful, the good and the true.

Why should one go around with a long face—is it not distrust of the highest Power? Suppose you have lost your best and nearest friend, that may only be a sign of a truer and nearer one in store for you, or an evidence of Divine Love that would teach you to look unto It as your one true, unailing friend.

Lift up your eyes of hope and let them look out on this Universe so fair, with thankfulness for the blessings that are and are to come. Is the Creator so limited in individualized expressions of itself that you cannot hope to yet find those who will fill your life more perfectly than ever you have known?

Wait patiently, if not hopefully, and learn that every loss is gain, and a step onward in the evolving of soul's perfection. We will not be so hopeless and despairing when our trust is more in principle and less in person; when we enjoy everyone for what they are and not what we would have them to be. Do you not enjoy the birds and the animals for just what they are? Do you not enjoy the trees and flowers, the woods and fields for what they are? Shall we not enjoy our friends in the same way—ever hopeful that at last they shall reach our highest ideal through the blessed law of growth? Oh! the world is so full of beauty it is enough to inspire hope in every breast if only they had eyes to see. Do not be complaining and fault-finding if you would change your friend—there is a better way; first live your own ideals and let your beautiful, cheerful, hopeful life leave its sweet impress and contagion everywhere. Let it whisper of hope and better things to others. Let it inspire them to nobler purposes, and strengthen and cheer as only a living example can.

Hope only to help others by being hopeful, by being cheerful, by being wisely tolerant and kind; offering such counsel as your own life will uphold, and your own experience justify you in giving; remembering ever there are eternal heights beyond yet to know and be, and the only road of progress is to ever be open to conviction and ready to give up lower ideals for higher ones.

To help another, be hopeful for him. "Charity hopeth all things," and "The hope of the righteous shall be gladness." If you do those things, that you would another should do, you will be happy and able to impart happiness to others. Let the valley of Achor (trouble) be your door of hope—and not be hopeless as one without God and what God-likeness will bring.

The hope of glory set before us in the life of Jesus is the redemption of man from ignorance and selfishness into God-likeness, or the Christ character. Keep this door of hope ever open, for we shall enter into life only by the door the one true living way: the way of self-renunciation—that seeketh not her own—but seeketh the good and the happiness of all; the way of life given in service of others for the sake of others. Everyone who has this hope of the true life in them will

purify themselves by giving up their selfish, self-seeking life. We can never have the higher life with its greater and nobler hopes until we are ready to give up the lower personal life with its selfish desires, and hopes for their gratification.

Lift up the banner of hope as often as disappointment and darkness overtake you, for these things are but temporal, while that for which we hope is eternal. So we should not be long cast down by anything, but hopeful ever of that which is before us, and is for us, and even now is ours in such measure as we have attained; and shall be fully ours as the lower tendencies in us recede from view as the higher is incorporated into our daily lives.

Hope is the ladder by which we go from earth to heaven; round by round we mount, for when one round or hope is attained, there is a higher one before us, and thus we are ever led on and up by higher hopes and nobler aspirations.

"We judge of a man's wisdom by his hope, knowing that the perception of the inexhaustibility of nature is an immortal youth."

Hope is of the ideal nature within us; it is the voice of our ideal self ever giving expression to, our highest. We will do well to heed it—keeping our minds ever open for higher and purer ideals as one after another is attained, or fails to satisfy or bring us what we hoped.

We know our ideals lived will bring us all things hoped for, and more than we could anticipate.

Hope is the power that ever inspires us with higher aspirations. It is an attribute of the one life in us that will become of greater usefulness by use. It is not something we must strive to possess, but something we have, whose light will grow brighter as it is let to shine in our life. Hope is one of the sweetest things in the world, making the life so sunny and bright, and when rightly directed it becomes a great power for good; for it is contagious, and when it enters a sick-room or comes in contact with a sorrowing heart or a mind despairing and fearful, it acts like magic with its power to clear the atmosphere of mind. It is a mental tonic which also acts upon the physical like healing medicine.

It is a burden-lifter, for burdens are but shadows cast like a cloud over the mind, and hope is sunshine—blessed, invigorating rays. They may penetrate far and near and their effects for good will be according to their strength and purity.

Many a life has been transformed by the entrance of hope. Open your mind to its sweet, uplifting influence. Welcome it with love and it will come and fill your heart. It will make your very presence to radiate blessings to all, without any effort on your part; and the greatest good is done when there is least effort, but because the heart is overflowing with Truth and Love.

The greatest hope in the world is for the Christ-life to be revealed in us. This is to be so free from the lower self that the highest may be revealed. We can at least have this for our ideal, though it may seem a long way off. Still it is not so very far from earth to heaven. "The pure in heart see God." Heaven is a pure consciousness—a beholding all things good. It is a new consciousness of life, that is ours after the carnal mind is gone. It is the Christ-mind, and in it all hopes are attained, for it is the finding of the kingdom of heaven within. If this one hope should become the all-absorbing hope of your life you would not find it so very far to heaven—to that inward peace and unity with the immanent Spirit of Life and Love and Truth.

If this one hope should become the one all-absorbing hope of the race the kingdom of heaven would shortly be on earth.

We, as individuals, can do this much toward it: we may lift up our hopes and desires to our very highest ideals and make them as practical every hour of our lives as possible. If we appear to fail, we may try and try again. Infinite patience will bear with us until we succeed.

