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SPIRIT PROPHECY
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aistop Hughes, and said for him (with som leading questions)
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and beantiful, and will march on to conquest. And aghin: "The Pope is losing ground
in his own country, and he contemplates re moving his seat of government to the
United State. On questioning he said
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not return. His dead body was found the next day in a neighbor's baru
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On returning to Chieago I went again to
the mediumu Both were present as before
Now observe, Mr. Editor, that this occurrence was before the suggestion was ever made to
me that animal souls were continued in after life, and my wonderment was very great
So I questioned what it meant, for the cat was dead. Then the control said (the medium
was pertectly unconscions): "No, Chiet, cat no dead; little one lore cat much; cat love
little one heap much; so when little one come cat come too," etc.
The cat continued to be presented until
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 kept with the greatest care, a villainous stray
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and it come; then did not mant the cat, so the cat come no more". I could not get na opin, yet an admission that the spinits to
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Chicago, 1 Il. Edrusd S. Ho

## Independent Slate.writing of Iflentity.

While attending one of the annual camp Icectings at Cassadaga, I went to P. L. O. A. . .
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Istewriting While seated on the slace writing While seated on the opposite
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turned upward, and looking to the ceiling exclaimed: "I was an educated mann if if did
not tpell right, I speled wrong to make mon-
ev others spell right to mone ey; others spell right to make money." He
then assumed his normal condition and looked towards me with the quory: "What does that
mean?" I replicd: "I krow the meaning," and went on and finistled writing the pelle.t. M
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whom I addressed that or any other of my
haif-doren pellets. We then put a clean pai hair-doren peliets. Wo then put a clean pair
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around them, and cach talking hold posite sides, , we held them about six of op above the table. In a moment the writio
Fas done. On opening the slates the follo ing entitled message was sound thereon, an
by the way it is the only slate writing messagag that I haye ever kno
I give it verbatim:

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## THE BOOK OFF JUDGMENT





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tweve montshor mor han lived in Chicago,
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powers in this city One of the most inter-
sting, particularly in its after.eesults he tome of a North Sider a few days ago
There were twenty or more people present.
As a preliminary proceeding each person who As a preliminary proceeding, each person who
was willing to subbect himself to the hypnotic
force was given a circular disk of polished zorce, was given a circular disk of polished
zinc, with a center of copper. The disks
were possibly two inches in circumference, and the candidates for hypnosis, sixteen in
number, were told to hold them in the palms on
their hands, and look at them intently for ten mirntes. Ten minutes is a long time.
less than five, six persons
evidences of an aborormal mental condition. Three young men and a girl or perhaps fon leen years were sent into a hypnotic sleep
from which they ditite oint the somnambu
listic state. The only experiment of interest in which the girl was a participnnt consisted
of a suggestion by Dr. Sixtus that a phial of ammonia contained perfumery. The bottle
was held beneath the girl's nose, and as she ecame conscious of the presence of the an
monia, she expressed the liveliest gratification:
is As a matter of fact the fumes would almost request of the child's parents she was relieved of the influence, and remained a spectator of
be ensuing incidents.
The three young men as subjects were ald
at a hyprotist could wish. When aroused from thier lethargy they obeyed the slightest
uagrestion of Dr. Sixtus as if they were au
ike a member of the family and, speaking to
he five or six members of the last nighti party, sat down between the men as directed All ordinary methods, such as loud calls and
iolent shakings, had no effect; he slombered n with remarkable persistence. Then the
wo to whom Dr Sixtus had transferred the controlling power clasped hands over the
leeping man and he at once amoke. He was much surprised upon leanning where he was
He had no recollection of He had no recollection of what had passed
after 1 oclock. About that time he felt a slight dizziness, which was
absence of cousciousness.
To return to the parlor experiments. Dr.
Sistus' culminating effort was phenomenal He created a physiological paradox. One of
the sabjects was placed in a lethargic condition and has pulsed and a temperature was
daken. With his hand resting upon the young man's head, Dr. Sixtus said:
pulsations increase. Within four minutes
the pulse had increased in rapidity from 95 to
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Then followed several experiments in which
the power of the hypnotist to trinsfer the control of the subject to another person wa
demonstrated.
The series was concluded by Dr. Sixtus
obliterating from the memory of one of the
subjects all recollection of the events of the
eventing, "You have had a plessant evening,"
said the hypnotist, "but beyond remembering
that fact, rou will be unable to recall any-
thing that has transpired." Although repeat.
edly questioned that night and on subsequent
days, the subject can recall nothing; not even
the place where he spent the evening. A few
days later Dr. Sixtus gave an exhibition of
elairvoyance. A young lady was thrown into
a yomnambulistic state, and in this condition
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is quite another thing. Clairvoyance, to my
in notion, much resembles dreaming. The con-
dition is, in fact, suggested dreaming. There
re in are instances recorded of dreams which proved

