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WE READ THE BIBLE AND FIND ITS INSPIRATION?

The above question was recently asked by a clergyman, and it has brought forth quite a little comment.

The question involves many points that do not appear on the surface or to a superficial observer. The average Bible believer will immediately answer, "No; but he will not take time to learn what the word 'inspiration' means before making the reply.

When we take the word 'inspiration' in the meaning it is generally understood by the church people, it appears to be a divine revelation. Not to be inspired from any super-mundane source, but necessarily from a principle or being. The proposition is that the Bible, all of it, the words as well as the good, is the inspired work of a deity of some kind.

Looking this view of the matter, it is easily said that the Bible is or is not the result of inspiration. But an orthodox friend does not so accept it.

If the Bible is inspired then its contents must be the measure by which to decide. If it is inspiration, it should come to us in a higher sense and be what it is considered impossible to get in any other way. Is it?

What part of the Bible necessarily requires the inspiration of a higher source of intelligence? Not the Ten Commandments, for there is not one of them that is of any value that would not have been forced upon us as a people without inspiration. I have worked all the summer to save for my flock of sheep and then have sheared them, carded the wool, spun the yarn and worked all winter to get out goods enough to make me out of clothes. It does not require the inspiration of a deity to make a commandment "Thou shalt not steal." I will make that commandment myself, out of the first principle of self-protection, and when you attempt to take my clothes away from me I will make a club and defend them and as long as I get away from you I will keep my friends who have been in the same boat as myself—have worked all summer to make them some clothes—and we will go to the store to be purloiner of someone else's clothes and say to him, "Thou shalt not steal." If you do look out for us. Now the slightest need of inspiration there is there?

The same rule applies to everyone of the Commandments. The Commandment against adultery was the necessary result of the disease resulting from indiscriminate sexual relationship, and not necessarily from any divine principle. It was the same thing—protection to the race.

"Thou shalt not covet" is the same. Covet anything and you will want it bad enough to steal it if you want it long enough and hard enough.

But covetousness is not a sin or a crime in itself. It is one of the greatest blessings under our present civilization. It has caused us to desire more comforts and utilities and all inventions are the result of covetousness. Not in an evil, but in a good sense, in most cases.

"Thou shalt not commit false witness," etc. We despise a liar. No necessity for any inspiration to make such a law.

But we will not follow this line. If the reader wants more of it, he can find it in "The Ten Commandments Analyzed" for sale at this office.

The Bible is made up of two parts: The prophetic and the historical. Prophecy is supposed to be foretelling what is to take place in the future. History is writing the records of the past.

Writing history certainly does not require inspiration. The events have already taken place, and all we do is to look the ground over, read the records of those who wrote upon it at the time and give our version of it. That is history, and the person who can do this is a great historian—such a man was Bancroft. But no inspiration can be considered as necessary in any such case.

Prophecy might be considered as requiring inspiration—but it does not necessarily do so. For instance we say, "It will rain tomorrow." Is that a thing that requires inspiration? By no means. It is only my judgment from the outward signs that are presented to me. It may be true or it may not—and neither is the fact of its being fulfilled or not any criterion of its being guesswork or inspiration.

The same thing will apply to the prophecies of the Bible, and many of them are recorded in books that internal as well as external evidence tells us were produced centuries after the fulfillment of the prophecy.

That would not require inspiration.

Was inspiration necessary to write the "beautiful story of Ruth" and Boaz? If so the inspirer must have come down to the present day and inspired some of the "French Novels" of the day. Was inspiration necessary when Moses "looked this way and then that way and when he saw there was no man he slew the Egyptian and hid him in the sand"? Did it require a very elevated inspiration to recount the actions of David in his relations to Uriah and his wife?

How about the command to "kill all the women and children except the virgins, and save them alive for yourself"? Did it require inspiration to carry that out and divide them up among the soldiers as prizes? Who gave the inspiration for the number that went to the Lord? Did it require any inspiration for Lot to offer his two daughters "who had not yet known man" to the mob and afterward raise children by them?

How about the stories of the trials of the ark; the animals, the Israelites and a number of other similar "fairy tales"? Did that require a special inspiration?

But this is enough along this line to show to any reasonable minded person that inspiration was not at all necessary to produce the Bible any more than it was any other book of the present or past ages.

We would answer the divine's question with a decided YES. It is easy to read the Bible and then deny its inspiration. Or if we admit its inspiration we must deny the goodness of the power that inspired it. We can not say that it is all good.

Again, the greatest unbelievers in the inspirational origin of the Bible are to be found among the people who study it. The greatest infidels have been great students of the book. They have done it to find out if there was any chance for eternal salvation through its teachings, and they have decided in the negative. In fact, they have always, so they stated, studied themselves out of a belief in the book as a book of inspiration.

Now we want to ask the reverend gentleman a question. Is there any claim that the New Testament is inspired? Is it not supposed to be a history of the events that actually took place? Do not the church people take the position that the book recounts the actual doings of the personages who are mentioned?

Did it require inspiration to write what Jesus actually said—if He ever said anything? If He did, it was repeating history. No need for inspiration. If He did not, inspiration could not make it true. It could not put words into the mouth of a person who never uttered them.