What is your hope, your greatest ideal in life? Whatever it is keep your eyes on the goal until it is attained. Then, should another and nobler hope spring up in your heart, make it your love and give your life for it. Thus, step by step you may mount the ladder of hope that is

ever leading to the higher and leaving behind the lower. Mount steadily and firmly by resolving to be those things you desire to be; by nobly living your highest ideals. Hope will not forsake you if you so resolve, but will ever lead you on, illuminating every dark place until the light that never fails is yours.

When this Light of Life is yours, through its very power, hope will be instilled in countless hearts, and springing up within them, will lead them round by round to the same Light and Life. Every true hope is an immaculate conception of the soul, and should be nourished by faith and love and given proper birth. In this way the soul may build itself an eternal habitation for the Infinite Spirit, and thus come to conscious unity with life by a living process.

But if every hope that springs up in the heart from the Father of Hope is let to perish from a lack of faith and love endowing it with life perpetual, the soul's progress must of necessity be almost imperceptible.

Choose then the highest ideals; hope ever to attain them. Love of the beautiful and true will guide you, and faith enable you to reach the highest goal.

ONE very important factor in the best conversation is the talent of drawing a person out, or leading him to express his best thoughts in his best manner. This is a rare gift, involving the utmost delicacy and tact, but when exercised successfully is of the utmost value.

As daylight can be seen through very small holes, so little things will illustrate a person's character. Indeed, character consists in little acts well and honorably performed, daily life being the quarry from which we build it up and rough-hew the habits which form it.

It is always painful and it is never helpful to discover that somebody is worse than you thought him, or to discover that somebody you thought to be good is nothing of the kind.

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Martha J. Clifton, Yellow Springs, O.—While your dream in itself was not a pleasant one, the signs are all good, and speaking broadly they denote that you are soon to benefit by your own endeavors and long struggles for success. There will be unexpected calls upon you for aid which you will cheerfully grant, because by that time your financial affairs will be much improved. I see no great changes for you this year, but before the end of a twelvemonth be prepared for several pleasant ones. I would suggest that you write to The Paragon Prosperity Circle direct, then you can get all the information you want at first hand. I can only add that becoming a member will prove of immense value to you in more ways than one.

Abigail Adams, Barry, Ill.—Hearing the abusive language foretells that you will fall under the ban of some person's jealousy and envy. This disagreeable experience, however, you will soon forget, for you have that power of mind that will help you over the bad places in life. You certainly gave proof of your courage when you dashed into the flames to save your friend's child, and the ringing cheers given you by the crowd for your daring deed means that you will reap a substantial reward for this in the way of some useful present. Dreaming of fire is always good, as long as the dreamer is not burned; and to affect a rescue from fire is a particularly fine and providential sign.

"Sunny Jim," Pine St., San Francisco, Cal.—Don't waste a moment. Go right ahead with the business project you have in mind. Seeing the many newly built houses and the closely cropped lawns means success long and lasting for you personally. I cannot very well discuss your financial schemes here—simply stay at the head of any business you may launch. In this way, and in no other way will success crown your efforts. The only chance for failure you run is your tendency to have too many irons in the fire at once. The better plan would be to have fewer fires and more concentrated fuel. This way of working will all the sooner bring about the happy realization of your dream.

Alice Haywards, Chinook, Mont.—Your dream of flying is quite different from the ordinary ones that have so far come under my notice. There is a happy

omen in the thought that you could do something nobody else would even attempt. Small wonder you felt elated. Much spiritual grace and enlightenment will shortly come to you, and you will need it, not only for yourself, but for your friend. The best and safest way for you to manage her is not to let her know that she is being managed at all. This will try your patience and tact, but by so doing you will lead her into just those paths you wish her to tread. Be of good cheer. The desired result will be brought about and there will be no happier woman than you are when it comes. *Amor omnia vincit!*

Joe Barnes, Bennington, Vt.—Your dream would rank as a psychological one and should be the means of sustaining and soothing you. The clear bank of water falling over the solid brick wall and incidentally watering the small gardens was a particularly pleasing and fortunate incident. It gives promise of a happy and well advanced life—well into the eighties, I should say. It also foretells that you will realize in the near future prosperity and pleasure. It is also a significant sign that people are always present with you when you see clear, running water. You will always be blessed with many friends who will never hesitate to come to your aid whenever you may need them.

Old Dreamer, Melba, Minn.—To dream of horses in action means a general good change in the turn of affairs. It carries double weight and significance because you drove them yourself. In the natural course of events there will be some trials and tribulations from the awful tragedy you have related, but out of it, in the end, good will come. Later on you will succeed in winning an indifferent friend to be a most devoted, loyal lover. Any kind of music would have served under the circumstances. The fine and courageous thing you did was to continue playing when every man's hand was against you. I should look upon the whole dream as meaning for you a final triumph out of many and vexatious trials.

"Brown Eyes," Yankton, Dak.—A present given you in that vast assemblage is the most important part of your dream, and denotes pleasant associations with friends. To spend much time and study in order to solve some intricate subjects and the hidden meaning of learned authors would indicate that you will be called upon to use your kindly offices and advice to settle the unhappy social relations of some very dear friends of yours. It will be somewhat unpleasant for you to do this, but you will not shrink when the time comes. Your dreams in the main should have happy and significant meanings, because your nature is a particularly fine and sensitive one. The charge for a privately interpreted dream is 50 cents, mailed direct to you.