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These succumb more readily to different.
than to drugs. In the one case hypnotism had much success in treating victims of dip.
somania, both in and out of the hospitals.
Old men and the youth of both sexes- that is persons between the ages of 16 and 20 years, find, are the most readily controlled. Ou
of every three or four persons who submit This is about the proportion, although in ex
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I have found as many as fifty subjects among In America I have found that a great many
people who apply for hypnotic treatment do people who apply for hypnotic treatment do
so not from any necessity for it, but because they have a craving for a new sensation."
In Chicago Dr. Sistas has made one markable cure of the habit of drinking, and
that without the knowledge of the patient. At one of his exhibitions there appeared
man of middle age. He had been suffering from rheumatism in the region of the beart remedial agent. The malady disappeared, but the love of wine remained. Dr. Sistus hyp said: "If you attempt to drink wine or any othe sick" "
The subject " was then aroused and nothin said to him about the experiment, except tha The following morning, as nsual, a bottle wine was set at his plate. He poured out
glassful, bot could not drink it. Since tha time he has had no desire for the wine whic
was before a daily necessity, and when as attempted to take a drink in a social wa istus attempts no explanation of these phe nomena. He simply says: "These are the These facts related by The Daily Press ar marked degree the power of one mind ove another; indeed, hypnotism can become a ri
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## The Coils of the Deadly Serpent.

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The parochial-public school row at Stil water, Minn., is to be pushed to a conclusio over the matter, and it is deemed wise to tal ivil action before it becomes necessary to cal
out the militia A delegation of Protestan the City School Board, and asked that the con public school system be annulled on the,
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## CHRIISTMAS. <br> Its History and Nature De fined.

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Seance Room, June eth, 1875 .
Dear Mr. Mendeniali: I take pleasure in fulfilling my promise. I think you still have that
much confidence in me. You asked me today to write you a lengthy communication on any
subject I saw fit to write on. I am happy, but
I cant see ns it has ever been religion the subject I saw fit to write on. I am happy, bu caused my happiness,
this: If everybody wanted to go to Europe,
one starting from one point, and one from another, and so on, we would all get there; an
striving for heaven, one going this way
and another that way and finally, all ge there. The only thing I look at is this: s
many get there on someone else's responsibil
ties, and a Spiritualist gets through on hi
own responsibilities. "Let mother alone, Mr. Mendenhall, in her
religious belief, her mind is not in a condition
to receive Spiritualism. She will get through to receive Spiritualism. She will get through
safe, if she does have to come on someone
else's responsibilities. You know that mother is old, and like many other old people, has be-
come childish in many things. I must demateriaize myself. Good-by, Mr. Mendenhall.
I thank the audience very kindly for their
kind attention. This is a verbatim copy of my wife's om
munication given as before stated. A little explanation will make it more intelligible. I
had a few weeks previously visited Mattie's mother, living over one hundred miles west
of Tore Hank, in Illinois. She was a shrewd
Methodist, considering her advanced age and Methodist, considering her advanced age, and
the bitterest of the bitter against Spiritualism She tackled me on this subject on the morning
I was about take my leave of bert for home in Indiana, and as she aimed to cut to the quick
in her arguments, I could not well refrain from my language to the dear old mother. I felt
so when I read Mattie's communication. Again, in taking an independent slate-writing
of Mattie earlier in the day, I bad asked her to write me lengthy communication selecting
her own subject, stating that I would send it to Bro. S. S. Jones for publication in the its editor. Mattie's response was: "Please
wait until I materialize again. I think you will like it better than if I write it the way yon ask me to write,". You see the applicability
of my explanation. The deeper you look into it (he communication) with the circumstances
and phenomena connected with it, the more you recognize the truth of the grand reality of
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munication in the presence of munication in the presence of fifteen intelli-
gent witnesses, was no airy phantom, no put up job; it was a sound, materialized or reincur-
mated spirit, for the time being, even Mattie
Mendenhall, who, previously, for eight years was my wife; and from November, 1872 , to
June, 1875, was a resident of the Spirit world June, 1875, was a resident of the Spirit-world
Irecognized her by the same three senses (sight, touch, hearing) and the same judgment of in-
tellect that enabled me to frat learn her her
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diction was hers and when. paper containing the communication to he
step-father a year afterward to see if he would recognize the handwriting, he, on the first
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tie's bandwrite, isn't it?" Father Stone was a most profound skeptic to Spiritaalisme, bu
he knew and acknowledged the handwriting or Mattie his step-daughter.
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commencement of what is known today a
modern Spiritualism. Tell me, ye condemner minus phenomena, not from an orthodox pul pit, but from the rostrum of the most enlight
ned Spiritualists, would it require to furnish future or a continuous life that this single
phenomenon affords? For eighteen hundred

beyond the grave. Not only was the average
mind losing what faith it once had instilled
into it, but the ablest intellect a of tiv e into it, but the ablest intellects of the age
were declairing positively against all claims either in faith or argument, for the truth of
the grand reality. Faith had done all it could the grand reality. Faith had done all it could
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darkness, and the moon (faith) into blood darkness, and A ho moon (faith) into blood
But, listen! A sound strikes the ear. Listen 'Tis the voice of immortality in the tiny rap,
Listen! The very air is filled as with the ocean' Listen/ The very air is filled as with the ocean
distant roar! It is a breeze coming over the mental deep. Ayer the world of thought whole world. Ill tell you; "the gates ar set ajar, and the angels are coming to give
ocular demonstration of individual, conscious
immortality. What angels coming? Yes immortality Do you not see the phenomena? Why, look
here, skeptic. Look here, anti-phenomenal philosopher; do you see that spirit yonder; one
who lived two-score years among us, and then
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our creed, the communion with all good poo-
pe or souls both in this world and the next,
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Moving to Strangle the Octopus in Cleveland.