No, reverend sir, your position is not invincible. On the contrary it is a very weak one. It is as untenable as it is possible for a thing to be; and it is a surprise to us that you did not recognize it before putting such a statement before the public. It is possible that you might hold your ground with a person who did not know anything about the book, but not with one who did. The Bible is like all other books—no better, and no worse. It has some good things in it—some mighty bad things in it. If some person was to take the Bible and write it out into the plain English of today, it could not be the one who get the easiest jobs circulated. It would be denied the

mailing of "indecent and obscene literature." You would not permit your son or daughter read it. You would be surprised if you neighbor had it in his house. If you believe it, just forget your religious zeal for a time and look at it as you would any other book.

GREENBACK LOGIC.

You know that they had a Canal Day here last week and that it took me my time so that I did not have time to attend to anything, so my friends were disappointed—or pleased—because I did not put in an appearance last week. Of course I am in favor of the Canal. It means lots of water and I am always at home where there is water. How nicely those people looked on the Lily Dale platform—Now didn't they? I wish they would come again and tell us something more about water and some other things. Say! do you suppose it was because we had that Canal Day that it rained so hard the past week? What a lot of reports we did get in the papers. I only saw one that was not a good one and that was in the *Grave Bell*. I think that reporter must be bilious or else he is not accustomed to water and some of it went to his brain and he is suffering from water on the brain. Do you know I think that if he would take an ounce of fact, and mix it with a pint of common sense and take a teaspoonful of something, he would learn something. Anyway, he better encourage the Canal and then when they want more water to fill it let them take some of that on his brain. I have heard of printers though who did not have any. They met with an accident and lost it and then they filled the hole where the brain ought to be with printers rollers and composition; it is all right in the winter, but in summer when it gets warm it gets soft. But I do not believe the editor of that paper knew what kind of a story he was telling.

My friend H. D. Barrett was here this week. Well, Harry is a good boy if he has been playing in hard luck for some time. (I borrowed his money, but I don't just like it) but I hope his stars will turn the other way soon. I am sorry for the Spiritualists that he is not going to be president of the National Association again, but some one else will be and then they can be kicked. Perhaps he will laugh in his sleeve when he sees them paying tag with fault-finders and chronic grumblers and be, Oh, so glad! He is out of it, and all of these other people who are hankering for the honor will feel the same way. I have not decided who I will have for president yet. In fact they have not asked me. But I have read the papers and I want to prophesy a little: None of the candidates who are looking for it will get it. Maybe there will be a "dark horse" sprung on them at the last moment. How would that be?

Well, I will not say any more this time. I will let you alone until I am ready to tell you about the close of camp. Only I want you to remember that the Friends of Human Progress will hold their annual meeting at North Collins September 5, 5, and 6, and everyone who lives in this section of the country ought to be there. Perhaps I will go myself.

I have been over to Lily Dale Park several times lately. They have a nice floor and everything is in good shape for the little gatherings that are held there. Last Friday evening they had a big party and I heard some one say that a lot of people were coming from Portland with a brass band and a few fog horns to have a dance there next Friday night. I will be there sure and show you some of my new hops.

Yours Truly
A. GREENBACKER.

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Digging in the soil and chopping wood is hard work, but it requires no special skill; hence the wages that are paid are the smallest. The pay increases in proportion to the thought and skill required. Learn a good trade, and it will be with you when your friends and money are gone. Few boys take to tasks that require thought and persistent effort. Yet skilled work is the only employment in demand. Hod carriers and common laborers glut the market everywhere. The tradesman and artisans are the ones who get the easiest jobs and the most money. The others

are always hunting work. Should find who will take the trouble to they accidentally stumble upon a teach you one. When you are that job, they cannot hold it. A super-old you will want a man's pay. If official knowledge will not do it. If you don't know anything, you must be thorough. Boys, learn a won't get it. Knownothings work trade while you are young. After at odd jobs and are paid the lowest you are 20 years old few will be scale.—Gem.

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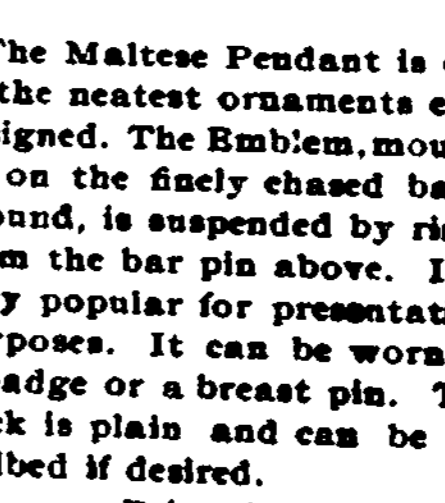
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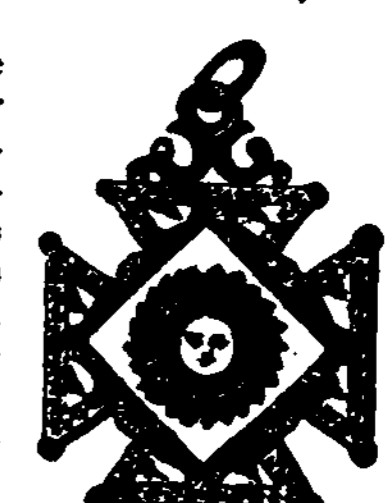
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LILY DALE NEWS.