"Alcibiades," Germantown, Pa.—The angel or maiden you saw is prophetic of disturbing influences, so watch your chance to surmount them, if possible. It generally brings a changed condition of the dreamer's lot. The second part of the dream was unusually pleasing, it seems to me, more because of the unique position you were placed in. You will hear of the wealth of friends and of their continued prosperity. A present is coming to you through a letter. Your hair turning to white flowers augurs that troubles of a various nature will confront you, and you will do well to strengthen your soul with patience, and endeavor to keep up your spirits when these minor trials come.

"Holy Moses," Salt Lake City, Utah.—Dreams of death often occur when the dreamer is controlled by imaginary states of evil or good. In that state you are not yourself, but are what the dominating influences make you. You will be warned of approaching conditions, and can act accordingly. In our dreams we are closer to our real self than in waking life. The incidents seen and heard about us in our dreams, are all more or less of our own making. They reflect the true state of our soul and body and we cannot flee from them unless we drive them out of our being by the use of good thoughts and deeds and by the power of the spirit within us. If you could manage to be out in the fresh air more, your dreams would take a pleasanter meaning. Put my idea to the test and see.

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Thinking of our mistakes is likely to weaken the powers of endurance, and will not make the mistakes less effective in their results. The best thing to do is to learn not to make a similar mistake in the future. All the time and thought used in gazing at the disabled and shipwrecked things are but wasted material that might be doing good work for us ahead.

Whatever be the conditions which surround you in your work, do it with high thought and noble purpose. Do not whine and complain because of your unhappy lot; but accept it, humble and obscure as it may be, knowing that it is possible to clean out a gutter with the self-respecting dignity of manhood, or to blacken a shoe with the enthusiasm of religion.

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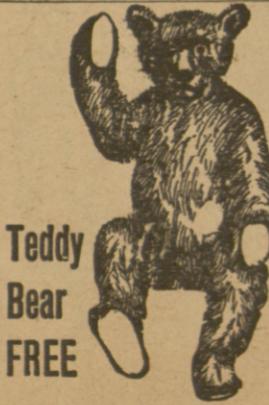
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A TALE OF AN ABANDONED FARM

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that the place adjoining it was also for sale and after a little argument he persuaded Hilton to buy it and sell his back farm.

"What are you going to do with your haunted farm?" Hilton laughingly inquired.

"Well, first of all, I'm going to be married in the old haunted house, then it's going to be always at the disposal of such deserving hobo machinists as happen to be in need of rest, and who are passing this way. In summer it is to be at the disposal of other machinists who have never experienced the delights of being hoboes, and I happen to know several, and if they can scrape up the coin to pay railroad fare they may spend a few weeks each summer breathing God's pure air."

AN EFFECTIVE SUBSTITUTION

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been in his possession, and in a flash both he and Ellie understood that the apparition of the giver was the proof of his solicitude for the pair whose fealty Time had never shaken. The treasure included a small fortune in jewels in addition to the gold, but to Homer's mind none of them possessed the enduring lustre of the one which shone purely upon the hand of his old sweetheart and which he had placed there for the second time to seal the substitution of the fractional happiness for a colorless and lonely middle life without promise or probability of anything more complete.

Considering his need of funds Homer might have been pardoned had his chief thought been of Ellie and himself, but though he may have had that thought he held it in abeyance. There was a sound of gladness in his words when he exclaimed: "Uncle Ordman is vindicated!" Before the ring of his words died away Ellie was halfway across the room on her way to him with both her hands busy with the love-locks which clustered about her face, as if neither of those members had ever lapsed from its duties.

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By MARGARET STOWE

So many of us make the mistake of wasting the time of to-day by planning ahead for to-morrow.

Frequently opportunities are lost to us because of this habit. We are so busy planning that we are blind to what might be done this very hour.

To-day we may be purposeful, strong and eager, using every minute to advantage, and so perhaps unconsciously building our future success.

A wise adviser says: "To-day is, for all that we know, the opportunity and occasion of our lives. On what we do or say to-day may depend the success and completeness of our entire life struggle."

"It is for us, therefore, to use every moment of to-day as if our very eternity were dependent on its words and deeds."

There is always something you can think, say or do that will be of value to someone or something.

I sincerely pity the person who believes he has nothing to do. The feeling that life is destitute of any motive or necessity for activity must be of all others the most distressing and insupportable to a rational being.

Do not allow the habit of laziness to cling to you. Make an effort for the full realization of each hour of the day.

The ones who fear mental or physical shortcomings are they who love to excuse their shortcomings by telling you that they were born to ill luck, and they make up their minds that the world invariably goes against them without any fault on their part.

That type reminds one of the man who went so far as to declare his belief that if he had been a hatter people would have been born without heads.

The general run of our fellow-beings who are constantly lamenting their luck are in some way or other reaping the consequences of their own neglect, mismanagement, improvidence or want of application.

Cultivate attention, activity and effort; those three qualities will teach you to keep watch of the hours.

These may appear small matters, and yet they are of essential importance to human happiness, well-being and usefulness.

They are little things in a way, but human life is made up of comparative trifles. Every human being has duties to perform, and therefore has need of cultivating the capacity for doing them.

Never try to escape your work nor shirk it, and above all, never fail to see it. As long as we live we have work to do. We shall never be too old for it nor too feeble. We do not know where the influence of to-day will end.

