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and independent of, the old phrenological theory.

host of energetic spirits who must be present to perform the ence passing up the arm through their entire person, until they office, if he will pause awhile, and apply it to his forehead, or is water decomposed? Why is its mean bulk at 40 do, of heat movement for me, I could not expect to refute him, or to con- have imbibed more or less of the marked sensations of the patient, hold it between the hands, he may obtain a correct impression and why does it swell with uncontrollable force, entirely beyond vince him of his error, for his hypothesis is utterly intangible, and unless their own vital force was sufficient to resist it, they of its character before knowing its source—an incident which the strength of any known material to withstand, when you cool has frequently happened to my pupils; in short, the psychometer it below or heat it above 40 dg. PSYCHOMETRY,

ITS RELATIONS TO SPIRITUALISM. evidence because it is agreeable to do so, and he will continue to share of impressibility places his hand in contact with the head has to exercise his own faculties, and is no more dependent upon If it were not for this exception of water, how could the rocks adhere to his belief for the same reason. Whatever powers we of a healthy person, he receives (by placing the finger on the external assistance for recognizing the impression of a letter, than have ever been disintegrated to form soil ? If such exception did THE science and art of PSYCHOMETRY have been before the tind apparently inherent in the human constitution, exercised by center of the forehead) an impression of the entire mental cha- he would be for discovering the odor of a rose. Dr. R., whom not exist, why then, as water on the ocean's surface should part public nearly thirteen years, since my first discovery and publimany freely at all times when it suits their pleasure, in accord- racter, which impression traverses his arm and speedily affects I taught about two years since to practice psychometry, wrote with its heat and become ice, or cool below 40 deg. it would ance with their own will alone, and capable of being more or less his brain, making him conscious of the general condition, and me from the South that he would rather trust to fifteen minutes' sink and give place to warmer particles from below, until in the sometimes even of the exact thoughts of the person. In touch- impression from a letter, than to many months of acquaintance course of a single day our ocean would become ice. If it were developed in all, must be regarded as fundamental faculties of man connected with his physical and mental organization, no not for this exception to general law, the water pervading each ing other parts of the head different impressions are produced, with the writer.

corresponding to the character of the proximate portion of the That spiritual mediums and mesmeric subjects may possess molecule of every plant and animal would cease to lubricate more dependent upon disembodied spirits than the performance although when first presented, a talented but very skeptical of manual labor, or the digestion of bread and meat. It is true, brain; various agreeable influences come from the upper portion the psychometric faculty in a high degree, is frequently the them, and they would cease to grow; and were it not for the that in the performance of all these functions, spirits in the body of the head-invigorating influences from the occipital half, and case, for the power belongs to all who have a sufficient develop-powers of water as a solvent, which powers are not common to exciting ones, which ultimate disagreeably, from the basilar ment of a certain portion of the nervous system; but the great its constitutents, all progression in change of configuration in may be assisted by spirits out of the body, provided the latter region. These experiments upon the head are specimens of majority of psychometers whom I have found or developed, vegetable and animal life would cease-the very clouds them-

craniological psychometry, and this art is often unconsciously have not been known as mediums or mesmeric subjects, nor can selves would pass away, and the earth would become void. practiced by good phrenologists, who give descriptions of cha- I admit that all mediums are necessarily good psychometers. Water prevades all soils and rocks, and is capable of carrying racter from contact with the organs, which are entirely beyond, One who depends entirely upon Spirits, is not apt to be a very from particle to particle, without increase of its bulk, every good psychometer; for, although Spirits may assist greatly in substance which may be dissolved in it, while others are mechan-In making these experiments, we would find nearly one half of making psychometrical examinations, they are not always capa- ically received by it without increasing its bulk. Of many pacity ! It is sufficient for us to observe that our muscles, stomach, the community, especially in warm weather, capable of feeling ble of those practical investigations and criticisms of character of the gases, water will receive several times it own bulk; thus neart and brain have been working time out of mind all over the distinctly the influence of medicines held in the hand. About which are most useful and necessary, especially in pointing out carbonic acid, resulting from the decay of organisms, is received one-fourth would feel the influences of contact with the head, and guarding against evils. by water and carried to such other parts of progressive nature

I have no doubt that in the future progress of society, our as require its sustenance. It receives and gives up such gases and about one-cighth might describe them with sufficient clearness to be satisfactory. In other words, I believe that more than psychometric investigations, as well as all other intellectual pro- without any change of its own composition, leaving its quality two millions of the inhabitants of the United States are capable cesses will be materially aided by disembodied spirits. Many are as water, unabridged. It prevades the hardest rock and every which enabled them to come into rapport with disembodied spir- of exercising in a sensible manner the power of craniological thus aided at present, but it would have a very deleterious effect soil. No chemical change can go on without it or its constipsychometry. But to suppose that such a power, so simple in upon their progress, if they should be led to rely exclusively tuents. The formation of every proximate in nature is assisted its character, and so widely diffused, depends in every instance upon spiritual aid, or to forget the vast extent and majestic power by its presence, and no proximate or product used in the arts, not only without assistance from disembodied spirits, but too upon the special interference of Spirits, is too extravagant an of the faculties of man on the earth, in whom, by the union of remains of value or can retain its figure, quality, or properties, illustration of credulity to need any argument. He who can the material and the spiritual worlds, vast energies are developed,



when excluded from the effect of water either as prevading at-

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In the atmosphere it exists past the observance of man, io in the drivest, hottest day of summer, it is there held in large, but not observable quantities. The whole fifty miles of atmosphere is pervaded by it, and cold subtances presented to the sun-beam condense and segregate from the atmosphere drops plants, and food, returning to the earth in the form of rains and dews, and re-depositing these for re-appropriation. The gases vomited forth from the chimneys of our large cities are all restored for re-assimilation by the next falling dew, leavstomach of the greatest animal to the ultimate of the finest feather, from the roaring cataract to the eye of the most minute

get fair and sufficient access to the former ; but, would it not be regarded as insane for any one, because spirits can move weights, or can assist our muscles in litting, to deny that our own mus-

cles have any power? or, because spirits modify the circulation of our blood and assist the process of digestion, to deny that the heart has any muscular power, or the stomach any digestive caworld, in the full exercise of their various faculties ; while the interference and assistance of their functions by disembodied spirits has been a rare, mysterious and startling fact, occurring only with those individuals who possessed the peculiar spirituality of constitution its : while the great mass of solid, heavy, material humanity, the "Journal of Man," and to the 5th, 6th, 7th, 26th, 27th, 28th and bone and muscle of the world, has worked out its own destiny, 29th lectures in my system of Anthropology. Next year I shall publish a small volume on the subject.) often, indeed, without consciousness of their existence.