By the time this paper reaches the majority of its readers the session of 1903 will be a thing of the past. It has been a successful one in all ways, notwithstanding the inclement weather that has prevailed most of the time. The people have been well satisfied with the program presented and the regular order has been carried out as perfectly as it has for a number of years past. On account of other matters Mayor S. M. Jones of Toledo, did not appear on the day appointed, but on account of a traveling incident Mr. Erwood was unable to attend, and he came for Sunday August 30.

Elbert Hubbard was also present Saturday and Sunday the 29th and 30th.

Mr. Barrett's visit was a source of gratification to his friends. He is looking much better than we had dared hope to see him, and his voice was strong and indicated little of the severe struggle he has passed through in the past months.

Dr. Austin gave several very interesting lectures and the friends fully appreciated them. He is engaged in an effort to organize a liberal college in this state and the prospects are that he will meet with success, large financial backing having already been promised him. As we understand the matter it is not a strictly Spiritualistic college, but one that will have a chair of practical psychology and also a department devoted to psychic science in all of its branches, not ignoring the truly Spiritualistic features of the case. Of course, with Dr. Austin's well known views and the stand he took when he left the church he could not enter into a college on a liberal basis without its being strictly nonsectarian and devoted to truth in whatever guise it may come. He is also in complete sympathy with the Morris Pratt Institute and indignantly denies the imputed inability of the Spiritualists to sustain the college and yet care for a few worn-out mediums.

N. S. A. DAY.

Wednesday, August 26th was N. S. A. Day. Mr. Barrett acted as chairman and it seemed natural enough to see him in the position he had occupied so long. The morning was devoted to a symposium and the afternoon Mr. Barrett spoke on the subject of Cooperation. During the day \$325.37 was pledged to the N. S. A.

PENNSYLVANIA DAY.

Friday August 28th was Pennsylvania day and it was enjoyed by the visitors from that State to the utmost. C. L. Stevens presided and among those who took part were Mrs. Wm. Liddicoat, M. R. Rouse, Mr. and Mrs. Akin, Mrs. E. J. Demorest, Mr. Garson, Mrs. Steele, Mr. Tischer, Mrs. Olds. The morning was devoted to a symposium in which the different speakers took part and it proved a very interesting occasion. In the afternoon Mr. Stevens in opening the meeting requested the band to play America and for the audience to join in singing it. This was done with a hearty good will and then the chairman called attention to the words of Thomas Paine that are prominently hung in the Auditorium, "The world is my country, to do good my religion." In his opening remarks he feelingly referred to the coming day when that would be the rule of the people of the world; when State and National lines would be wiped out and the entire world would be on a common system of brotherhood. Following the remarks of Mr. Stevens, Mrs. Stevens gave an address, but as a synopsis of it will appear in the near future in this paper, we will not refer to it only in a casual way at present. It is sufficient to say that the people enjoyed the day to its fullest extent.

Saturday Elbert Hubbard addressed the people on the subject of Robert Ingersoll, while Sunday was devoted to Mayor Jones and Elbert Hubbard.

Among the events of the session that deserve special mention are the different gatherings held by the Willing Workers. They have been uniformly well attended and they have raised quite a sum of money that is to be applied to necessary improvements. They have already done much in that direction, but not the least of their work has been the social intercourse that has been brought about by their work and gatherings.

Among the little incidents of the season that deserve special mention

are the resolutions introduced among the guests of the Leelyn and some of the campers in respect to George Pettengill. As he resembles his mother in geniality, he has become a great favorite with the guests of the hotel. It was therefore decided that something should be done to show their respect. Therefore a large sheet of manilla wrapping paper was procured, and an artist engaged especially to engrave the resolutions of respect and sympathy. This artist was imported from New York for the occasion. We noticed that it took a "Diehl" of "Gaule" to carry it out, but with the assistance of a number of friends it was completed and if he does not appreciate it and show it to his Cleveland friends, they should ask him to see it.

As he took the train a beautiful bouquet consisting of native grasses, and nature's flowers, some four feet in length was handed to him through the window. He left us smiling and doubtless wishing he could come back and get even—and he probably will.

Among the recent visitors to the grounds was W. A. Mansfield, formerly a slatewriting medium here, but now a popular physician in Ohio. He had not been here for eight years and received a rousing reception as he passed through the grounds.

Mr. Loomis, roadmaster of the D. A. V. & P. R. R. has been a visitor on the grounds several times this summer. He informs us that the railroad has never brought so many people here as they have this summer according to the best of his information. We know this to be a fact as he has taken the time of two men to attend to the work at the station here after being open for business at the beginning whereas until the past two years the station was not opened until a day or so before the session opened. This is gratifying to us and must be so to the R. R. Company. It ought to result in more accommodations another year.

Mrs. Maggie Vestal has gone to her home at Chesterfield, Ind. Mrs. Rymer has returned to Cincinnati. Don't forget the Farewell Session Wednesday.