Our lives, of course, will outgrow our present thoughts. Every morning we wake up with a new chance of life. Be careful that with the passing hours of the new day you do not neglect, slight or despise some opportunity.

If at the close of the day you can say you have been strong kind, merciful, helpful and considerate of others you may rest content.

WHAT IS MAN'S LIFE?
By E. M. BOUGHTON

ANSWER:—It is the all of him. "A man's life consisteth not in the things which he possesseth, for 'As a man thinketh so is he.'" Our weal or woe is of our own making; as we choose our own outward surroundings, so do we also control and secure our own happiness, or misery. Suffering is the result and outcome of unrest, and unrest is the child of discontent. How few obey the Scripture injunction, "Be careful for nothing," and "Be content with such things as ye have." Worry is the soil upon which grows discontent. As we sow, so also do we reap; if we sow the seeds of discontent to-day, we shall surely reap the fruits of sadness and sorrow to-morrow. And what is the cure for all this? We have it in the quotation above: "Be content with such things as ye have." Our life is directed by a divine plan, which we should gladly adopt as our plan.

Make every day a glad day; as the light enters our dwelling, so let joy and gladness come into our heart. Always endeavoring to make others happy is the best way to increase our own; to "Rejoice in the Lord always" is our highest privilege, because, in Him we live and move and have our being" and, living in Him, we live only in the all good—who made us to be happy and to rejoice in Him always.

"It is a happy knowledge that the brightest angels that ever walked the earth are with us by day and by night, and that their love becomes more intensified because they are in Spirit Life."

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Little Elmer Johnson, of East Lake, Mich., is only one of the many boys and girls who have made big money with this machine. He gives entertainments in his spare time, and charges ten cents admission to all who wish to see the wonderful pictures made by the Mystic Reflector.

In a letter he says: "The Mystic Reflector is a wonderful machine. There is no picture that it will not reproduce, yet it is quite simple and easy to operate and is as safe as anything can be."

"I make plenty of money giving entertainments in the parlor at home and I find it very easy to sell lots of tickets of admission to my show for five or ten cents each. I reproduce pictures from magazines and papers, souvenir post cards, portraits, etc., and find that I can give an entertainment that pleases everybody. Last week I made nearly \$15. Next week I am going to give an entertainment in the Sunday-school parlors, and expect to take in \$25 or \$30. I am going to give half to the Sunday-school and keep the other half for myself, so I will be doing good to the church and making money for myself at the same time. Every boy and girl ought to have one, for it means lots of fun and gives young people a chance to make money and add to their knowledge, even while they are enjoying themselves. (Signed) ELMER JOHNSON."

HOW IT WORKS

The Mystic Reflector is one of the greatest inventions of modern times. It is not a toy, yet it will give a boy or girl, or even a grown-up person, *more fun, delight and entertainment than any toy that was ever made.* I believe there ought to be a Mystic Reflector in every home in the United States, and so I have decided to GIVE AWAY a large number of these wonderful machines, ABSOLUTELY FREE of all charge, to anyone who wants one.

The Mystic Reflector is SO SIMPLE A CHILD CAN OPERATE IT. The machine contains a five-hundred candle-power light, one of the most powerful lights in the world, yet so perfectly made that there is ABSOLUTELY NO DANGER of fire or accident as with the old-fashioned oil lamp used in the old-fashioned Magic Lantern. All you have to do is to hang up a white sheet, light the lamp, place in the rack the pictures you wish to reproduce and immediately a GREAT BIG PERFECT REPRODUCTION of the picture will be thrown upon the white sheet. All the beautiful colors in your picture will be reproduced with absolute fidelity, and ENLARGED IN SIZE MANY TIMES. Now isn't that wonderful?

It will afford amusement and happiness to your friends and yourself for hours at a time. *Grown-up people appreciate it as well as children.* It will never wear out, but will give you joy as long as you live.

This machine, boys and girls, you secure without its costing you a cent of money. It is absolutely free. READ MY OFFER. See how easy it is to get it. Fill out the coupon and mail it to-day.

A WORD TO PARENTS

I want to state for the benefit of parents that this machine is ABSOLUTELY SAFE. It is so simple that any child can operate it. It will give your children lots of innocent fun as well as profit. There is no expense afterward, for there are no slides or films to buy.

BUSHEL'S OF FUN BOYS-GIRLS ATTENTION BUSHEL'S OF MONEY
THE MYSTIC REFLECTOR
FREE

THIS MACHINE PROJECTS ON A SHEET LIKE A HIGH GRADE MAGIC LANTERN YOUR OWN PHOTOGRAPH, LIFE-SIZE; MAGAZINE PICTURES, SOUVENIR POST-CARDS, ETC., IN THEIR BEAUTIFUL ORIGINAL COLORS. ENLARGED TO 5 TO 8 FT. IN SIZE. NO GLASS SLIDES REQUIRED. HAVE FUN AND MAKE MONEY. READ CAREFULLY, EVERY WORD.



MYSTIC REFLECTOR

A NEW SHOW EVERY NIGHT WITHOUT COST

TEN COMIC VIEWS FREE

With the machine I send you I am going to include free TEN COMIC VIEWS, printed in beautiful vivid colors, and when the Reflector reproduces them you and your audience will fairly shriek with laughter. In fact I am going to give you everything that you need to start your show right off, directly you get the machine.

FREE TICKETS

I am going to pack with the machine a number of AD-MISSION TICKETS to your entertainment so you can commence to make money immediately. In fact, I send you everything you need to give a show right away, which will entertain and amuse your friends as well as make money and give enjoyment to your family and yourself.