The word psychomatar, which I found it necessary to coin believe this, might believe also that the power of a dose of tartarwhich, if sufficiently elevated and expanded by universal vitalizing In the few who are more spiritually constituted, the impremosphere or prevading the mass. and introduce in the year 1842, has a definite meaning according sion of Spirits may assist any of their bodily or mental funcemetic, to nauseate and vomit, depends entirely upon the faith of Education, are capable of developing a Kingdom of Heaven on The last effort of inert materials before losing their structure, earth, where all material beauties would delight the mind as in is to part with water; thus decaying paper in its last stages loses to its etymology, and signifies simply measuring the mind or the patient, or the sudden interference of vomiting Spirits! tions, and this assistance may be more readily given to the higher soul. This process may be performed in various methods, the and more spiritual powers of man; consequently, it will be in From craniological to autographic psychometry there is an Eden Garden, and where the vast sphere of terrestrial hap-its water, becomes brittle, and all the laws governing the cohesion mest important of which are by direct contact with the head, gradual transition, which shows the identity of their nature. If piness and love would secure the continual presence of celestial of its particles seem to be suspended when it divides into its reference to these that careless reasoners will be liable to conas the seat of the mind, a method called CRANIOLOGICAL PSY- found the adjunct with the principal; and to suppose that the the impressible exploring subject, instead of placing his fingers visitants-the departed loved ones-and the vast spiritual throngs ultimates for re-appropriation. CHOMETRY, by contact through a conducting rod with the special Spirit who assists the higher faculties of a medium, has performed directly in contact with the head, should touch the head with Even the hardest minerals owe their qualities to water. Comwho have formerly inhabited our planet. organs, or by general contact with the person. Secondly, by the whole function, and deprived the terrestrial mind of the a suitable conductor, such as a metallic rod or pencil-case, he bined with pure charcoal, it forms the hardest known substance, contact with something with which the individual has been in exercise of its own faculties. This guess-work may be carried may derive from the various organs touched a correct impresthe diamond, which, without its water of crystallization, would contact, and upon which he has impressed his psychological force. still further, and the supposition entertained that others, who are sion of their character. It is obvious that this occurs by means be but carbon. This element might well have been selected by the Divine The most convenient and appropriate article for thus conveying not mediums, are exercising, not their own faculties, but some f some emanation which asses from the organ through writers as the emblem of natural truth, pervading all things, eman impression is a letter or other manuscript, written in the full thing borrowed from Spirits, although they may have often in conducting medium to the hand of the psychometer. It is thus bracing all things, receiving and conveying all things, the attorney lemonstrated that the *veryaura* from the brain may pass mental and physical activity of the writer. This AUTOGRAPHIC voked the presence of Spirits in vain. Suppositions thus totally and actor in all of Nature's laws. The ultimates of water, and through material substances, such as a piece of coin or a bit of payenovaray is the kind which has been most extensively dis gratuitous can be satisfactory only to minds who prefer imaginawater itself, have been the great agents in the earth's configuration paper. It is also capable of being lodged in, or attached to, the played before the public, and which many support to be the only tion to fact. Even if these groundless suppositions were granted and progress. Its constituents are to be seen in every known substance as found by men and animals. No growth, decay, or of water, and when thus dilute through all the snace in direct substances which thus receive it. A piece of paper, or a coin, form of the psychometric art. Autographic psychometry has for the sake of argument, they would prove nothing; for if the after being held in contact with any of our cerebral organs, will combustion, can proceed without it; no life can continue in their contact with the surfaces of the sphere, still has the power of reb on histily supposed by a few to obseure entirely the evidence disendedied Spirits possess the psychometric or other faculties, vield to the psychometer the same impression of its character absence; no atmosphere can be respired which does not contain ceiving and retaining in its invisible condition, all the exhalations of spiritual communications; but such skeptics must surdy have it is merely because such powers are inherent in the constitution a poor idea of the force of spiritual demonstrations, if they find of the human soul ; and if so, certainly the embodied Spirits. which he would derive from the organ itself, either directly or them; and when combined as water, they possess new functions, of the earth's surface arising from the decay of men, animals, it necessary to ignore scientific facts in order to uphold their faith. under favorable circumstances of bodily tranquillity, ought to be intermediately. Thus it is proved that the emanations of the with extended if not universal usefulness. brain are capable of becoming directly fixed upon paper; and it They will find it also necessary, for the same reason, to deny able to exercise the same intellectual power which requires only To the farmer, of all others, a full knowledge of the constituents is not unreasonable to suppose that the same nervaura, when clairvoyance, and various mesmeric phenomena, or else to en- an operation of the mind; and in admitting this, the whole of water, and the part they play in Nature's laboratory, is most transmitted to the limbs by voluntarily acts, may become attached large their conceptions of the laws of Nature. question is surrendered. A very just idea of the relation between important. In their individual character they are known as If the facts of psychometry have been perverted by material the faculties of embodied and disembodied Spirits, was felicitoxygen and hydrogen, two gases colorless and inodorous. Our ing the atmosphere cleansed for the use of man. From the or impressed upon the objects upon which we are acting. Even ists from their legitimate bearing, and employed as arguments ously expressed by Dr. Hallock, in his remarks at the New York the substance which is merely held in the hand without any atmosphere is largely composed of oxygen. The chief ingredient special effort of volition, attention or reflection, will yield an im- of plants, carbon, is dissolved in oxygen by the various changes against the truth of Spiritualism, such sophistry should not Conference. The human race is continually approximating or decay combustion, etc., forming carbonic acid; and in that insect, all are sustained in being by the functions of water and nearer to that stage of development in which all our faculties pression to a psychometer of good endowments. Letters, by prejudice any liberal-minded Spiritualist, or induce him to ignore eing thus handled, sometimes receive a secondary impression form, and that only, can carbon be appropriated by plants, thus its ultimates. So general are its properties, that it is called an and disregard the facts which illustrate the power of minds in may be assisted by spiritual co-operation; but such co-operation would produce a most pitiable effect, if mankind should doubt. which interferes with, or modifies, the leading influence stamped forming 90 per cent, or more of their dry weight. All the other element. To it is due the color of every flower, and the life of the body. by the writer. The influence of handling, however, is always constituents of plants have oxygen in their composition, for all every living thing. In its various forms it composes in part. or become unconscious of the possession of their own faculties. Although we have enjoyed in modern times striking proofs of the independent existence and activity of human disembodied and sink into child like dependence and ignorance, as soon as feeble in comparison with that which belongs to the writing. A the elements found in the ashes of plants are oxyds. No plant every substance. As clouds it saves us from the scorehing sun. spirits, no one thinks of doubting that human beings with bodies they saw those faculties exercised by advanced mediums in concould exist or form without them, and therefore animal life is due During its evaporation and consequent enlargement, it receives letter which has had its written face in contact with a blank to them, and is sustained by the elements of water as a chief and renders latent all excessive heat. It pervades every constill exist, and that our spirits possess many faculties which they junction with spiritual aid. piece of paper, also imparts to the latter a psychometrical influagent of its continuance. All the rocks are oxyds, and therefore figuration and cools the fevered lip of the invalid, giving back The first question to be decided upon these subjects is. What ence, which may be recognized by delicate psychometers, and may hereafter exercise when disembodied. Among the highest all the soils, for they are the debris of the rocks. Hydrogen, the this very heat in colder localities by being condensed, and thus of these faculties is that of INTUITION, connected with the in- are the human faculties which may be readily demonstrated some confusion is liable to be caused by keeping pieces of manuother constituent of water, is scarcely less important than oxygen, maintains the equilibrium of nature. In the ocean it receives ternal aspect of the front lobe of the brain-the power by which everywhere, and exercised at will ? A knowledge of these, and script in contact before making experiments. of their relations to Spirit-life, will show us to what extent we and when the two are combined as water, then new functions the cleansing of continents, brings ultimate in contact with ultithe mind takes in a great amount of knowledge by instantaneous To those who have good psychometric powers, the influence grasp, independent of the original channels of sensation. This arise not common to the ultimates in their separate character as mate, causing new creations, new life, supplying conditions for are independent of supernal assistance, and where the sphere of of writing is as distinct and impressive as that of medicine itself : such, which are still more recognizable as the mundane agent of their continuances and, in various forms, restores again to continand the whole impression which it gives is very similar to that power is called, in some of its manifestations, Clairvoyance, and interference begins. No one doubts that we have several exwhich would have been obtained by placing the fingers upon the ternal senses; that, for example, we can feel a substance in ents their lost treasures. It is to all nature what the physical when it is highly developed, is exercised at times with remarkable God; for like the coalescence of two thoughts giving birth necesincility, as readily, if not as accurately, as the external senses contact with our skin, and taste what is in contact with the sarily to a third, so the coalescence of these two gases forms a heart of man is to his body, carrying with it God's wisdom, center of the forehead of the writer, the autographic and craniothuid, which for all time, and every second of time, is active in the active at every pulsation, until all Nature in her gladness smiles This power is inherent to the constitution of the individual, and tongue; but it was not known as a scientific fact until demon logical impressions being thus the same, the latter being derived performance of some new duty, giving birth to some new com- from its effects. directly from the brain through the cranium, and the former connected with certain organs of the brain, which we may excite strated by myself in 1841, that we could taste substances not in With these facts before us, we can no longer doubt the necesmore indirectly from the brain through the arm and the manubination from which arises new functions ; and thus the whole of Ly manipulation, or which may become excited by disease, thus contact with the tongue, and feel the influence of substances not script: both being similar in their character to the diffusive Nature's laws in their combination and permutation, work out by sity of so preparing soils by deep and thorough disintegration, as rendering the individual clairvoyant. While this local activity in contact with the parts which felt their influence. In those impression which we obtain from the medicine, the latter being the presence of water and its constituent functions, all those real- to present cold surfaces to the atmosphere pervading soils, and of the brain exists, it would be difficult to convince any one in experiments I showed that persons of good nervous development whom the faculty is thus developed, who can see remote objects could take any sapid substance between the palms of the hands. analogous in its character to our common sensibility. I can izations which go to establish the results necessary for the hap- thus securing at all times, even during the severest drouth, the recognize in the whole nothing but the sensitive and intuitive at night, or who can examine the interior of the human body at and by sitting, quietly watching the effects, would find the influpiness of man. presence of water; for while we sleep this great lubricator will endowments which are common among the human race in all of perform the most kindly offices for our growing crops. The almost any distance, and who can witness the forms and move-Water is Nature's motor. By it the rocks and soils are moved ence diffused through the system to such an extent, that they could even recognize the taste distinctly in the mouth. Not only good development. peculiar refractive powers of water on light, and the part it plays during floods like feathers in a whirlwind, and thus was the mixments of spirits whenever they are present, that his faculty for The medical, craniological and autographic impressibility are s eing such thing is not as much a part of his own organization sapid and soluble substances, but even metals, were distinguished ing of soils brought about to fit the earth for the use of man. as an assistant to the effects of solar heat, will be treated of in a as his power of vision by solar-light, or of hearing by atmo- in this manner. Nor was the impression confined to the sense not only independent of spirits and spiritual assistance, having By its means we have an horizon, for none could exist with separate paper.--[ED. spheric vibration. If an exclusive Spiritualist, blinded by devotion of taste. The entire medicinal influences of medicines used in been extensively demonstrated nearly ten years before spiritual out it. to one idea, should affirm that when I see a tree or star it is this manner were diffused throughout the constitution, and Water forms, pervades and cleanses the atmosphere, fertilizes THE HEART .- The little I have seen of the world, and know mediumship was discovered, but also independent of any mesonly because some attending spirit conveys the image to my recognized as plainly as if they had been swallowed ; although the earth, and furnishes more recognizable means of life to plants, of the history of mankind, teaches me to look upon the errors of meric relations or sympathies between the parties. the medicine might have been enveloped in a fold of paper, and others in sorrow, not in anger. When I take the history of one mind, and that when I smell a rose, it is only because attendant The one who takes a package of medicine in his hand to feel animals and man. its nature unknown to the party who tried the experiment. If ts influence, no more requires the assistance of sympathy of Trace water through Nature, and see the many functions it poor heart that has sinned and suffered, and represent to myself spirits have conveyed an odorous impression to my consciousness appears, then, that the human nervous system, under favorable surrounding persons, to enable him to appreciate its influence performs, which man knows only from observation, and could not the struggles and temptations it has passed through; the brief --such a proposition, though we can not positively refute it, is a circumstances, will readily receive, from contact with any subthan he would to enable him to feel the influence of a dose know by thought alone, besides the thousands of functions, the pulsations of joy; the feverish inquietude of hope and fear; the for-fetched hypothesis, which the common sense of well-balanced swallowed in the usual way. He is equally independent in modus operandi of which is beyond his power to observe, and the pressure of want ; the desertion of friends ; the scorn of the world stance, the whole mental and physical impression which belongs minds would always reject as fantastic and extravagant. to its nature, even though one or more folds of paper should craniological and autographic psychometry. A piece of manu- thousands of results which neither his observation or thought can that has little charity; the desolation of the soul's sanctuary, and Whatever the living man can do in himself, whenever and wherever he pleases, and just as he pleases, without desiring or intervene between the hand and the substance. cript (held on the forehead), with which no one present is ac at all conceive; nor could the laws of Nature continue their pro- threatening vices within-health gone-happiness gone-even hope that remains the longest, gone-I would fain leave the errgressive acts without this new compound. By the same faculty, persons who succeed in this experiment quainted, will give as clear an impression of the author of the receiving any supernal assistance, he necessarily believes is done Who can tell why oxygen and hydrogen combine to form ing soul of my fellow-man with Him from whose hands it came. by his own faculties, inherent in his own organization. If one can place the hand in contact with a patient suffering from any letter as if he were known to the surrounding company. Indeed, tells me that I can not lift my arm except by the assistance of a disease, and in a short time experience the pathological influwhenever a good psychometer receives a letter from the Post- water? Where and when do they combine? When and where - Longfellow.

cation of its facts. During this time it has made its way quietly, winning the confidence of experimental inquirers, until now there are hundreds who exercise the psychometric power with facility. Psychometry has become a "fixed fact" in the public mind, editor pronounced it a miracle, and, as such, requiring an equal amount of evidence with the most incredible narratives. Of the class of conservatives represented by that editor, some

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have become acquainted with psychometry, and resting upon that, with a few phonomena of electricity and animal magnetism refuse to admit the additional agency of disembodied spirits, because they have not room enough in their sphere of thought to admit all the truths of Nature. Others, happening to witness the most convincing phenomena of Spicitualism, and becoming convinced of their truth before witnessing the facts of psychometry, have shown the same spirit of skepticism by endeavoring to reduce it to Spiritualism, and thus reducing the laws and powers of Nature within a narrower sphere. A little more patience, liberality and modesty in giving all subjects a thorough investigation before forming positive opinions, would prevent this very common class of errors. (I would refer investigators to volume first of the 82

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TELECRAPE.