Sunday morning proved to be lovely and it looked as though the day would be a complete failure as far as attendance was concerned. But as trains from both directions were filled and there was a large audience in the Auditorium both morning and afternoon. The people were exceedingly well pleased with the lecture by Mayor Jones of Toledo, and kept calling for him to go on even after the dinner bells had rung. In the afternoon Elbert Hubbard kept the audience in a roar of laughter showing what a ludicrous make-up with a few droll speeches will do.

The evening was devoted to a "Free Concert" in which a number of the visitors took part. At the close a purse of \$22.50 was presented to Mr. George H. Brooks, as a token of the respect in which he is held by the people. He responded in a fitting manner and the last Sunday was ended.

At the close of the morning meeting, Sunday, August 30th, August Herman of Buffalo, and Sylvia B. Coleman of Dunkirk, were united in marriage in the Auditorium, George H. Brooks officiating.

James DeMilt has secured a position as clerk in the Smith House at Ashtabula, O. He will take his new position as soon as The Maplewood closes.

MEDIUMSHIP.

HUDSON TUTTLE.

There is a class of persons who rank themselves among Spiritualists who make a constant practice of casting reproach and contumely on mediums and mediumship. They revile mediums personally or ridicule the communications. They assume to be too profound in science to listen to the incoherences of mediumship. Lecturers on the subject, supported by Spiritualists, use "medium" as a term of reproach.

Now as a culmination, it is heralded in a pretentious book as "The Great Psychological Crime."

We know that there is deception; that ignorant spirits often communicate; that there is an abundance of verbiage in spirit literature; but what of it? Are all books written by man free from faults? Are the usual conversations at social circles so transparently above the mediumship of spirits? It appears as self-evident that Spiritualism rests on the platform of deception, and these can be investigated and through mediumship.

Not only of the present time but of all past ages, it may be said that the faculty to receive communications from the unseen world has been a precious endowment of mankind. Without the facts furnished by that philosophy would be a dream. To thus degrade and ignore mediumship is to destroy the movement which draws all its supporting forces.

Mediums should hold to the downward as a priceless treasure and to seek the highest sphere of the mind and become en rapport with the blest and the best, and to train the thoughts so received with and purity.

The future demands that they do so; they owe it to themselves and Spiritualists should emphasize this necessity by a careful discrimination between the false and the true. *Editor-in-Chief of the N. S. A.*

NOTES.

In the case of the selfishness of the medium, it is much more to be feared than the selfishness of the client.

As the eyesights wound deeply, little considerations often bring sweetest results.

Clarity is the life of religion; intolerance is its death.

It is not spending a deed that is paid; it is the effect that counts, and the only relative is reparation.

Human life is governed by thought, feeling and action, and their misdeeds govern human life.

Generosity is never a loser; that love which becomes a law of attraction, which restores the equilibrium of that given out.

"He who looks into him who evil thinks" may mean perverted reflections or similar attractions.

Truth out of place is folly. Ignorance, false pride and selfishness are the roots of all evil.

Overlooking a greater to condemn a lesser fault in their children is the misfortune of short-sighted parents.

Who tempts another to an unjust deed becomes responsible.

The only absolute feeling of independence is that inherent in the development of the individual mind.

It is not the man who is at the wheel, but the man who is at the helm.

DON'T GIVE UP.

LEWIS R. HILLIER.

Although things look dark and drear don't give up. Although everything appears to go wrong don't give up. Don't give up any way! There is a wise destiny in all things, but every man helps to make his own what it is.

No matter what undertakings we are involved in we should not be satisfied with failure—we should strive for success.

Man should set no limits to his power of achievement. To do so is to cripple himself and make himself an unnatural being.

As we are in the lowest valley? Then let us aim our guns of aspiration at the highest mountains in sight and "make it."

In the old days of mining discoveries in the west and at the time when men sold all their possessions but those which were easily carried moving wagons were the motto, "Pike's Peak or bust."

No let us then aside all of our worn-out thoughts of fear and failure and out of any thought of busting let us reach the peak of success.

The commanding officer upon leaving a garrison called the men in command and said, "Will you hold the fort?" The other replied, "I will do my best." "Will you hold the fort?" again asked the other. "I will hold it or die," was the reply. For a third time he asked, "Will you hold the fort?" "Yes sir," emphatically came the third answer, whereupon the officer departed. Upon returning he learned that there had been a fierce engagement and that he who had promised to hold the fort.

We should make no compromise with defeat. No, we should demand that the powers of the mind be crowned with success.

It is determined that we will win, and we will win in the end. It is determined that we will win, and we will win in the end.

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To Make a Test of Telepathy

Editor Stead and Astronomer Serviss Arranging For an Interesting Experiment

The most remarkable contest of telepathy ever staged in the history of the world, it may be said, was that arranged by William F. Stead of London and Professor Serviss of New York, to test the possibility of the transmission of thought without any direct contact of the senses.

The test has its origin in the announcement of Mr. Stead from London to a committee of positive evidence, that he had I have to state that the state of mind of long distance telepathy is not a mere fancy, but a reality.



WILLIAM F. STEAD.