HOW TO GIVE GREAT SHOWS

FUN FOR ALL

With this machine anybody can give a show or entertainment which will give pleasure to all. You can show pretty views of distant places from ordinary souvenir postal cards. One boy writes that the reflector is as good as a trip around the world simply by reproducing post-cards of distant places. You can show large-sized pictures of disasters and other interesting events by simply cutting the pictures from the papers and magazines. You can show life-sized pictures of public men. You can show comic pictures by cutting them out of the comic papers. If you can draw, or if you have any friends who can draw, you can make little sketches of your own, and then with the Mystic Reflector can show a perfect reproduction many times enlarged of your own skill and handiwork. If you desire, you can give these entertainments IN YOUR OWN HOME, and sell tickets of admission to your friends and neighbors, or you can hire a large hall and give public entertainments to earn money either for yourself or for charity, or for any purpose you desire. Just think, A NEW SHOW EVERY NIGHT without any cost to you, simply by cutting the pictures from the papers with a pair of scissors and putting them in the machine. Understand, the pictures are reproduced in a size of from SIX TO EIGHT FEET, so they are large enough to be seen even in a big public hall. If you like, you can agree to show a life-sized picture from any ordinary photograph that is brought you to work from. Many of the greatest theatrical showmen started in the show business with nothing nearly as good as this machine to work with. This machine will enable you, if you desire, TO GO INTO THE SHOW BUSINESS AND MAKE A VERY HANDSOME LIVING FROM IT, RIGHT FROM THE START.



Brings Fun and Happiness to Every Home

Here is all you have to do to get this Mystic Reflector Machine

Write your name and address plainly on the coupon which is printed on this page, and mail it to me. Do so to-day, and as soon as I receive it I will send you twenty-four (24) beautiful high art colored pictures. The coloring in these pictures is splendid. Every one who sees them is delighted with them. All you will have to do is to distribute these beautiful pictures among your friends and neighbors for twenty-five (25) cents apiece. You can distribute two pictures for fifty cents, as a great many people want more than one of these truly beautiful and expensive pictures,

and when you have distributed the twenty-four pictures you will have received \$6.00. Send the \$6.00 to me, and I will immediately ship you without extra cost one of these marvelous Mystic Reflector machines all complete—the entire outfit, including ten of the most comic views that you ever set your eyes on, for your first show, as well as a package of admission tickets, and you are all right to go ahead and give your entertainment immediately. We have the sole right to give this Mystic Reflector away, so be the first in your neighborhood to own one of these amazing machines.

No Letters Necessary — Fill Out This Coupon

and Mail It To-day

CUT OR TEAR OUT THIS COUPON

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, Dept. A.B, 627 W. 43d St., New York City

Dear Mr. Thompson: Please send me the twenty-four pictures, so that I may earn one of the Mystic Reflector Machines.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Just Sign and Mail Coupon. No Letter Necessary. The Coupon Will Do.

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON, Dept. A.B, 627 West 43d Street, New York City

LISTEN, GIRLS!

Little Dorothy Tells Our Young Readers How to Get a Big Teddy Bear and a Beautiful Doll, Handsomely Dressed, Like Hers, Free

DEAR GIRLS:

Oh, I have such good news for all of you girls who read this paper!

My papa is going to give a great big Teddy Bear and a beautiful Doll free, as a present to any girl who wants to get them both.

Papa gave me a Teddy Bear and a Doll just like the one he wants to give you. I wish I could tell you how much fun I have had with them, especially the Teddy Bear. Teddy is such a dear! Papa says it does his heart good to see how much fun I have with them, and he wants to make other little girls happy and have fun, too. That is why he is going to give these dolls and bears away free.

I'm sure you never saw a Teddy Bear like mine. I'll tell you what he is like. He is awful big and

DOROTHY WITH HER TEDDY BEAR AND DOLL



looks so real and lifelike. I think if a real live Mother-Bear saw him, she would think he was one of her own children. You can make him hug you if you want

to, and that is what I like, but he will not hurt you as a live bear would do, and you can hug him, too, but if you hug him too tight he will tell you so, for he has a voice and will talk if you make him.

I suppose you have read about the little girl who slept in the little bear's bed. You can take this Teddy Bear to bed with you and let him sleep in yours. He makes a splendid bedfellow, and will play with you all day. You can make him do such droll, cunning things. I know you will like him because I am so fond of my own Teddy.

It is a Teddy Bear just like mine that my papa wants to give you, and he will also give you a doll just like my dear dolly, Louise, as well. The doll looks just like a real live little girl, just like you and me. She has beautiful hair, large bright eyes and pretty cheeks, and is as pretty as any fairy. She is beautifully dressed all ready to go out walking. Really, girls, she is the cutest doll you ever saw, and when you lay her down she closes her eyes and goes to sleep, just like we do when we are tucked in our beds.

I am sure that you would like to have the doll and the bear for your very own. I am so glad my papa is going to give them to you free. I think it is kind of him to let me tell you, because I like to think that other little girls and boys can have good fun like I have.

Now, my dear little friends, I hope you will send the coupon to my papa, and let him send you the bear and the doll, for I am sure you will be pleased. My papa himself will tell you how you can get them, so read what he says in the next column and then send the coupon to him to-day.

Your loving little friend,
DOROTHY.