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"Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

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THE SOURCES OF STRENGTH. AMONG families, tribes, and nations-in all civil compacts and political institutions-there is an element of Truth, or a law of Nature, which serves as a connecting medium, or a cohesive power, uniting and binding the simple elements together. This union is more or less complete and permanent as the principle itself, in its incarnation, is more or less perfect. The simple fact that men live together, and act in an associate capacity, prove the existence, among them, of some central Truth, which serve as a kind of magnet, by virtue of which they remain together No such union of individuals could exist for a single moment the truth, which to them is the great law of cohesion, were re moved. Suspend the sun's attraction, and vast worlds would fly off like withered leaves on the autumn blast; annihilate the this ponderous globe would explode like a rocket, and the lawof a wreck in the midst of the sea.

The same general law will be found to exist, and answer the world. In every organization there is some cardinal principle which forms the bond of union, without which the organism could no more exist, than the elements composing the human body can remain together, when the soul has departed. Suppose the love of Liberty to be the only law on which the exist ence of this Confederacy is made to depend ; destroy that love and the Republic would writhe and fall like a smitten giant. Annihilate the paternal affection, and the spirit which hallows the hearth and home of childhood would depart, the family relation would be dissolved, the most sacred earthly shrine deserted. and even God might forget his offspring. It is unnecessary to furnish particular examples to illustrate the truth that no such union can exist, in the world of mind, where there is not some conservative principle as its basis. Different substances unite only as they have an affinity for each other. So there are spiritual affinities, and men are mutually attracted or repulsed by a law that is natural and universal. The central trath or cardinal doctrine which we find in all human institutions, is to Society what the law of elective attraction or chemical affinity is to disorganized matter.

But there is another point worthy of special observation. In the social organism as well as the natural, the truth, which is thus incarnated must be developed along with the body, and when the former is not strengthened in its powers, in proportion a the latter is increased in its dimensions, the safety of the organi zation is endangered. For since the union depends on the in ternal principle rather than the external form, it follows that the accumulation of foreign particles, without a corresponding develop ment of inward forces, only multiplies the probabilities of its dissolution. The organism, whether political, social or religious may become so large that the specific gravity of the elements without may overbalance the cohesive power within, in which case the body will inevitably fall in pieces by its 'own weight. It will be perceived that no organization can be sound and vig-

orous, unless the equilibrium in the growth of the outward form

and the inward life, is preserved. As the one is enlarged by the

addition of extrinsic elements, the other must be strengthened

by the unfolding of its own inherent energies; and unless this

process goes on harmoniously, our growth is dangerous and our

destiny uncertain. Hence those who labor to extend the nation-

abor, therefore, to develop the mind and moral energies of the people that we may grow divinely beautiful in our prosperity. History and experience confirm the truth, that we are strong only in the Right.

SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA.

WE have but a very limited faith that the subordinate Spirits in the other life have power to predict, with any degree of precision, events that are likely to be influenced by fortuitous cir-

cumstances; yet occasionally a fact is presented that may be worthy of record. While the discussion with Mr. Burr was pending at Bridgeport, some four years since, the writer was unexpectedly summoned to receive a communication. We are quite sure that no one suspected its nature. On this occasion the Spirits proceeded to intimate very definitely the course Mr. Burr would pursue in the debate, mentioning, among other things, that he would introduce a letter from a member of the celebrated Hutchinson Family-the invisible intelligence disclosing at the same time what was most material to us concerning its contents-and that if the reading of the letter should be demanded, Mr. Burr would wave that matter on the ground-that he had not time, and instead of reading the communication to the audience would submit his own version of its contents. It cohesive power which binds these earthly elements together, and was further stated that a person living in Bridgeport, whose name was given, would be called by Mr. Burr to bear testimony less particles float at random in the atmosphere like fragments against certain manifestations alleged to have occurred in that city; all of which did transpire as previously announced. Even

the excuse of Mr. Burr for not reading the Hutchinson letter. similar end, in the political, social and religions institutions of was couched in very nearly the same words as previously rendered by the rapping oracle. Some seven or aine persons, in cluding three justices of the peace, certified to these facts at the time, whose written statement voluntarily given can be produced if necessary,

The power to vocalize is in some instances displayed in a most astonishing manner. One of the most remarkable exhibitions of this kind we have ever witnessed occurred at the editor's house about three years since. Several friends were assembled. and among them Mrs. Porter, much of whose spiritual experince might tend to confirm rather than weaken the popular skep icism. On this occasion, however, every person present was utterly amazed at the wonderful nature of the performance Mrs. Porter had been in the company but a short time when she became entranced, and commenced giving some remarkable displays of ventriloquial power. She imitated the singing of frogs, so that there seemed to be at least two or three, of widely different capacity, singing at the same moment. Her rendering of the notes of various birds, and her imitations of some six different musical instruments, transcended any exhibition of yocal ounds we have ever listened to. All this time, it should be ob-

served, the medium claimed to be in rapport with the guardian pirits of Jenny Lind, several of whom were said to be sanong the most renowned masters of the art. At our request, the Bird Song," the "Echo Song," "Sweet Home," as also several icces of difficult operatic music, were given with such artistic taste and discrimination, with such blended power and sweetness as thrilled every bosom with astonishment and delight. This medium is but an ordinary singer in her normal condition On several other occasions she has given some imperfect illustrations of this musical inspiration, but we have witnessed nothing that could be regarded as a decided approximation to the performance already described.

Some four years since, while visiting in one of the most respeciable families in Connecticut, we met a young lady sixteen in his introductory remarks, he forcibly illustrated the fact that the world had always persecuted and crucified its saviours, and years of age-the name we are not permitted to mention-who had suddenly become subject to the control of invisible masters. turned a deaf ear to newly announced truths which conflicted with its preconceived and prevaling opinions. He made bold to She had previously practised music, and had learned to execute essert that the Spiritualism of the day had fallen under the con several pieces on the pianoforte, but all at once, and in a single hour, they were forgetten, so that no trace of them remained in femnation of the leaders of the public mind, solely in consequence of this conservative and bigoted repugnance to innovation. Had her memory. At the same time she received communications al domain by the addition of new states and territories, while purporting to come from the Spirits of several eminent compos-Spiritualism confirmed the time-honored dogmas of the sectarian urches, who could doubt that it would have been hailed as

A FRAGRANT OFFERING.

Oxe evening last week a sprightly youth entered our office bearing a basket of fresh flowers, which he had been directed to leave with the editor. The basket consisted of a frame of wire-

work inwrought and overlaid with evergreens, and the flowers, cites a passage from a correspondent, who claims to have seen which were of every conceivable hue, were tastefully arranged so the Spirit-hands while they were employed in writing, and adds: as to quite conceal their slender vehicle. A note, containing some lines which will be found below, was attached to the handle of the basket. The youth, who well understood his part, retired from our presence without further explanation.

Since we commenced our journey along the dusty highways of life, our morning dreams have been tempered by a mid-day experience. And though the freshness of youth is gone, and the wild enthusiasm of untamed ambition has given place to subdued feeling and sober thought, we have lost none of our early love of Nature and all beautiful objects. We even love flowers more deeply and truly than we were wont to do in childhood. If the post saw elequent " sermons in stones," why may not one who is no poet but a sermonizer find poems in the petals of flowers, and painted octaves in their peerless colors ? They are eloquent teachers, all, and the soul that is in unison with the powers of life and beauty, can not be indifferent to their ministry.

VOICE OF THE PLOWERS.

WE have come from a home where the bright flowers spring, And the air is perfumed with the fragrance we bring ; We have come from the garden, from wayside and dell. To breathe in your soal a deep mystical spell. We have come, with leaf banners in sunlight unfurled. To subdue the soul's conflict, and war with the world ; We have come, not for battle, with spear or with ban-We have come to restore the last Educ to man

But soon-ah, too soon !- our gay banner will fall, Spreading o'er oar green chariot a dead leafy pail. And our once welcome places, fairer flowers may fill. But the fragrance we bring shall linger here still. ANONYMOUS.

INPROMPTU.

YE ministers of Beauty ! from your leafy bowers Ye come, all clad in gorgeous robes, To pour the incense of your silent prayer. to fragrance on the antump sir. Fair offspring of the hours !-- of Summer's golden hours--That lingered round your bright abodes ; Your breath subdues the strif--inspires my heart. When Youth's bright morning dreams depart.

Bright messengers, whose souls in perfume pass away, The night winds chant your funeral songs, In lowly vale, and on the distant hill, When Earth's discordant sounds are still. The frosts may sear, the tempest's breath may slay, Rude feet may crush your fragile forms, While ye like martyrs in the trial-day, Breathe blessings as ye pass away.

Bright symbols of pure thoughts and affections holy, Whose inspirations soothe the brain ; Your forms that perish in the wintry time. Live in the Spirit's sunny clime-Arethere renewed-and what seemed to perish wholly, Shall take new forms and rise again. And these froit flowers culled by some unknown hand, Shall bloom in the Immortal Land. EDTOR.

LECTURE ON SPIRITUALISM.

Rev. Mn. Kixo, the Universalist clergyman of Williamsburgh

lelivered, on Sunday evening last, a lecture on Spiritualism. which for candor and liberality is deserving of high commendation

And mist-like thought, As 'twere a veil outwrought

> As blossoms feed on air, And breathe their incense-prayer In fragrance sweet,

So new-born spirits greet

Facts and Remarks.