Do you see her in all the beauties of life, sit ting at the stand there, with pencil in her
hand, and writing on that beautiful white sheet dead; there is no death, only change. All i
life and immortality, and man shall live on in all the great forever. THE APOSTLES CREED A Very Liberal Church I recently was engaged in conversation with
an Episcopal preacher, and during the course of his remarks he said that a man was foolish
who believed otherwise than that the world
was millions of years old, and that he believed
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"Ours is a very liberal church," he said.
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A THREATENiNG LETTER,
It is Received by Hudson Tattle.




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## LOW LIFE IN HIGH CIRCLES.

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corner of the curtain has again been lIfted A corner of the curtain has again been lifted
from that section of British society into which
it is the highest ambition of certain rich Amercans to find entrance.
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Epic ter cans itself society in England. $A$ collection. last few years would be a more bitter satire on London than the least quotable passages of The circle around the heir to the throne bectiven a hotbed of them, and the next pros. pective King of England has come within the so honored that its bearers have felt obliger to keep it clean; no ancestry so ancient a manhood.
And the women, the gently-nurtured dough ers of noble houses, seem disposed to imitate music halls with whom their brothers beet infatuated. The taint of heredity must be coming bo so persuasive. The chances of the ing up to be sound men and stainless women are surely becoming less and less.
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contempt. Flunkies may continue to admire the snobs, to imitate its usages, but nothing $f$ its own putrescence. The above from a New York paper shows a
most deplorable condition in England, where even now is in some respects very wicked
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of unclean habits and practices darkens the spiritual amos
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## WLICHT MUSNGS. <br> The Poor Old Pauper

Br M. ․, Rosrchass,
One day me met an old man on the street;
Le was leaning on a cane; his steps were
short, weak and toteciug; his body was worn w threads by the constant frietion attendant
on a life of dissipation; it was feeble and

When we came into his presence he reached
out his old withered hand aud said. There is my hand, if you are not too proud to shake
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rain, and I Iegan to drink and gamble, and
rou see the sad result. My mother, God bless
her, was as good, as kind and loving in her
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tolerted such a filthy brute of s hushand and
father as was mine. All that is good in my
nature mas imparted to me by her. Druukard
I had in my nature some redeeming traits of
character. Many and many a doilar of my
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## For the Boy Readers of "The Progressive Thinker."

Upon Christmas eve he ran in to see her,
is face aglow with anticipation, and slipped a tiny gift into her hand, saying: "I know mamma would like this, and I thought you
would too. Like it! It would be impossible to would too. Like it! It would be imposaible to
tell how happy it made her. Fred's many one half, the that Christmas, did not give him ane hair the joy that this tritlo gave her; and
she has kept these many yars among her most cherished treasures. When she feels the
old disontent, because her life is so narrowr old discontent, because her life is so narrow
and her work so insignificant, some accident nring it to viow, and she remembers little Fred and wonders where he is. The picture
comes vividly before her, of his pathetic face wet with tears, which taught her a lasting lesson
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boy haif whispered "mamma is dead," that no work is insignificant whearer the truth helps in ay way the least of the human family, and
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EXTRACT FROM MY SGRAPBOOK.

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In some valley beyond the sky.
With thy orchard and sparkling fountain

## thy grass forever green- waving grain and corntields Beneath a more golden sheen.

Adieu, then! home of my "Forkears"
The visions have passed from viow

## ill a greeting again be permitted In lands of the leal and the true.

Pope Leo Calls for Help.
Rome, Dec. 15.-The Pope in his allocution of the Romish Church ruthlessly encompassed it on every side. Not content with displaying
their hatred in words, they had proceeded to acts of violence against the peaceful foreigners who had come to Rome actuated by filial
piety and free from political aims. These piety and free from political aims. Thes papacy a death blow. Other secret foes who paraded their moderation, really aimed at the
same object. The liberty of the Pontiff to communicate with the outer world was more
curtailed and the situation becoming more and more diflicult. By waging war on the papacy The Pope said, the enemies hoped to weaken
and proscribe the name of Christianity. The
Pope protested that if the heads of States would give earnest consideration to the posi-
tion of the church they would then understand that it was to their interest to uphold the au-
thority of the charch as the greatest moral power in the world, and that it behooved all
Catholics, acting in unison writh him, to form
a perpetual league against the assanits of the impious.
And it behooves every patriotic American to
join some league to prevent the Roman Octopus from petting a foothold here as it has in
Europe.