**FREE TO GIRLS
2 PRESENTS GIVEN AS ONE
A BIG TEDDY BEAR
A BEAUTIFUL DOLL
BOTH GIVEN FREE**

I love children and I want to be known as the children's friend. And so, as my little daughter tells you in her personal letter to you, I want to give FREE to every child who reads this paper A REAL TEDDY BEAR and also a BEAUTIFUL BIG DOLL that is almost human.

Just think of it! A Teddy Bear and a Doll free!

You do not have to pay a cent of money to get them. I give them to you free as a present, on my FREE OFFER, which is printed in the lower left-hand corner.

Now be sure and read EVERY WORD of this, for I am sure that every girl (and even the boys) will want one of these Teddy Bears I am giving away, and I know the girls want both the Teddy Bear and the Doll.

ALMOST LIKE A LIVE BEAR

The Teddy Bear I want to give you is a big one, nearly a foot high. He is made of real, genuine bearskin cloth of the finest quality. His eyes, nose, mouth and skin are so natural he looks like a real, live bear. His arms, legs and head are movable, so you can make him do just what you want.

I have had several thousand of these real Teddy Bears made specially for me, to GIVE AWAY to the children of this country.

I know you will like him, because my own little girl has such fun with her Teddy, as she calls him, and that is why I want to give every one of you one of these Teddy Bears free. They are the LATEST NOVELTY TOY for children and are named after our own PRESIDENT "TEDDY" ROOSEVELT, because he is so fond of bears. PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HIMSELF PRAISES THE TEDDY BEARS.

Remember, you can get the bear absolutely free. All I want you to do in return is to give me a few minutes of your time. Read my offer in the lower left-hand corner which tells you all about it.



**THIS
BEAUTIFUL
DOLL
ALSO FREE**



Girls, I am sure you never had a finer doll than the one I will give you free. She is **EIGHTEEN INCHES HIGH** and as lifelike as your own little baby sister would be. She has beautiful hair, large bright eyes, pretty cheeks, and is handsomely dressed, all ready to go out walking. I will give you either a golden-haired doll or a dark-haired doll, whichever you like, and I promise you you will like her better than any doll you ever had.

Really, my little friends, she is one of the cleverest dolls you ever saw. She walks and she goes to sleep, when you want her to, just like you do. Her arms, head and neck and legs are movable. I am sure you would like this doll for your very own. My own little girl has one just like her, and she says it is the nicest doll she ever had. Now, then, children, read my offer and see how to get the Doll as well as the Teddy Bear free.

MY FREE OFFER! How To Get the Bear and the Doll Free!!

Now, as I have stated, any child who wants them can get one of these cute Teddy Bears and the beautiful Doll absolutely free. **SEND NO MONEY.** All you have to do is to send me your name and address on a post-card or in a letter. I will send you at once twelve of my famous ART PICTURES to distribute among your friends and neighbors, on a special liberal offer I am making, at 25 cents each.

EASY TO EARN THE FREE PRESENTS

You will not find it hard to distribute the pictures. Everyone who sees them wants them. They are beautiful WORKS OF ART—exact copies of well-known pictures BY FAMOUS ARTISTS. The originals could probably not be bought for a thousand dollars apiece.

All the pictures sent to you to distribute are reproduced in wonderfully beautiful colors. So you see that it will be very easy for you to get 25 cents each for them, and the very day you send me the money I will send you both the Bear and the Doll FREE. You can distribute the pictures in a very little while, but the Teddy Bear and the Doll will be your constant playmates for years, even till you are grown up.

Now, children, isn't this a nice offer? There is nothing difficult about what I want you to do and I am sure you will be pleased when you get the Teddy Bear and the Doll, so mail me the coupon at once. Just send me your name and address on a post-card or in a letter, and be the first in your neighborhood to have these two beautiful presents. Address your letter to:

P. J. ALLEN, Dept. A, 627 West Forty-third Street, New York City

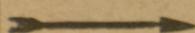
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To-day

OUT OR TEAR OUT THIS COUPON

P. J. ALLEN, Dept. A, 627 W. 43d St., New York City

Dear Mr. Allen: Please send me the twelve pictures, so that I may earn a Teddy Bear and a beautiful Doll.

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

Just Sign and Mail Coupon. No Letter Necessary. The Coupon Will Do.

STYLISH FUR FREE

This is the fashionable, elegant new "throw" scarf, the latest style in furs, made of rich, glossy, dark French Coney fur, soft and fine, lined with dark satin, and it has wide, rounded ends. It's A HANDSOME SCARF and we give it for selling only 24 packages of our Quaker Bluing at 10c a package. Send your name and address for the Bluing. When sold, return our \$2.40 and we will send you this beautiful fur scarf.

Address **FRIEND SOAP CO.**
Dept. 347, Boston, Mass.

Silk Plush TEDDY BEAR FREE

This is a beautiful, genuine, rich golden-yellow silk plush Teddy Bear good size with fine large body and movable arms and legs, comical head that turns all the way round, and a funny squeak. It stands, sits down, or goes on all fours. IT'S A PERFECT BEAUTY and we give this fine expensive bear FREE for selling only 24 pieces of our new Art Jewelry at 10 cents apiece. We send the Jewelry postpaid. When sold return our \$2.40 and we will send this elegant silk plush Teddy Bear just as promised. Address

FRIEND SUPPLY COMPANY

Dept. 351, Boston, Mass.