ONE OF THEIR OWN WITNESSES CITED .- Accordant, as they are, with Spirits in Vermont, who are said to write with red ink. He an eternal divine law, spiritual manifestations have under favorable circumstances occurred in all ages and among all people, and abundant proofs of their reality may be gleaned from the personal histories of the members of the various sects which now most bitterly oppose them. Among the multitudes of cases in point which have come within our reading, we will here eite one or two from a book entitled. "God the Guardian of the Poor ; and the Bank of Faith," which is a spiritual autobiography of Rev. Wm. Huntington, an English clergyman. It should be premised that Mr. Huntington, according to his own story, from the condition of a poor coal-heaver, was educated and led along from one personal and social condition to another, solely by impressions, dreams, "mysterious providences," etc., until he became a most useful and efficient preacher of a dissentient church. Among the numerous cases demonstrative of the guidance of a superior power, he relates the

following : On one occasion, before fully entering the minstery, he re-The above is about as potent as anything which the opposition moved to a strange place for the sake of work, and on his arrival at his in this country-including clerical opposers-have been able to new quarters, found himself without the means to procure food for his say against Spiritualism. But there appears to be a funda wife and little ones, until he had performed a week's work and received mental issue between Punch and our American theological his wages. He laid open his case to Him who feedeth the sparrows, and opposers. The latter insist that the devil has the whole on the same evening a stranger in the neighborhood who knew nothing of his circumstances, brought him some food. The next day the stranger spiritual movement under his special supervision, while the former did the same, and the next, and so continued his daily visitations, concludes that he is " altogether superseded." Mr. Punch deems bearing him food, during the whole week, and then ceased. On a subit well-nigh possible that an angel might consent to solourn in sequent better acquantance with the stranger the latter declared to him the form of an editor, but it taxes his credulity too far to believe that he was irresistibly impressed to furnish him with victuals during that whole week, though he saw no external indications that his donathat angels have aught to do with his subordinates. Now we tions were needed, and his wife ridiculed his impression. have ascertained that there is an angel in every man, even the

On another occasion, Mr. Huntington dreamed that a certain person with whom he had had some negotiation about a house and fixtures, sent to require of him the fulfillment of a conditional contract, by the payment of five pounds. He dreamed that he said, "Lord, thou knowest that I can not go, for I have not money enough ;" upon which a voice seemed

Ox Tuesday, the 11th inst., the Spiritualists of this city and vicinity to say to him, in his dream, "Go to Mr. Mundy, cutler, at Kingstonnjoyed their second social pic-nic of the season. The grounds selected upon-Thames, and he will lend you as much as you want." A few iours after he awoke from this dream, the man referred to sent him word were those occupied for a similar purpose on the 22d of August last, that he had made arrangements which would require him to pay the live pounds. On the evening of the same day, the Mr. Mundy dreamed of, who had never been in Mr. H.'s house before, voluntarily called, as short of five hundred persons. The day was a beautiful one ; the fields if providentially sent, and on being asked, freely loaned the five pounds, und the dream was thus fulfilled

out responded to the gushings of the warm and cheerful hearts of those Many spiritual interpositions if possible still more signal and rewho sought enjoyment in the festivities of the occasion. A more beaunarkable than these, are related by Mr. H., but which our necessary tiful portion of the grove than that previously occupied was selected brevity prevents us from further alluding to at presents; and yet the endorsers of the truthfulness, and the admirers of the faith and piety for the rendezcous, and every external arrangement seemed to have been made to render the meeting pleasant and harmonious. of that man, will oppose Spiritualism !

Soon after the company arrived on the ground they began to resolve themselves into larger and smaller groups according to the law of social affinities, and conversation, singing, medium-speaking, etc., were in dulged in, according to the special proclivities of the respective groups.

These miscellaneous proceedings were soon somewhat changed in their features by the addition of new elements in the shape of the dainties for the stomach which were spread forth upon temporary tables and upor the green sward, and di-cussed with sharpened appetites and jovial The repast being finished, the company was called together, and S. B.

Brittan introduced Professor Fowler, of Poughkeepsie, who with a most budy, who was then in robust health, that she would in three weeks eloquent discourse held the multitude spell-bound for more than half from that time begin to be racked with pains; that a terrible cough an hour. His subject was, the wonderful powers and achievements of would attack her, which would never leave her until death : that she the human mind, and the indices to a future and immortal state of ex- would be racked and tortured with all kinds of sufferings; that her istence afforded by its various phenomena. We regret that we are unable to give a full report of Professor F.'s admirable speech.

He was followed by S. B. Brittan, who spoke for half an hour upo the further proofs of immortality afforded by the known powers and phenomena of the human soul, such as prophetic dreaming, clairyoyance the uniform testimony of all who give fall proof of an opened faculty she was seized with violent pains in the side : a severe cough comof interior sight, etc. The discourse was listened to with marked at tention and approbation.

R. P. Ambler, being spiritually entranced, then improvised the following poem, which clicited much applause, and which he has since, while inder spiritual influence, reproduced with some difficulty :

> Come, let us chant the hymn Of spheral bliss ;- in dim From souls thrilled with surprise, The song shall inly rise

PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF A HAG'S CURSE .--- We have received the following particulars from a lady whose family was acquainted with the parties concerned, and we consider their source entirely reliable. An old Congo negress, in New Orleans (where our informant then resided) demanded of a lady, payment for some washing and ironing which she had done for her. The payment was, on some pretence, refused ; the acgress shortly afterwards renewed the domand ; the lady again refused ;

when the old Congo, becoming enraged, uttered a series of withering curses, calling upon her familiar Spirits to execute them. She told the

through her skin; that in proportion to the hideousness of her emaciated countenance, her vanity would be excited, and that in just one year from that time she would die. The lady paid little heed to these maledictions, until three weeks from that day, when on going out to market, menced, which continued until her death ; her flesh dwindled away ; an immoderate passion for jewelry was excited, which she would indulge by profusely decorating her emaciated form ; she seemed tor-

neuted in a thousand ways, mentally and physically, and finally, when the bones actually began to protrude through her skin in several places, she died on the day the year was up !

It is well here to remark that it there is any psychological law by which such an amount of wil can in any case be inflicted by a curse, then by the same law an equal amount of good may, under suitable conditions, be effected by a blessing.

Asswer to a Pritition .- Mr. L. S. Beek, of this city, recently related. at a social meeting of Spiritualists, the following fact, to which he was personally knowing. A gentleman of the narrator's acquaintance, residing in Baltimore many years ago, was taken sick, and there was little or no hope of his recovery. The gentleman, however, had reasons

infidel editor can Punch him out.

Punch Punching at the Spirits.

swallow him?

cood nature.

THE London Punch for September refers to the SUBITEAL

TELEGRAPH and talks facetiously, as becometh Punch, about the

That a paper should be edited by angels proves that the printer's devil

has, at least in Vermont State, been altogether superseded. Now, by

what means do these angels write? With sunbeams? or with onills.

plucked and nibbed from their own wings? That may, in some measure,

account of the redness of the ink. As for the "Spirit-hand." we can

easily imagine what sort of hand this must be, Mr. Punch having, in his

varied experience, often seen the sort of hand, of exactly the same

crooked pattern, held up in the dock of the Old Bailey. Mr. Punch

can, in his own person, almost believe in the possibility of an angel of

an editor; but how about an angel of a penny-a-liner? Who is to

poorest penny-a-liner, and we are equally well assured that no

viz., in West Flushing near the Race Course. More extended publicity having been given of the intended excursion, it was attended by a correspondingly greater number, the whole company falling not much and the woods had preserved their virgin greenness, and all nature with-

SPIRITUALISTS' PIC-NIC.

they do nothing to develop the principles which bind them to manner, those theological organizations which labor to make proselytes rather than to carich themselves with the gifts of the Spirit, and to adorn themselves with the graces of a Divine charity, are doomed to destruction. If our idea is founded in truth, the following proposition may be confidently stated :

A nation's strength does not depend so much on the number of its inhabitants, the durability of its fortifications, and the abundance of its stores and means of defense, as it does on the integrity and intelligence of the people.

Now what are the great lessons of history and experience on this subject ? Strange as it may appear to the careless observer, nations have frequently been strongest and most secure in their infancy. Empires seldom perish in their birth, but in the maturity of their years, when pride and affluence have weakened the restraints of virtue ---when corrupted by artificiality and hoary in crime. To this truth Time has placed the seal of all ages and countries. Babylon, once the wonder of the world, " and the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency," fell -- not in her infancy--but in the hour of her purple pride. The Capitol of Judea perished when millions, glorying in its impregnable strength, were that at the precise hour of his dissolution he appeared to her in intoxicated with the idea of their fancied safety ? While Rome, the city of Dublin. Mr. Jones assured me that on his mother's clothed in her virgin graces, was wooing the Wirtues to her " mountain home," she was imperishable. From the banks of the Tiber she stretched her giant arms over sea and land, and claimed the trident of Neptune and the empire of the Earth. But when her physical pomp and grandeur eclipsed her virtues, when the moral energies of the people were palsied, and vice, came the Barbarian to reign in the clime of the Caesars, and his not thought of his uncle at that time and that the circumstances arm drew the mantle of ruin and the pall of desolation, over the home of Genius and the shrines of the illustrious dead. Thus does History confirm the truth that nations are strong only as they are wise and virtuous, and that when they come to disregard ifestatious are associated with much that does not accord with the claims of justice, they fall into merited obscurity, however the just demands of a cultivated taste and enlightened understanding. The more imperfect manifestations may be mainly exalted their previous condition. All experience has shown that earthly, or the dim, distorted and spectral shadows of divine vice tends to enervate the moral, physical and intellectual man, and thereby renders him not only unfit for the enjoyment of vir- thoughts, broken and confused by contact with the base elements the house. tuous liberty, but prepares him to yield to the usurpations of and inharmonious conditions of earth. It avails nothing to say lawless ambition, and the unjust eneroachments of despotic that some of the phenomena may be artifically produced. The power.

ers, to the effect that they had determined to attend to her mus welcome messenger from the invisible realms ? Why, then, is it gether, are engaged in a thankless and a useless service. In like cal education ; and as they did not desire her to practice the pieces she was familiar with, they had taken the liberty to oblitopposed, if not from the simple fact that it conflicts with the erate all remembrance of the music she had learned. Immediinterests and projudices of creed mongers ? No-one could say that it ately she began to improvise in a most remarkable manner, pernecessarily tends to distroy religious faith, however it might, by the force of its intrinsic truthfulness, tend to destroy the narrow forming at each succeeding trial new and difficult exercises. When the medium possesses inward sight, events and circumand ristricted forms of religious faith held by themselves." Many

stances in the history of persons long since separated from the persons did the speaker know who had been reclaimed from hope less skepticism solely by the facts and phenomena of the alleged body are often unexpectedly disclosed. Philip James Jones, a spiritual manifestations. Besides, what is there so repulsive in gentleman of unquestionable veracity, relates that on his first coming into the presence of Mrs. Mettler, he desired a test of the the idea that our dear departed friends are hovering invisibly actual presence of the Spirits, presuming that if successful in elicaround us, breathing thoughts of purity, of heaven, and of God: He would give all he possessed to be convinced beyond doubt that ting any satisfactory demonstrations they would emanate from Mis. Jones, who had but recently left the form. But the this consoling doctrine was true. He thought that it could not medium immediately commenced speaking of some person whom otherwise than have a purifying and clevating, as well as conshe called Charles, and turning to Mr. J. she said, "Charles is oling influence, and he wondered that any one could have the your uncle; he was shot at the battle of Waterloo." Then, heart to ridicule the faith of such as belived it. Mr. K. then proceeded to draw a striking contrast between the faith of the placing her hand on the upper portion of the left breast, she distinetly intimated that he received the fatal injury in that place. Spiritualist and the creed of the orthodox, in which the advan tages of the former were made highly conspicuous. The medium moreover affirmed that Charles in his last moments