Mr. Stead, who made recently a journey to Nottingham, England, of 125 miles. In Nottingham he was stationed Mr. Franks, a member of the committee, while at the office of the London Review, Mr. Richardson, an American, was placed in charge of the telepathy experiments. Mr. Richardson, who, with Mr. Stead, was in charge of the experiments in charge of the telepathy experiments. Mr. Richardson, who, with Mr. Stead, was in charge of the experiments in charge of the telepathy experiments.

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herself a disciple of telepathy:

Thoughts do not need the wings of words. To fly to any goal. Like subtle lightning, not like birds. They speed from goal to goal.

Hide in your heart a bitter thought; still it has power to blight. Think hard, and though you speak it not it gives the world more light.

The science or cult (as you may choose to call it) of telepathy has many eminent supporters, who apparently have entire faith that in due time it will be raised from the realm of speculative theory to the dignity of exact science. Among these may be mentioned Sir William Crookes, the Rev. Dr. Parkhurst, Bishop Samuel Fallows, the Rev. Minot J. Savage, the late Dr. R. Osgood Mason, Professor William James, Ian MacLaren and Mark Twain.

The great American humorist has the honor of being the first telepathist of note in this country. Some years ago he advanced the theory of thought transmission, but at the time it was believed to be only one of Mark Twain's whimsical fancies.

Not long ago Sir William Crookes, the inventor of the Crookes tube, which made the X ray possible, and the president of the British Association of Scientists, startled the scientific world by declaring that it may be possible to send thoughts across the Atlantic ocean or around the world without either cables or the apparatus of Marconi.

"Is it conceivable," he asked, "that intense thought concentrated toward a person with whom the thinker is in

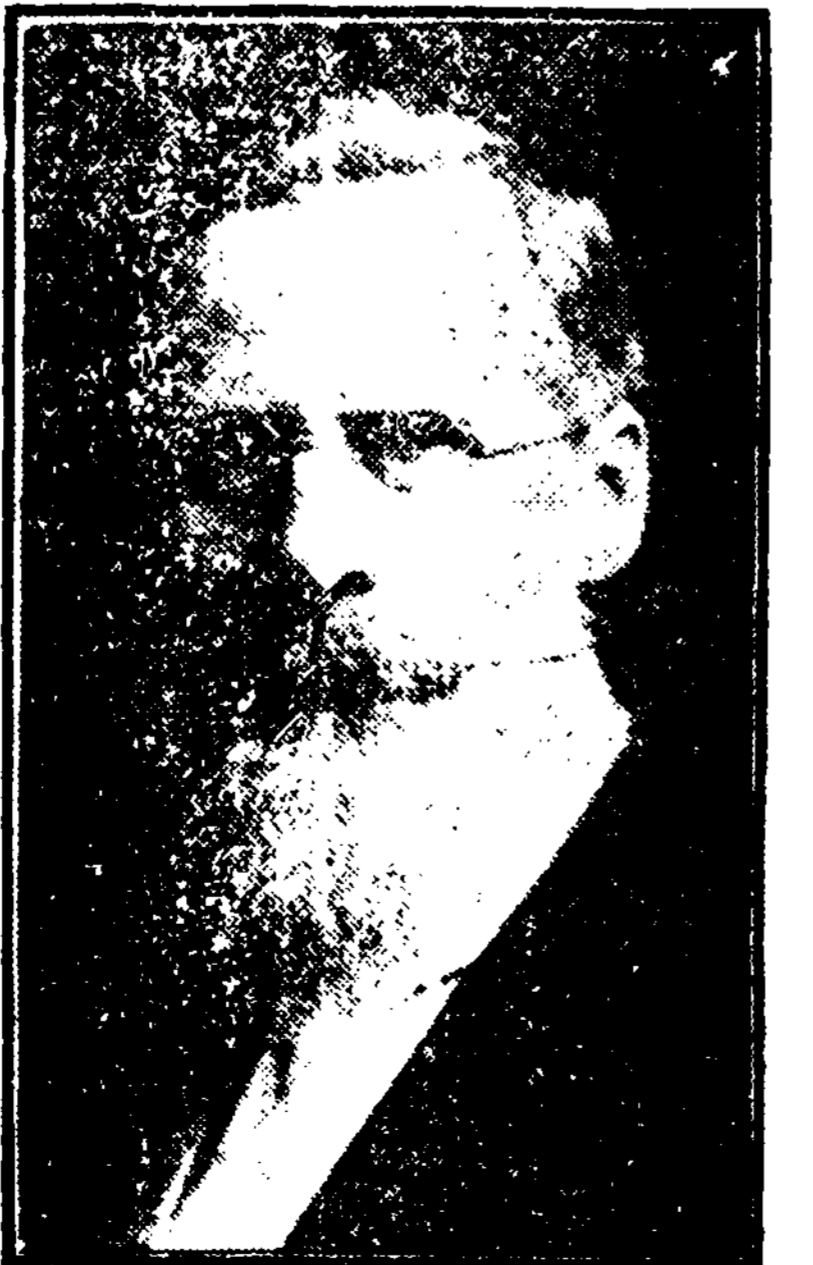


ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

close sympathy may induce a telepathic chain of brain waves along which a message of thought may go straight to its goal without loss of energy due to distance. May not the words 'far' and 'near' lose their meaning in these subtle regions of unobscured thought? I dare to suggest it."