FREE SOLO GUITAR and INSTRUCTION BOOK

This is a full size solo instrument of American manufacture, well and carefully made with a cherry finish and richly ornamented. It is all strung with six strings, gives a clear, rich tone, easy to hold, as durable and satisfactory as a \$10.00 Guitar. With every instrument we give Free a Self Instruction Book: by its aid anyone can easily learn to play by note. We guarantee satisfaction. Send us your name and address for 30 packages of Bluing to sell at 10 cents each. Every housewife can make good use of Bluing on washdays. Return our \$3.00 and we will immediately send you the guitar and instruction book.

Boy's Hunting Rifle FREE!

This is a genuine HAMILTON TAKE-DOWN HUNTING RIFLE. Shoots long and short 22-calibre cartridges; will kill at 100 yards. It has black walnut stock, steel barrel with rifled brass inner tube, steel frame, peep sights, lever action, automatic shell extractor. Very latest model and perfect in every way. We give it free for selling only 30 packages of BLUINE at 10 cents a package. Send us your name and address. We will send the rifle at once. Return our \$3.00 after the sale of our BLUINE and we will send the rifle at once. Address **BLUINE MFG. CO., 184 Mill Street, Concord Junction, Mass.**

TALKING MACHINE GIVEN FREE
Reproduces the cylinder records used on the most expensive machines. We send one record with each photograph. EXACTLY LIKE ILLUSTRATION

Has latest design motor, governor, springs and bearings. Wind the motor spring and move the start lever, and the governor regulates the speed. Absolutely the most valuable talking machine ever offered. We give it free for selling only 40 packages of BLUINE at 10 cents a package. BLUINE sells very easily. Send us your name and address. We trust you and send your talking machine and Columbia record the same day that you return our \$4.00 received from the sale. We guarantee satisfaction. **BLUINE MFG. CO., 188 Mill St., Concord Junction, Mass.**

MAGIC LANTERN AND OUTFIT FREE!

An Imported Brass Mounted German Stereopticon, with double telescopic lenses non-explosive lamp, fifty handsome colored pictures, including two continuous slides. This is a square lantern with patent chimney, exactly like the picture. It will give you Fine Exhibitions, for which you can charge an admission fee, and thus earn money as well as delight your friends. Write today for only 24 packages of BLUINE to sell BLUINE among the neighbors at 10 cents a package. Return our \$2.40 and we will send you the great big lantern nearly a foot tall and half a foot through, and the fifty bright colored pictures, and as an Extra Premium, we will give you in addition, twenty-five Exhibition Tickets, a Show Screen and Large Posters for advertising your shows. You can always sell BLUINE. Address, **BLUINE MFG. CO., 189 Mill St., Concord Jct., Mass. (The Old Reliable Firm.)**

FREE SOLO ACCORDION

A full-voiced musical instrument, beautiful in tone and appearance, and suitable for furnishing music for entertainments, dances, etc. It is a very popular instrument and brings a high price in all the stores. We give it away absolutely free for selling only two dozen pieces of our exclusively designed, swell Jewelry. Nobody will refuse to buy of you, as our Jewelry is genuine gold plate and the best people wear our goods. Sell the Jewelry at 10 cents apiece and return our \$2.40, and we will send the Accordion at once and guarantee satisfaction. This is not a cheap toy. It is a perfect instrument with ten keys, two stops, double bellows, ebonized case and nickel-plated valves and trimmings. You will be delighted with it. Address **FRIEND SUPPLY CO., Dept. 254 Boston, Mass.**

FREE FINE CAMERA FREE TYPEWRITER FREE

We give away this fine Camera, complete instruction book, package extra rapid dry plates, metal trays for developing and toning pictures, package Developer, package Toning Chemicals, package Hypo, Printing Rack, package extra rapid Sensitized Gelatine Printing Paper, package Ruby for making Ruby Lamp. We give this Great Outfit for selling only 24 pieces of our Art Jewelry. Send your name and address for the Jewelry. When sold send us our \$2.40 and we will send Camera and outfit. **Friend Supply Co., Dept. 255, Boston, Mass.**

This is a genuine typewriter, a valuable thoroughly useful and really beautiful machine. With it you can write business letters, print announcements and tickets, and earn money in various ways. It is self-inking, self-spacing, and does splendid work. We give it for selling only 24 Jewelry Novelties at 10c. each. Send your name and address for Jewelry. When sold send us the \$2.40 and we will send the Typewriter. Address **FRIEND SUPPLY CO., Dept. 188, BOSTON, MASS.**

FREE CONCERT BANJO

Not a cheap imitation, but a full size solo instrument with calfskin sheepskin head 9, 10 or 11 inches in diameter, with regular length neck in handsome cherry finish, richly ornamented with fancy position dots. The rim is nickel finished and fitted with a full set of brackets. The finish of the trimmings is ebony. We send a full set of strings and guarantee satisfaction. This banjo is an American Instrument and is good enough for any player. Send us your name and address for only two dozen pieces of our handsome New Art Jewelry Novelties, to sell for us at 10 cents each. These are of wonderful good value and useful as well as ornamental. Return our \$2.40 after the sale and we will send you the banjo complete, without delay. Address **FRIEND SUPPLY CO., Dept. 350, Boston, Mass.**