Spiritualism, he said, was opposed on two grounds ; First, or thought of Mary, a near relative who was then in Ireland, and the supposition that its pretended facts were more tricks o jugglery; and secondly, on the hypothesis that they are the side he had an uncle Charles Henderson, an officer in the Engwork of the Devil. The former allegation he considered a beneath contempt ; and went on to show that the latter, if true lish army, and that he was killed at the battle of Waterloo by a proved the Devil to be a pretty respectable old gentleman inasmusket shot which took effect in his left breast. Mr. Jones further observed that, although the circumstances occurred before his much as he was constantly using his spiritual mediums to preach birtli, he had often, in his childhood, heard the melancholy story righteousness and to do good. Still Mr. K. wished it understood of his uncle and, especially of his mysterious appearance in Dubthat he did not appear as the champion of Spiritualism. He like an ocean tide, swept over the hills of the " eternal city," then lin at the hour of his death. He positively affirmed that he had knew not what to make of it. He could not explain its facts, or form an intelligent conjecture as to whether they were of munwere seldom or never brought to his mind, unless some reference dane or celestial origin. He simply claimed for it fair treatwas made to the history of his family or to the battle of Waterloo. ment, as he would claim fair treatment for any other new doe-No rational believer needs to be told that these singular mantrine, and he declared his willingness to proclaim his conviction of either its truth or its falsity, as soon as he could be fully convinced upon that point,

> The discourse was listened to with profound attention and every mark of approbation by an audience which nearly filled

Another New Book in Press.

magicians of Egypt could do almost all things that Moses did; WE have now in type, to be issued as soon as possible, a work of 143 pages, entitled, "Scenes in the Spirit-world; or, As a nation we boast of our widely-extended territory, our the miracles of Christ were performed by his disciples in the vast undeveloped resources-and rapidly increasing population. primitive church, and so adroitly imitated by Simon Magus, an LIFE IN THE SPHERES," written by Spirits through the medium-We construct ships of war and build great fortifications, and arch apostate, as to deceive the Romans who honored him with ship of HUDSON TUTLE. By adopting a narrative style, descripimagine that we are strong. But there are voices-deep, solemn a statue-crected on an island in the Tiber-which bore the tive of actual or supposed scenes, experiences, conversations, opinions, and general modes of life in the Spirit-world, the invisible and thrilling-that come from the vailed Past to remind us that blasphemous inscription, Simoni deo sancto. But the deificaour strength is not in these. The winds that murmur in sullen tion of Simon did not disprove the Divine existence, nor his pre- authors of this little book have contrived to throw around it a cadence along the Nile and the Euphrates, whisper the truth, tended miracles affect the intrinsic nature and genuine evidences and a mysterious utterance comes up from the classic land, where of Christianity. It is vain, therefore, to attempt to offset the ruins. The nation is not strong when its moral restraints are seening chaos, the calm and rational mind may possibly, even answers, according to the opinions of the dictating Spirit, to briefly say, is destined to make no small stir in the literary world. I was with you yesterday when you found that key and wept over it." no longer commensurate with its outward pomp and physical re-now, discern the vital principles of a Divine Order. Material numerous questions which are constantly being asked concern-Divine Divine Divine Order. Material numerous questions which are constantly being asked concernsources. What if we had an army of ten millions, with the science may sneer ; learned skepticism, baptized in the name of ing the philosophy of Spirit-existence, Spirit-intercourse, etc.; and great valley of the Mississippi for a magazine, and the Rocky Jesus, may "behave itself unseemly;" but the facts do not seem it some of its teachings should be pronounced erroneous, it may Mountains for a breast-work, these would not render us invul- to mind that. If science and theology can not dispose of these still be read with profit as an exhibition of some of the varieties of nerable ; without a deep-seated love of country, a respect for facts, they will be obliged to keep them on hand, since they can thought and theory that prevail in the other world. The price of this work will be fifty cents. virtue and the rights of man, there would be no safety. Let us not be obliterated from the records of human experience.

The sphere of light that ope To crown immortal hopes.

Above Earth's dark domain There is a palace-fane, Whose altars rise Like rainbows to the skics, And 'neath whose shining dome The sun-bright angels roam

Here let us rest and sing. Immortal bards shall bring Their love-toned lyres, Whose strings are melted fires, To swell the echo-song That sweeps the heavens along.

HYMN OF SPHERAL BLISS. O the peace that angels know! O the streams of light that flow Through the universal Whole! O the brightness streaming far O'er the realm of sun and star, Where the subtle life-tides roll!

Night is past ! the morning rays 'Mid the kindling other blaze. Burning deathly gloom away. Lo! o'er one vast, shoreless sea, Float the pure, and bright, and free-Children of the fadeless day.

Here is beauty, vast and deep ! Here immortal guardians keep Silent vigils,-while o'er earth A celestial glory streams-Burning thoughts and golden dreams Rise in a scraphic birth.

Here bright Love doth build her bower ; And the soul's unfolding flower Blooms beneath the glowing Sun Sing, O sing. ye star-like host! None shall sorrow-none be lost, When the work of Love is done.

The meeting then assumed a more social and miscellancous character. resolving itself again into various groups, and the Spirits and mediums.

for two or three hours, entertained such as felt an interest in their various messages. Mr. Smith, formerly known as the "razor strop man," afforded much amusement by his comicalities, while under the prompting of his attending Spirits. P. B. Randolph was influenced to deliver a most thrilling and effective speech, descriptive of the conse- and as she gazed upon it, a multitude of tender and maternal associaquences to a Spirit, of a course of evil while in the earth-life; and tions connected themselves with it. She thought how incomparably several other speeches were made exciting more or less attention. At half-past six o'clock the company returned by the cars and steamboat, gold. She thought how often it had been pressed between the fingers so far as we could learn, without an accident or other occurrence which essentially marred the pleasures of the day.

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charm which will be very apt to rivet the attention of its reader Sunday, morning and evening. Bro. II, will be in this city several T.'s family, came to her house; and soon after she arrived she suddenly from the first to the last page. In a dress that will give this weeks, superintending the publication of his new volume of poetry enbook the popularity of a novel, the reader will also here find titled, "LYBIC OF THE GOLDEN AUE"-a volume which we may here son, and exclaimed, "Mother! dear mother! what is it about the key?

LETTERS IN OUR OFFICE .- There are letters remaining in our office for Stephen Dudley, A. J. Davis and Charles P. Buckley. Shall they present whereabouts of the parties.

to strongly desire a prolongation of his residence in the earth-sphere, and remembering that fifteen years were added to the life of good old King Hezekiah in answer to his carnes t petition when apparently nigh his end, he was emboldened to ask for a similar interposition in his own behalf. He accordingly turned his face to the wall, and carnestly prayed that death might be averted and his days lengthened, when a voice seemed to speak within him and say, "I have added fifteen years to the days of thy life." He immediately Lecame convalesent, and was soon well. He ever afterwards kept firm in the impression that he would live fifteen years from that period, which he in fact did ; and on the very year when that period had expired, and about, if not exactly, on the day of the year when the impression had been given, he expired. ANOTHER .- The foregoing brings to mind a somewhat similar case which occurred in the experience of a friend of the writer, Dr. II----of Andover, Mass, After Dr. H. had for months been vainly endeavoring, from the resources of his own self-derived strength, to conquer the tilthy habit of chewing tobacco, which he had contracted in his boyhood, it occurred to him to pray to the Superior Power to have the love of tobacco taken away from him. He did so in all fervor and earnestness, and from that moment all love of tobacco entirely ceased, and never since then has he had the slightest inclination to chew it.

SUCCESSFUL SPIRIT-PRESCRIPTION .- Not long since a boy, residing in the upper part of this city, ran a stick through his foot one day whilst at play, and in consequence of the accident was subsequently attacked with the lock-jaw. His spasms resisted the most skillful efforts of his his physician; he was fast sinking under his disease, and hope of his recovery had well nigh fled, when his friends, who were not believers in Spiritualism, were persuaded to go to the house of Mr. D. G. Taylor, 145 West Sixteenth-street, and inquire for a spiritual medium, and ask the advice of some invisible intelligence. When the messenger arrived at Mr. Taylor's a medium happened to be in the house, who, coming directly under the spiritual influence, and without seeing the Loy, or having any knowledge of the treatment of such cases, directed that they should steam him with the fumes of vinegar poured on hot stones. while blankets were thrown over him. The messenger went away, and Mr. Taylor heard no more of the boy until several days afterwards, when he met a person who knew him, and inquired of his case, and was informed that the boy had been cured of his lock-jaw by a vinegar steam lath. We mention this case, as not of itself an absolute demonstration of spiritual interposition, but as a fact well worthy of notation in connection with numerous others of a similar nature, and of whose spiritual origin there is at least an extreme probability.

TEST THROUGH A SPEAKING MEDIUM .- Some months ago a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. T., of this city, passed into the Spirit-world. Subsequently, one day, as his mother was rummaging in a drawer, she found an old brass watch-key which had belonged to her deceased son ; more valuable the dear relict was to her than its weight in the finest of the loved and lost one ; and with the fondness which a mother alone knows, she pressed it to her lips and wept. This maternal revery took place in the solitude of her own bed chamber, and she afterwards spoke not a word of it to any one. The next day a lady who is an excellent REV. T. L. HARRIS will lecture at the Stuyvesant Institute next speaking medium, but who had been previously a total stranger to Mrs.

MAN does not like to view the deformities which ignorance hath brought upon him. He constantly yearns after that which is above and tion, he thanks thee for thy labor,

PARTRIDGE AND BRITTAN'S SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH.

ful test. If this matter is, as they claim, done by themselves, and under

their own control, and if they see positively, why do they not speak

Mr. BROWN maintains that it is necessary to understand phrenology

n order to be a good psychometer, because external "physical impres-

sions" are made on certain prominent organs to indicate the peculiar

definitely and truly?

Curiosities of Men and Things.

Who takes Care of the Bables?

It is said that at the late Woman's Rights Convention, convened a Saratoga Springs, Mrs. Lucy Stone Blackwell was speaking, when some wise blockhead-he probably feared that genius in calico might some day distance stupidity in broadcloth in the political race-inquired "Who will take care of the babies when mothers go to Congress?" "I will reply to that everlasting query," said Lucy, "by asking who takes care of them when their mothers come to Suratega?"

If it were not for a single consideration, we would propose to have that man (?) and all of his class pat on *bombazine*. The reason why w don't make this proposition Lucy will readily infer, but her objust opposers may not unless we express it. Well, then, the reason we don' propose, in such cases, to substitute bondazine for cordurary is, simply, that we don't like to disgrace the sex to which Lucy Stone Blackwell belong: by giving such a nondescript the more outside appearance of a woman. Formosa the Beautiful.

CAPTAIN CROSSIE, of the American bark Louisiana, who lately sailed from the Columbia river, Oregon Territory, to the island of Formosa, in the China sea, has lately returned to San Francisco, and gives a most graphic description of the explorations which he made and the new acquaintances which he formed during the journey. He anchored in the port of Tuka, on the south side of Formesa, and had an agreeable interview with the Mandarin in command. As Captain Crosbie was the first white man which this official or his people had ever seen, his appearance excited great astonishment, as did his revolver, his boots, and his mode of eating without chopsticks. Tuka is a large and handsome city, situated in a country cultivated and fertile as a garden. Atter an audience of the head mandarin, at Tayou, the Captain obtained verbal permission to trade in future at the ports of Tuka and Keleang. The last named port is situated at the morthern extremity of the island, and here the Japan. The exports from Keleang, Sam Sug. Tuk, Lum and Tuka are very valuable, and the wages for laborers in loading ships cheap.