Another notable telepathist is Bishop Samuel Fallows of the Reformed Episcopal Church.

"Telepathy is no longer a theory," said Bishop Fallows; "it is a fact. I



SIR WILLIAM CROOKES.

have been interested in it for years, and the thing I am pondering now is how to bring it into common everyday use. It works on the same principle as the new wireless telegraphy of Mr. Marconi. I will hail him as a benefactor of the human race who will teach people how to use this tremendous psychic force."

Bishop Fallows was first attracted to telepathy by a strange case which happened in his own parish. A young merchant who had several days before bur-

ied his wife was awakened in the night by her voice. He heard her calling his name and asking for help. So impressed was he by this mysterious message that he sprang to his feet, dressed and drove at once to the grave. When he uncovered the coffin and broke it open he found his wife alive and moving in an unconscious trance.

Lifting her into the carriage, he drove quickly to the house, summoned medical aid and had the unspeakable pleasure of seeing her regain her health.

Phenomena like this might be multiplied almost without end, but they suffice to indicate the marvelous possibilities of telesthesia. It may be a long time yet before every man will have his own telephone and send his messages at will through the ether to the remotest parts of the earth, but in view of the twentieth century developments in the transmission of intelligence and electric energy, without visible or material conductors, we may well say with Hamlet:

There are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, Than are dreamt of in your philosophy.

THE NEW WOMAN

Her Fads and Foibles

MANY women, like Peter Ibbetson, "dream true." More than would own to it have visions of the future. It is certainly now a time when the human nervous system is developing so rapidly that it will be able to catch sounds, far more delicate suggestions, than the average civilization is at present able to do. This is a lost one which animals and extent primitive man retain. Women have with their keen nerves the frequent gift of clairaudience or clairvoyance. Several ladies I know from sources imperceptible to the outward senses. Some impressions come as astral pictures, as soundless voices. There is nothing supernatural about it; only a more finely attuned nerve system than most impressions unperceived before. The real help of these impressions is not, however, the vulgar one of telling us to gain our coarse and crude aims, like getting rich or winning a husband. One who depends on the vision for things like this will be astray by her own foolish intuition. The real help is spiritual. For this vision can be every time. A few mornings of the women I mentioned was a sound, sweet sleep and at the moment of doing so perceived something. To save her life she could not distinguish whether she herself said it or whether something said then. It was probably what is called her subconscious mind that spoke the words. They seemed to come as the close of an oration or message of some kind; but whatever the source they lingered with her all through the day and night after that like a sweet perfume. The words were: "Be strong, be steadfast." A cumulative fast came last, as though to fast was the summing up of it all. Perhaps it is.

A little girl named Violet, eleven years old, thought to surprise her mother by some fine needlework she had learned from a small self. She had done some very delicate hemstitching. I think they call it it was that kind where you draw threads out of a thing at the hem and then further make it by means of a thread and needle so that a line around the hem will tear and wear out sooner than the rest of the article. I suppose that is done for. This little girl took the utmost pains with a specimen of time and labor wasting work. She carried it to her mother, expecting praise. But her mother said, "Violet, throw away that stuff, and don't you touch any of it again. I won't have you ruining your eyesight that way." Sensible mother! Violet to have such a mother!

"The world is for woman all."

An Abstract Idea.

At a card party at Charles Lamb's and Lamb's brother George into a discussion as to whether Holm was as good as that of. At length they became so excited they upset the table and set other by the throat. In the struggle Hazlitt got a black eye, but the combatants were parted by Talfourd, who was offering aid and said: "You need not trouble yourself, sir. I do not mind a black eye. Nothing affects me but an abstract idea."

Dogmatism.

A pretty snub delivered by a professor to a very young and very dogmatic undergraduate is refulgent in a work of fiction. "Dogmatism is the don's don't," said the professor, "is puppyism reached maturity. It may be said of dog Latin that it is used by pups.—London Globe.