FEATHER BOA FREE

This is an up-to-date, stylish, handsome feather boa, four feet long, made in the latest fashion of rich, glossy, black feathers, very dressy and becoming. A PERFECT BEAUTY and every lady will be delighted with it. This elegant premium is a NEW one and we give it for selling only 24 pieces of our new swell art jewelry at 10 cents apiece. Send name and address for jewelry. When sold return our \$2.40 and we will send the feather boa. Address, **FRIEND SUPPLY CO., Dept. 348, Boston, Mass.**

This is just the nicest, funniest Teddy Bear you could possibly imagine, and we are giving it away FREE! It is a large-sized, life-like, genuine imported fuzzy, brown Teddy Bear - ONE OF THE REAL TEDDY BEARS that people have fairly gone crazy over. Shining black eyes, a comical, movable head, and movable arms and legs. You can put Teddy Bear into all sorts of laughable positions. This Teddy Bear stands nearly one-half yard high, and is really a talking bear besides, for when you squeeze him Teddy gives a squeak that makes him funnier than ever. You can get him easily, for we give him for selling only 24 packages of Bluing at 10 cents a package. When sold return our \$2.40 and we will send you this full-sized Teddy Bear just as promised. Write today! Address **BLUINE MFG. CO., 74 Mill St., Concord Junction, Mass.**

FREE GOLD WATCH AND RING FREE

Guaranteed American Watch with gold-laid case, beautifully engraved. The manufacturers will repair any breaks for one year. Perfect time-keeper; very thin. With it comes a handsome gold band Ring which will wear for years. Send us your name and address for only 24 Packages of BLUINE to sell at 10c a package. Return our \$2.40 and we will at once send you the Gold Watch and any size Ring you select. **BLUINE MFG. CO., 76 Mill St., Concord Junc., Mass.**

FOOTBALL FREE!

Boys, send to us for 24 packages of Bluing which you can easily sell at ten cents each. Return us the \$2.40 received, and we will at once send free, postpaid, a Regulation-size Rugby Football, consisting of a tested bladder made of the best rubber and a strongly sewed leather cover. It is warranted to stand rough work. Send your address. We trust you with the Bluing. Satisfaction guaranteed. We also give other athletic goods. **BLUINE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, 190 Mill Street, Concord Junction, Mass.**

SOLO ACCORDION FREE

A sweet-toned and deep-voiced instrument with which you can play beautiful music for home amusements, concerts and dances. Frame very large, 10 keys, full set reeds, 2 stops, double bellows, ebonized case, nickel-plated valves and trimmings. Best value instrument ever given away. Send us your name and address for 24 pieces of our Jewelry to sell at 10 cents each, return \$2.40 when sold and we will send you the accordion. **COLUMBIA NOVELTY CO., Dept. 106 East Boston, Mass.**

FREE GOLD WATCH AND RING FREE

An American Movement Watch with Gold Plated Case, warranted to keep correct time, similar in appearance to a Solid Gold Watch warranted for 25 years; also a Gold Filled Ring set with a Sparkling Gem, both given free for selling only 24 Jewelry Novelties, at 10c. each. Send your name and address for Jewelry. When sold send us the \$2.40 and we send you the watch and ring. **FRIEND SUPPLY CO., Dept. 187, Boston, Mass.**

LADIES, this big handsome fur scarf is nearly 53 inches long - made from warm, soft and glossy Black Lynx Fur. It is ornamented with six heavy tabs, fastens with a pretty chain clasp and is the most popular shape, size and style ever known. It is warm and dressy and will give years of the greatest satisfaction. We handle thousands of these furs in a season and have them made up for us so we can guarantee them. Send your name and address and we will send you 24 pieces of our Jewelry Novelties to sell at 10 cents each. Quick and easy sellers. Return \$2.40 when sold and we will send you this handsome Fur Scarf. Write today. Address **COLUMBIA NOVELTY CO., Dept. 227 East Boston, Mass.**



FREE! Electric Engine With Battery Ready to Run

A most remarkable and effective electric engine. Runs either forward or backward, fast or slow, 200 to 3000 revolutions per minute. Both speed and direction can be changed while engine is in motion. Will run other machinery. Any bright boy can use it in many ways. Send us your name and address for 24 packages of Bluing to sell at 10 cents each. Women use Bluing every wash day. Return our \$2.40 and on the same day we will ship you this splendid engine and battery complete. **BLUINE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, Concord Jct., Mass. 77 Mill St. (The old reliable firm.)**

FREE BOYS! WE GIVE THIS SPLENDID RIFLE FREE

It weighs 3 lbs., has steel barrel, all metal parts heavily nicked walnut stock, pistol grip, peep sights, the best rifle ever given for indoor target practice or killing small game, shoots B B shot or darts. Send us your name and address and we will send and trust you with 24 of our JEWELRY NOVELTIES to sell at 10 cents each. When sold return our \$2.40 and WE WILL SEND THE RIFLE AT ONCE. Address **COLUMBIA NOVELTY CO., Dept. 112, East Boston, Mass.**

FREE SOLO GUITAR.

This is a full size solo instrument of American manufacture, well and carefully made, with a cherry finish and richly ornamented. It is all strung with six strings, gives a clear, rich tone, easy to hold and will give perfect satisfaction. We give a Self Instruction Book with every instrument; anyone can easily learn to play by note. Send your name and address for 30 pieces of Art Jewelry to sell at 10c. each. When sold send us the \$3.00 and we will send you the Instrument and Book at once. **COLUMBIA NOVELTY CO., Dept. 805 East Boston, Mass.**