Complimentary over the Left.

Curran used to relate with great glee a mishap that befell a Roman Catholic Bishop who went to the castle to adulate the Lord-Lieutenant The Roman Catholic opposition hall been naturalized by promises re tributively unfulfilled for nearly thirty years. It seems one of Lord Cornwallis's eves was smaller than the other, and had acquired a quick perpetual oscillating motion. The addressors, who had never seen him had elaborated their compliments in the country. His Excellency was on his throae in high state when Bishop Lanigan, of Kilkenny, at the head of his clergy, auspiciously commenced : " Your excellency has always kept a steady eye upon the interests of England ;" the room was in a roar. "Never," said Curran, "did I hear its match, except in the Mayor of Coventry's compliment to Queen Elizabeth :--- When the Spanish armada attacked your Majesty they caught the wrong sow by the ear. "

Divine Love.

On one occasion, the Rev. Rowland, Hill was endeavoring to convey to his hearer by a variety of illustrations, some idea of his conceptions of the Divine love ; but suddenly casting his eyes toward heaven, he exclosined, "But I am unable to reach the buty theme !- yet I do not think that the smallest fish that swams in the boundles occan ever complains of the immensurable vastness of the deep. So it is with me ; can plunge, with my pany capacity, into a subject the immensity of which I shall never be able taily to comprehend !

The above is a beautiful illustration of the position of man-the finite anaid the infinite-an atom in immensity--a drop on the ocean's breast Yet as puny as man may appear, immensity itself seems centered in his being - an infinitude of thought, and love and aspiration expand within his soul, and he feels at home even in the boundless universe. and his thoughts leap holdly forth toward the inaccessible hights and the immeasurable depths.

The Predominant Thought.

If the incident described in the following paragraph really happened the student, in his proportion, uncon clously paid a high compliment to the actress. If Fanny Wallack did not lose her own individuality in the character she was attempting to personate, it is evident the young man lost her, though he seems to have preserved his own identity, at least in a professional sense :

Fanny Waltack was recently playing Juliet at Leeds, Ungland, and just when sl tainly wantak was completely advected in the sense of standard and defined that the standard is a standard in the steechest decay about a the steechest decay about a visit of the steech standard with a convolve of the steechest due to be standard with a convolve of the steechest due to be standard with a convolve of the steechest due to be standard with a steechest advection of the steechest due to be standard with a steechest due to be steec Juliet; Fil run out and felch the stomach pump "

Mysteries of the Know-Nothings.

It is said that the editor of the Elmira (N. Y.) Republican has found out where the Know-Nothings assemble, and the peculiar method by which they escape public observation. The place is a cave close by the town, the entrance to which is a hole just large enough to admit one man at a time. The last one in takes the hole along with him, and thus they defy detection. How do the members get out when the council adjourns? And what secures the portal against the aliens during the intervals between the sessions? Does the guardian bury the hole or take it home with him?

Deplorable Ignorance.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE. SESSION OF SEPTEMBER 12.

Dr. HALLOCK maintained that, without the facts of modern Spiritualism no sound philosophy of man can be affirmed. Natural science shows

only the earthy elements of man ; it analyzes, but does not comprehend -it takes no measure of the psychical man. On the basis of its own mental characteristics of the person examined. The question in this paucity of experience in psychical facts, it rejects the past and allirms issue is, "Who or what produces these physical sensations on certain no future. Its computation of man, therefore, is equivalent in value to the conclusion of a botanist who should explain a tree by stating the cubic contents of its stem.

Theology is alike deficient in the elements essential to a sound philosophy, for it rejects with the naturalist, all psychological experience as appertaining to the genus it affects to comprehend and to explain. With the naturalist it affirms a brotherhood---a genus (the theologian from authority, and the philosopher from observation), and then mars every link in that God-created chain of relationship by a flat denial of a ommon experience which arises as of logical necessity from the established and admitted fact of brotherhood-that is to say, unity of

structure, as may be seen in the fin of a fish and in the foot of a bird. so different in other particulars, implies a common want ; and though found side by side in the center of a desert, would be a prophecy of water. What then can be said of man in the light of his unity of structure : a unity not confined to his organs of locomotion, but extending through all the minutia of his being, without regard to geography or chronology? Is not (in judgment of theology) the great fact of mmortality and its collateral inevitables, an eternal and universal fact? Yes. Did man ever need a knowledge of this fact? Yes. Was he ever competent in any degree to receive and appreciate a knowledge of it? Yes. Then the theory, however theologically venerable, which touched the organ. denies to man in the present, a qualitative experience which it accorded to him in the past, is philosophically absurd. It is a denial absolute. that man to-day is man ! It severs the golden chain of brotherhood. United States squadron discovered a bed of coal on its return from that vital link which binds it to the heart of a common Father! The man of to-day, in theological estimate, is not the man that God made

originally. The God-made man of the past required and enjoyed perdigent man, we give the following from the New Church Hersonal intercourse with the heaven of his divine Father, who sent his dd published at Philadelphia. We thank friend Hough for his ministering spirits" to him with daily messages of love and wisdom andid admission of the facts of table-movings, breaking of fur-The man of to-day can get on very well with the history of all this uture, etc., by Spirits ; but if he will not deem us impertinent provided it be read to him once a-week by a brother in a black robe Therefore the man of the past, who required his " daily bread and his we will respectfully ask whether with so many plain and powermeat in due season." is no brother to the man of the present, who can ful seeming demonstrations to the contrary before him, he would subsist on the bare history of it; and that philosophy of man which for one moment have seriously thought of attributing all these admits the unity of the race, in both mental and physical structure, and denies the universality of a common need as an inevitable consequence of it-that philosophy of man which logically rules him out of being Spirit-deluded mediums, if he had formed his judgment upon the as man, may be ruled by the few as a "Holy Mystery," but must be basis of the plain fucts themselves, independent of what Swedenrejected by the many as a palpable absurdity. Now modern Spiritualism affirms, on the authority of its own rich experience, and on the admitted fact of mental and philosophical unity of organic structure--brother- proper to judge the man by the facts, than to judge the facts by interruption." the man hood; a logical necessity for the admission of the spiritual experi-

ence of the past-an experience similar in its truth and similar in its Ture editor of the Crisis, says that the editor of the N. C. Herald error. If our experience is genuine, theirs must have been. If their was, ours is. Beginning at either end we are forced to the same condusion. Are we not brothers, all? What is implied in the term "Universal Father," which the Church repeats as a parrot does " Pretty supposed that everything relating to spiritual law was to be found in Poll," if it be not that? And if it be that, then as certainly as the Swedenborg; and Abiel Silver maintained the same position in an artoes of a bird, joined by a membrane, imply water, and its wings airticle in the "Medium." some four or five years ago. But Jabez Fox air and water *existent*, not *historical* elements, as real as the organisms which require them-does an organization adapted to the acceptance the articles which were broken by Spirits continued broken-to use a of spiritual facts and spiritual communion, imply spiritual facts and divine inspiration-inspiration and truth, not historical, but personal bility that the said crotchet is likely to be removed from our head. For as a bird cannot fly in the history of air, nor swith in a scientific have faithfully and diligently considered the case of Dr. Phelps. malysis of water, so neither can man, whole spiritual organism is as ubstantial and indestructible as his Eternal Father, subsist in any other elements than those which are alike present, substantial and divine, the bird may not know what air is, and the man may not know what inbeer was doubtless obtained, but the beer which the Spirits drank up piration is, but their presence is alike essential to the life of either; that never came back. We have heard and considered these stories, and perstosay, if a webbed-foot ever indicated water, and the human soul ever haps a hundred more similar ones, and have known that many thousand conired spiritual communical, they require them now. Hence, they of stories of this sort, some of them even much more marvelous, strongly

xist now, and must be admitted into the history and philosophy of attested, and sometimes sworn to, were at the service of any one who man. But the practical and essential value of this fact is only dedu- desired to hear and examine them. All this we have known, and so has ible from the realities of modern Spiritualism ; and hence it has added every one else who has paid the slightest attention to these matters. King, pastor of the Hollis-street Church, Boston. The circle was a this new truth," the basis of a cound philosophy, "to the sum of hu-A New Churchman, author of a work that has been widely circulated. most positively and confidently assured us, that while sitting in his obtained was the celebrated medium, Mrs. Hayden. The main quesman knowledge." Without its admission, the race is not a brotherhoodt has not a common interest in God. Without its admission, (being 160m he had commanded the Spirits to open and close the door, which without its facts) Christian theology ascribes the spiritual element in they had done at his bidding several times in succession; that at ano-power of intellectual concentration. The circumstances then were as

which alone the spiritual nature of man can live, and spiritual interther time he had seen a parlor table broken in pieces by the direct course with departed friends by which alone it can be demonstrated agency of Opicies and without the application of any natural accept or force whatever. The table was subsequently sent to a cabinetthat man is immortal, to the intoxication of a diseased brain ! And maker to be mended. Our informant added that the cabinet-maker's whom he was thinking, and when no one present could have the least yet it does not know with any certainty, whether man is sick or well. receipted bill for mending the table thus broken by the Spirits was on Innee mere theological computation dwindles to the value of a theory of disease without reference to a patient -- a philosophy of man with- hand, and could be seen by any one, " and is this," said he, " all a delu- the medium by raps, and that when the medium could, by no possiout regard to his daily experience---- the play of Hamlet with Hamlet sion ?" One part of the transaction is certainly as real as another. We have seen and known that many of our New Church friends

should point at the requisite figures? He accordingly placed himself omitted. among them some able and popular writers, have given up the opinion Dr. Youxa said the age needs an experimental knowledge of spiritual that they first entertained in regard to this matter, and have fully confacts as much as it does of scientific or mechanical facts; and this knowledge must be on a plane with its science. Hence the necessity of cluded, in view of so much direct and positive testimony, that the Spirits the place where the individual bearing that name had died, namely, ous instances, and by different individuals, through the spiritualistic have discovered some way unknown to Swedenborg, by which they the Tremont House. He was therefore, as he ought to have been, these modern manifestations. The human mind cannot live on mere have come down, or rather up into the natural world, and that they are

writes us that, having his curiosity enkindled by a lecture of Mr. Brit-

tan, in Buffalo, which he attended in June last, he sought an interview

a departed friend. The evening session, however, was occupied with

proceeding different from what he had reasons to anticipate, and re-

sulted in his disappointment and mortification; and he applies to

us for information which he has failed to receive directly from a

spiritual source. We must advise our friend to pursue his investiga-

literature of Spiritualism as he may find within his reach.

Original Communications.