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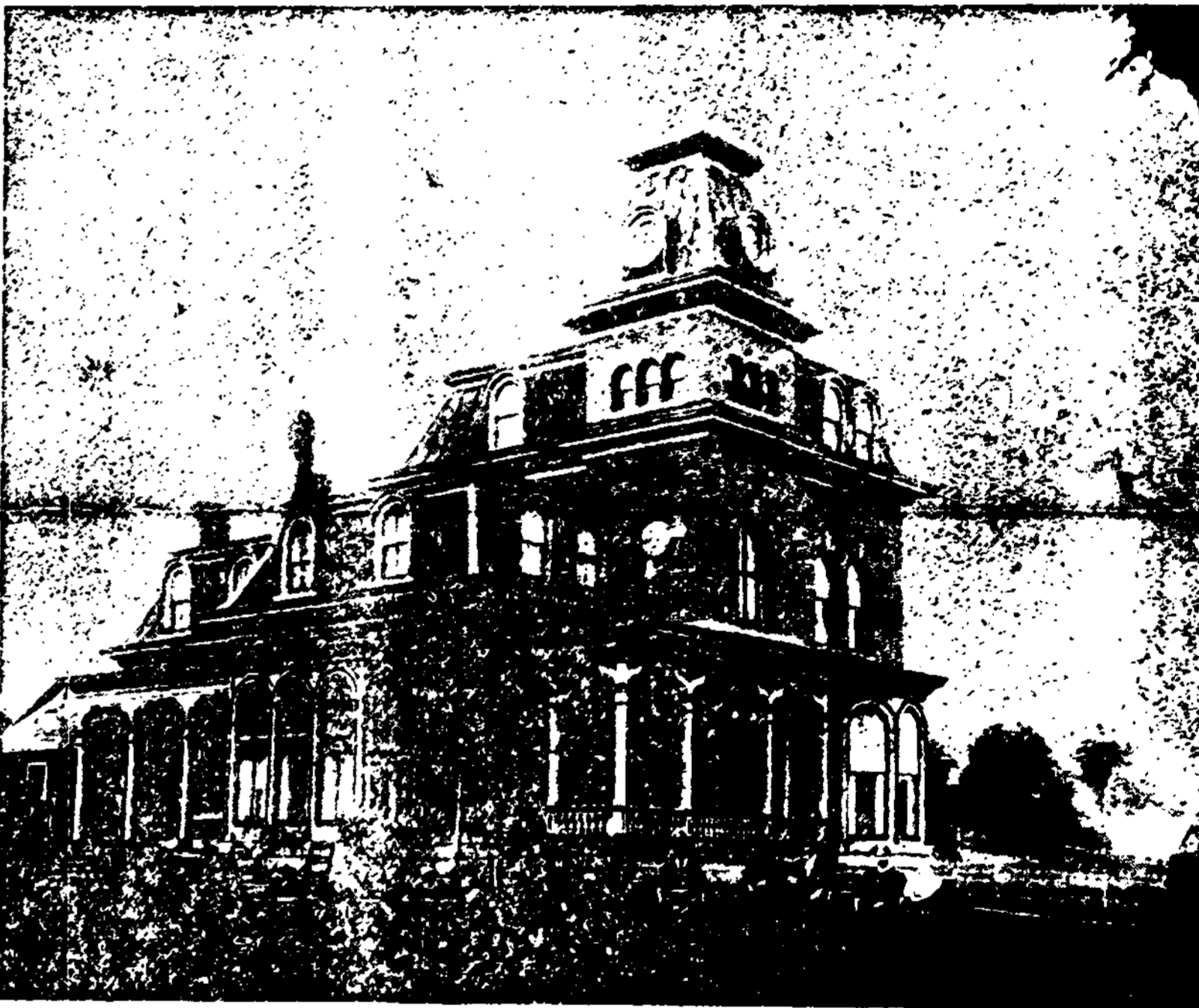


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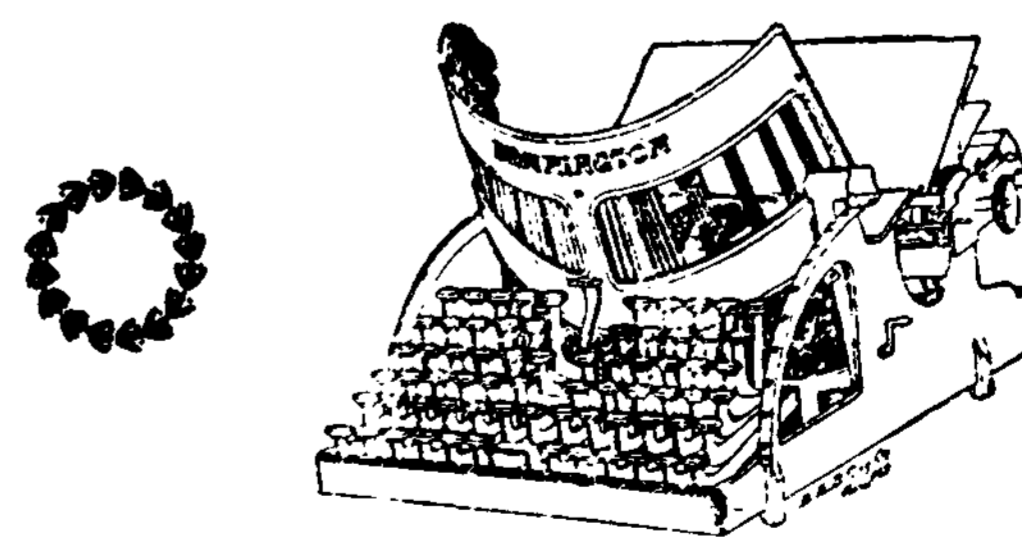


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CHEERFULNESS.

Thou would increase your happiness and prolong your life, forget all thy faults. Forget all thy faults. Forget the fault. Give little thought to. Which provoked it. Forgive the faults of your friends. Remember the good points. You fond of them. Personal quarrels or historical may have heard by accident. It repeated, would. Times worse than. As far as possible. Of life, they will. They will only grow larger. Remember them, and the. Of the acts of. Worse still, malice, would tend to make you more. Obliterate every disagreeable from yesterday. With a clean sheet. Write upon it for sweet. Only those things. And lovely, and lovable.