PRESIDENT MAHAN'S BOOK.

I no not propose to review this work, as it is its own best answer, but give only the following "strong case," selected by the course, to him attaches the fallibility of judgment, impression and con-Boston Post.

organs?" Does the psychemeter himself do it ? If so, how and why? As the same difficulty met me in my investigations, and pro-Mr. Brown says the impression is made to indicate the characteristics bably will meet all those who take interest in the matter, I propeculiar to the action of the organ. Now in order to touch the organs which give peculiarity to the character, he must first know the character pose to relate how I overcame it.

and its phrenological relations. Then Mr. P. asked, What use is the The fault I have to find with the narrator of this "strong touch, since their action is known? In other words, Mr. Brown says ease" is, that he did not go far enough, or if he did, that he has he arrives at the peculiar characteristics of persons from physical sennot told us of it. sations made on certain organs in his own head, and he claims to make

Early in my investigation I met with mediums and Spirits these physical sensations on certain organs in his own head, because they indicate certain characteristics which he has previously discovthat I found I could control with the will-power to give the desired ered. Mr. P. said this was a fair specimen of the facts and arguments answer (though oftence I could not); but in those cases where I which are adduced to support psychometry. He thought Mr. Brown's experience showed pretty clearly that when he (Mr. B.) attempted psyto have done. I asked the question, Are you a spirit? and no chometrical experiments by letter or otherwise, some attendant spirit matter how, nor when, nor where, or however strongly I might saw the name on the latter enclosed in the envelope, and acquainted itself with the characteristics of the writer, and then, like Mr. Fowler or any other delineator of character from phrenological developments. ouched the particular organs which give peculiarities to the man. Mr. P. could easily believe that, with such spirit-contact, there would satisfied me that it was something more than the "reflex action be a mental emotion corresponding with the specific action of the organ of my own mind," because I did not *then* believe in the immorthus excited, and also corresponding with the mind of the spirit who tality of my own soul; and no such answer could have been obtained from it.

I pass over the fact, well known to all who have spent any THE LOCOMOTIVE POWERS OF SPIRITS. As an illustration of the extent to which respect for an established often received which subsequent inquiry prove to be true, though authority will warp the opinion of an otherwise sensible and inean be explained by adopting the spiritual hypothesis.

I arrived at the same conclusion in effect that Le Roy Sunderland did (and by the same I have to thank him for his very readable book of "Human Nature"); and, as he expresses it better than 1 can, I here make a few extracts from it. Page 237, he movings, breakings, etc., to the unconscious physical action of the says, "My investigations have not been easual nor incidental merely; nor have they been confined to times or places. They were undertaken in order to find the truth, and have been conborg may assert or seem to imply? Would it not be more tinued in different parts of the country for years, without any

Again, pages 254 and 224 : "It is found to be an indispensable condition in all of the external works of departed Spirits. would do well to get that cretchet out of his head, relative to spirit- that it must be done by the assistance of a congenial human ual manifestations, such as table-moving, etc., being only a psycholo- associate who must be present at the time; or they must be done gical delusion. This was the first idea that struck New Churchmen, who through a medium who acts and speaks for the Spirit. And as the Spirit selects a mortal for a medium who is congenial with the Spirit, so it follows that no other mortal can receive cut the suggestions short at once by the instances at Dr. Phelps's, where communications or responses through that medium who is not also congenial, or thought to be so with him." Thus, it appears vulgarism, they stored broke. We cannot discover the slightest proba- to me that every medium has a congenial Spirit or associate that reads the mind of the inquirer seventy times in one hundred. know that he has asserted that the Spirits broke his windows, drank up and that even when the real Spirit is present, it has to converse his beer, and did many other disastrons things, and that these things first through the associate Spirit, and then through the medium. stay d done. The windows were mended, but not by the Spirits ; more Hence, when I asked questions that I did know, the associate Spirit read my mind; but when I asked if it was a Spirit, it knew that of itself, and hence the answer.

Yours, A. MILTENBERGER. ST. LOVIS. September 3, 1855.

tioner was an individual of great self-command, and of corresponding

regard him as eminently pure-minded, incapable of intentional fraud or deception, without vain pretense or foolish display, characterized by rare gentleness and modesty, actuated by no sordid or selfish considerations, carnestly seeking to know the truth and to advance the right, religious in the most comprehensive and reverent sense of the term, cosmopolitan and universal in his philanthropy and in his feelings. Of

ception, which marks the whole human race ; but, whatever may be the discrepancies or errors which a carping bigotry may assume, or an enlightened critical reason really discover, to exist in his voluminous writings, we believe him to be inflexibly true to his own highest convictions of right and duty : and, while firm and unequivocal in bearing

witness to what he believes to be the truth, as far removed from the arrogant dogmatism and bloated self-conceit which distinguish his Cleveland traducer "as the poles asunder." In consequence of the extraordinary phenomena attending his mental development, he has

made himself the wonder and admiration of multitudes on both sides of the Atlantie ; and if he had been egotistical, or self-seeking, or unserupulous, he might have stood forth as a leader claiming superhuman did succeed, I pushed the inquiries further than our friend appears powers and endowments, and gathered around him a host of awe-stricken followers, ready to accept him as an infallible oracle,---the Messiah of the nineteenth century. But he has been proof against a temptation which few could have had the firmness or virtue to resist : and, instead will them to say that it was some "force of Nature" (which I of being unduly lifted up, or made criminally ambitions, by the astonishthen thought it was), the answer invariably was, "I am a spirit ment his case has everywhere excited, and the flattering notices bestowthat once inhabited the form as you do now !" Here was what ed upon him, he has uniformly evinced the most unaffected simplicity in his daily life, and "pursued the even tenor of his way," as one to whom the opinions and praises of men are as dust in the balance in comparison with the claims of justice, humanity, and right. Of humble parentage, raised in abject poverty, and deprived of all educational

advantages, he has given to the world a series of works, ranging widely over the illimitable fields of geological, astronomical, medical, physiolotime and brains in the investigation, that communications are gical, psychological, and religious science, which, whatever their defects have excited the astonishment of the learned for their reach of thought, their marvellous insight, their poetic beauty, and their profound at the time of the annunciation unknown by all, and proceed to analysis. An earnest reformatory spirit prevades them all ; and with explain how those facts occurring at the Rev. Mr. King's house much that pertains to the ideal, there is more that is of the most prac-

tical character.

LECTURER WANTED IN TEXAS.

MONTGOMERY Co., TEXAS, August 19, 1855. JESSRS, PARTRIDGE AND BRITTAN : Gentlemen-I have determined to address you in behalf of many earnest

nouiring minds in this community, myself included, who are anxious to obtain a good lecturer to labor in the cause of spiritual philosophy in this State. Spiritualists are few and scattering here, it is true ; but the cause, in my opinion, only wants to be set forth in its true light, to give it an impetus that would ere long break down the old theological dogmas, and give a new and living impulse in the soul that shall live forever.

Will you be so kind as to give notice in your best of papers, that a lecturer who is well versed in the spiritual philosophy is wanted in this community. We want no fanatic or unbalanced individual, but one who can do the subject justice, and maintain it on scientific principles. If such an one will come among us, I think he will be well sustained. If he should lack anything, the spiritual friends, I trust, will make it up. The people of Texas are a free-thinking people, with the exception of those who are bound to creeds, and are under the reign of bigotry and superstition. From this class we expect nothing but denunciation. If a lecturer can be induced to come out here, I think he could be of service to the cause. By taking an agency for the SPIRIT-CAL TELEGRAPH, furnishing himself with specimen numbers, I doubt not that a host of subscribers could be obtained, and that a good work would be commenced that would awaken many from the slumber of bygone ages. Will some one come to help us? Old Theology sends her heralds to the utmost bounds of earth. Can not the new Gospel furnish one for Texas? If he comes, it would be best to commence his labors at Galveston, thence go to Honston, thence to Montgomery, and thence through the country, as circumstances may dictate. If any one should determine to come, and wants any further information, he can address The facts which we first adduce occurred at the house of Rev. Starr me in Montgomery Co. and Post-office, State of Texas, and I will inform him to the best of my ability. select one, and the individual through whom the communications were

Yours in the bonds of harmony and union. S. A. GRIFFITH.

AN EARNEST INQUIRY.

MESSRS. PARTRIDGE AND BRITTAN : favorable, in all respects, as we can well conceive, for eliciting import-

The impression is common among Spiritualists of a certain class. at and decisive facts. The first object of the questioner was to ascertain distinctly and conclusively, whether the name of an individual of hat the books, with one or two exceptions, which commose the Bible in its present form, were selected and made authoritative by a mandate of the Council of Nice, convoked by the Emperor Constantine in the year uspicion of what name he was thinking, could be spelled out through 325, and that many books or tracts of a quasi sacred character which bility, have any knowledge of the movements of his hand when he had previously been received by some as of divine origin, were separated from the sacred canon, and anathematized by a vote of the same where the medium could not see him at all, nor any other persons could Body. Since the origin of modern Spirtualism, positive assertions of % report his motions to her. The right name was thus given, and also historical fact such as is here intimated, have been reiterated in numerpress, and in the lecture and conference room devoted to expositions of the doctrines of the "new unfolding;" and frequently these alleged

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Some miscrable bachelor who is devoted to the quill and scissors and assumptions and assertions. The current facts of Spiritualism, while knows nothing of the pleasures of matrimony-perhaps he never ought they are rapidly abolishing creeds and commentaries, are doing more now turning things upside down at a fearful rate. to sustain genuine Christianity than the pulpit. to know after this-perpetrates the following on marriage :

" Marriage is like a flaming candle light Placed in a window on a summer night. Inviting all the insects of the air-To come and since their pretty winglets there. ese that are out butt heads against the pane, -: And those within butt to get out again.

A Joke at the Author's Expense.

Gov. Trumbull, of Connecticut, on the occasion of a grand riot, ascended a block, and attempted by a speech to quiet the people, when a fit of the experience, skill and intelligence of friends in different parts random missile hitting him in the head felled him to the ground. He of the country, upon the important subjects considered in this Conferwas badly hurt, and as his friends were carrying him into his house, his wife met him at the door and exclaimed :---" Why, my husband, they have knocked your brains out " "No, no, they haven't," said the former Conference, he had waited in hopes some other person would Governor ; "if I'd had any brains I should I have gone there." Who are our Teachers !

From Nature man derives everything. The spider taught him weaving; the fish furnished the idea of a boat; the swan the pleasing model of the sail; the palm led to the crection of the pillar; the skin of brutes gave us the idea of dress; and the cocoa-nut led to the beer-jug. The tax on wood alone appears to be purely a human invention. A Trait of the Tragic Muse.

The gods do not bestow such a face as Mrs. Siddons's on the stage more than once a century. I knew her very well, and she had the good taste to laugh at my jokes ; she was an excellent person, but she was not remarkable out of her profession, and never got out of tragedy even in common life. She used to stab the polatoes .- Sydney Smith. Across Lots to Metaphysics.

The great questions which involve the nature of matter and mind are at last satisfactorily disposed of by the immortal Punch thus : What is matter? Never mind. What is mind? No matter.

AN ARGUMENT UPSET .- A temperance lecturer, descanting on the essential and purifying qualities of cold water, remarked, as a knockdown argument, that "when the world became so corrupt that the Lord could do nothing else with it, he was obliged to give it a thorough sousing in cold water." "Yes," replied a wag, "but it killed every the letter, which he proceeded to do. Afterwards. Mr. P. commented darned critter on the face of the earth."

A CHILD'S IDEA OF MEASLES .-- Little Ellen ------, a child five years of age, and the only one of the family who had escaped an attack of the measles, on being asked the other day how it happened that she had not had them, promptly replied that it must have been because there was not enough to go round.

An Evening with Mrs. Jennie E. Kellogg.

Some of the happiest hours of my life were passed last evening at the rooms of the above amiable lady, and reliable Spirit-medium. Among other pleasing incidents, a gentleman who was an entire stranger to all in the room, secured a "sitting" with Mrs. Kellogg-with whose hand a Spirit soon began to write-and the result was a communication more carnest, eloquent and affectionate than any other of the hundreds I have read. The stranger's Spirit-wife, with her two dear babes, was there. expressing her heart's joy, her gratitude to God, for this first opportunity to assure her "dear, dear husband," that she still lives and still loves him! that their "little Charles and Henry" are both with her, and her "brightest jewels in heaven;" urging him to aid her in decoming to the Spirit-world." The names of the wife and two children were written by the medium, who had never heard of them before.

The stranger paid a tearful tribute to this impressive evidence of the immortality of his departed loved ones, and he retired from that room a wiser and a happier man. What blessings these mediums confer ! NEW YORK, Sept. 13, 1855. VISITOR.

Mr. PARTRIDGE said the published proceedings of the Conference in the SPIRITUAL TELECRAPH, under date of August 11th, setting forth our deliberations upon the subject of psychometry and its relations to Spiritualism, had called out a letter upon the subject from Mr. R. H. Brown of Detroit, Michigan, which he wished to have presented to the Conference, if for no other reason than to encourage like communications from our friends abroad. He thought if we could have the beneence, it would add very much to its interest. Since the letter referred more particularly to what Mr. P. had said about psychometry at the read it to the Conference, but as they had not, he would do so,

Mr. P. said the writer was one of the most notable psychometers in the country, and the letter contained a statement of his experience as a psychometer, and was valuable to those interested in knowing the origin of the phenomena claimed as psychometry. Mr. P. wished to be its numbane origin. Psychometry claims that the spirit of a person in

persons, examines them phrenologically, physiologically and spiritually, and returns to the body and reports its discovery ; or, that the psychometers put themselves in conditions which render them almost omniscient and omnipresent-a condition in which they become cognizant of things present and absent in space, and are enabled to describe persons and things wheresoever they may be in the wide universe. Mr. P, thought the facts and experience of psychometers warranted the conclusion that the psychometer (so called) was simply the instrument or medium used by spirits to convey their observations or knowledge

to mortals. He thought the spiritual theory was the most rational and the most consistent with the experience of psychometers, Mr. Brown's mundane theory to the contrary notwithstanding. His personal expeience, at least, was more consistent with the spiritual hypothesis, and

he requested his hearers to keep the two theories, in mind as he read on the following paragraph :

When the hypehometer cases the image of the writer of the letter, he is chirvoyant t is by clairvoyance that the knowledge of the color of the hair and cyss, and the ersonal appearance of the writer, is obtained. The psychometer passes out of the sychometric state and becomes clairvoyant. He no longer feels ; he seed.

Mr. P. said those who attempted to defend the psychometrical theory had phrenology, clairvoyance and spiritualism mixed up with it in a strange manner, but so arranged as to slide from one to the other, as

the force of facts and argument might make it necessary. They seem to be aware that the p-ychometrical theory can not stand alone, and they find it necessary to have clairvoyance and spiritualism close at hand to account for some portion of every fact or experiment. Mr. Brown discriminates between psychometry and clairvoyance, by calling one a sceing and the other a feeling process ; but by which of these processes he finds the writer of a letter which he holds in his hands or before his eyes, "deponent saith not;" probably neither. If Mr. Brown delineates the characters and peculiarities of persons by second, what right has he to say " the writer of that letter was very fond of music. and performed well on the piano." simply from "seeing before his eveveloping him as a meidum, that he may see and converse with her and a golden harp ?" This symbol, if it was one, might as reasonably be their dear boys, who, "sweet buds of light and life, had prayed for her understood to signify that the person was a maker of or dealer in colden harps or pianos, as that he performed well, etc. There is one thing Mr. P. had to complain of in psychometers, viz: that if they get an

impression, vision, dream, or what not, they begin to speculate on its in Latin, Greek, French, mathematics and the sciences in general. He significance, and when they happen to interpret it in accordance with will be required to devote five or six hours of each day to the business finely expressed. truth and facts, or in some suggistical manner, so that nobody can tell of teaching. So far as we are able we will be happy to answer the in- A personal acquaintance with Mr. Davis enables us to judge of his

whether it is true or false, it is paraded before the public as a wonder- quiries of those who may apply to us respecting this situation.

most fully satisfied that there was present a power through which his most secret thoughts could be externally expressed, and this, too, when proceedings of the Nicene Council have even been set forth with con-We know that many thousands, and among them many prominent he had given not the least indication to any one what those thoughts siderable circumstantial detail.

and influential men, entertain an opinion of this sort, and do not hesi-were. He then wished to know whether his own mind controlled the tate to speak of it as a fact settled and proven-a fact which no one has action of that power in the production of such communications, or that valuable columns for that purpose, I wish to respectfully inquire of a right to call in question. We are aware, of course, that to many we of some Spirit of the circle, no other hypothesis being supposable in yourselves, or of any of your numerous and intelligent correspondents, shall seem to be justly chargeable with incorrigible incredulity for join- this case. To solve this one problem was the object of the quostions Where may we find the historical records of any such action concerning the ing issue with this question, and denying the credibility of the testi-subsequently put. He accordingly asked the Spirit professedly commumony on which the supposed conclusion rests. And yet this is precise-inicating, how long a time it was since he died? "Twelve days," was ly our position, and it is one of thorough conviction. Of course we do the answer rapped out. You are wrong there, replied the questioner, not deny the intentional truthfulness of the witnesses, but we do allege addressing the spirit; it is only ten days since you died. I know absothat, in every instance, so far as we have been able to discover, they | litely that this is the fact, and you must be aware of it too. Please world. An early answer, therefore, to the above inquiry will much have fallen in some measure under the disorderly and persuasive influ- answer that question again? "Twelve days" was again given. Again gratify.

ence of Spirits, and hence have substituted for ultimate facts the in- and again he reasoned with the Spirit on the subject, affirming absopressions made upon their minds by the Spirits. In regard to the tables | lutely to him, that ten days was the only right answer. Again and that "stayed broke," and other similar cases, we do not see wherein again the same number as before was given. He then asked the Spirit our explanation is deficient. If a Spirit has power to make a man be- to designate the day of the week on which he died. Saturday was lieve that he sees a table moving across the room, when it does not stir given. You are wrong again, says the inquirer, you must be aware of any authentic history .-- Ep.

an inch, he may certainly make him believe that he has seen it broken the fact. You died on Monday, Please correct this mistake. Saturin pieces, without being 'touched by any natural thing, when the man day was given as before. Again and again the Spirit was told that himself, the deluded victim of these subtle arts, has broken it with his Monday was the true answer, and was expostulated with for not giving distinctly understood as admitting the phenomena, but as questioning own hands. We all know that under the old mesmeric dynasty, of it. Again and again, when requested to correct his mistake, Satarday which these spiritual phenomena appear to be only a more interior and was given.

the earth-life leaves the body and travels long distances, searches out full development, men were accustomed to produce similar delusions The man did die on Monday, and had just been ten days dead. How upon the minds of persons whom they brought under their influence were these singular answers obtained? When the inquirer asked the causing them to docertain things, and then to seem to remember, and Spirit to tell the time which had clapsed since, or the day of the week hence to relate those things in an entirely different way from that in on which he died, the inquirer would internally, and wholly unknown which they actually occurred. We have been among the spiritualists to any one but himself, fix his thoughts, and hold them fixed upon the often for the purpose of hearing their stories and observing their doings, number twelve, or Saturday, as the case might be. When he had re in order that we might ascertain, if possible, their true nature and char- migded the Spirit of his mistake, and asked him to correct it, he would acter. We could relate a great many things which would not be with- then, while the response was being rapped out, fix his attention upon out their weight in confirming the view here presented, but have not the wrong number or the wrong day, and the answer, in every instance time to do so to-day.

corresponded to that number or day, and not to the right one, as abso lutely known both to the inquirer and the Spirit professedly respond-EXQUIRIES FOR LIGHT .- Mr. J. V. Hoover of Walpole, Canada West ing. Between the thought in his mind at the moment and the answer

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tion with the invisibles, and not allow himself to be discouraged with WE listened with much pleasure to a lecture delivered at the Melo deon, in this city, last Sunday forenoon, by Mr. Davis, on the various a few failures and even apparent rebuffs, which he will afterward doubt less see were only apparent. Let him persevere, and success in the end existing despotisms in the world,-particularly THE DESPOTISM OF OPIN is sure to attend his endeavors after light and knowledge; and then Ios which characterizes our own country. Opinion was described as he will see the causes of his difficulties at the commencement of his inhaving an illegitimate origin, and acting the part of a vagabond as quiries, more clearly than we can now explain them. Our limited as well as an usurper-the product of ignorance, tradition, superstition, space and time do not permit us at present to answer directly his nine presumption, assumption, inference, misconception, mis-translation questions respecting the theology and philosophy of Spirits and Spiritetc., etc. It is imperious, dogmatic, unreasoning, besotted in regard ualists ; but for the most thorough satisfaction on these points we reto the past, a clog in the present, and uninspired as to the future -having no solid basis, and governed by no absolute law. Its ommend him to pursue the weekly issues of the SPIRITUAL TELEGRAPH. and also to acquaint himself with such other branches of the general mastery is complete over Church and State; over sects and parties; over creeds and institutions. As the mind grows in knowledge, it ceases

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The lecture was thoroughly practical, eminently suggestive, and

' walk and conversation," and the spirit by which he is animated. We

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The accompanying lines were written by a friend on the occasion of he departure of our dear sister.

THOU ART WITH US STILL.

- The trial is past, and the last sigh is breathed ! The dearly-loved voice is now silent in death; **
- Our hopes are laid low, and our bright dream has passed, All blighted and crushed by the grave's chilling breath.

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