SINCERITY.

Has ever occurred to you that there are at least two distinct worlds—the one his life as it is, the other, the other the. Is within himself? Which is his real life, his? Obviously, a man knows more than any one else can. He is coldly and somewhat aware of his foibles, his

limitations, and out of this very knowledge arises the necessity and fact of his other life—the life which is a constant effort to be that which he is not.

While the man as he knows himself, is undoubtedly, the real man, and the life he leads in the inner recesses of his own soul, his conscience, is his real life, yet the life he leads before the world is the life that creates his outward conditions.

The world smiles with approval on the man who succeeds in maintaining the calm, cool, suave exterior that gives so little inkling of the passions within. The most favorable conditions surrounding the man of ready wit, resource and the power to make others see with his eyes, and that, too, when his vision is not always the best.

You resent these conditions. Often you find yourself grumbling. "What's the good of sincerity, honesty, true motive? The man that can 'put up the biggest bluff' is the man that wins."

So it would seem; and yet what you call "bluff" is but an effort to make others believe that he is good, great, powerful. Until he makes a worthy effort to be worthy, the world does not recognize him.

A man's constant "bluffing" isn't always conscious "bluffing"! Remember that. He begins by trying to be that which he knows he is not. His family, his friends, the world looks up to him. The greater his expectations the more he tries to fulfill them. Practice makes perfect. He can rise to any occasion, to any height.

Social conditions, the law of convention, and so many other causes make it well-nigh impossible for a man to be a personification of sincerity. It is better so. If a man were always sincere in all that the term implies, he would appear to the world his own rough, crude, imperfect self. He would make no effort to please other than himself. All the passions to which he is heir—love, hate, jealousy and the thousand evils that come under these headings—would be spread broadcast on the world.

Sincerity of purpose! That's the thing! Sincerity of thought, expression, ideas! If you have ideals in love, friendship, business, follow them up sincerely. Sincerity, honesty of purpose, the kind that gives expression and finds itself in the glance of the eye, the firm grasp of the hand, the whole-souled spontaneity—that is the kind that is so irresistibly appealing.

In all walks of life, in love, friendship and all social intercourse, sincerity of purpose is the only factor that wins reciprocity.—Emily Elsnor, in *The Magazine of Mysteries*.

HORATIO W. DRESSER ANSWERS SEVERAL QUESTIONS

"How can we overcome the habit of dreaming?" By cultivating poise, equanimity. Dreams are due to nervous tension. If you would sleep restfully, live moderately, avoid all excesses, acquire self-control. Intelligent development of the calm, measured kind brings control of the brain cells as a natural result. Spiritual faith brings sincerity, spiritual service brings self-expression. Thus freedom is the keynote, the free, many-sided expression of life, and freedom from extreme activity in any one direction.

"How do strong desires with regard to outward circumstances justify one in forcing changes in

places of abode or changes in occupation?" Not at all. If you have a strong desire in the highest direction, know that the circumstances requisite to its fulfillment will come in due time, according to the divine law of evolution. If you desire to change your occupation, do your present work well, and aspire. But do not force any thing.

"Does the spirit speak to us in our strong wishes, in our discontent?" Unquestionably. The discontent is evidence of somewhat better which is approaching. But have patience. As surely as your mind is quickened by new aspirations, so surely will the road to their fulfillment be revealed at the right time. It may sometimes happen, however, that, in order to follow the new and higher leading, one must break away from the old environments. Whenever you break away, be sure it is a higher leading, not a personal decision.

A Cure For Laziness.

As laziness is due to a diseased nervous system or nerves made plastic by prolonged rest (imprisonment, for example), excess, and often a weak mentality, its cure may be found in mind-culture or anything that gives food for thought, interesting to the patient.

If inherited, reading is one of the best remedies; for it keeps the mind in constant motion and engenders brain-activity, which is stimulating to the nerves and thus healing. If self-created through indiscretion, study and observation are the remedies of course combined with temperance, that the food effects of mind-culture may not be disturbed by sensualism. According to the latest discoveries of science, a so-called book-worm is said to be the cause of laziness. It is neither the cause of laziness nor the effect of it. But it is an effect of indolence or moral torpidity, whether inherited or self-created.

Indolence per se is also an effect, due to impure blood—made sluggish by an impotent will to slough off its innate or adopted unspiritual emotions, such as false pride, old prejudices, selfish heart delights, etc. But as mental culture cures laziness—substituting deference for false pride, tolerance or charity for prejudice, and generosity, or kindly thoughts and actions generally for those that are unkind, unloving or unspiritual.

Thus laziness and indolence are but physical effect of a life-cause misapplied or misused; and nature's physician must prescribe the remedies. ARTHUR F. MILTON.

N. Y. State Spiritualists Association.

Arrangements are now completed whereby Mrs. Tillie U. Reynolds and Mrs. R. W. Barton are to act as missionaries and organizers in the State of New York, commencing their labors September 1, and we desire that persons in all parts of the State who wish to have one or more meetings held in their localities will correspond either directly with them or with the president of the State Association.

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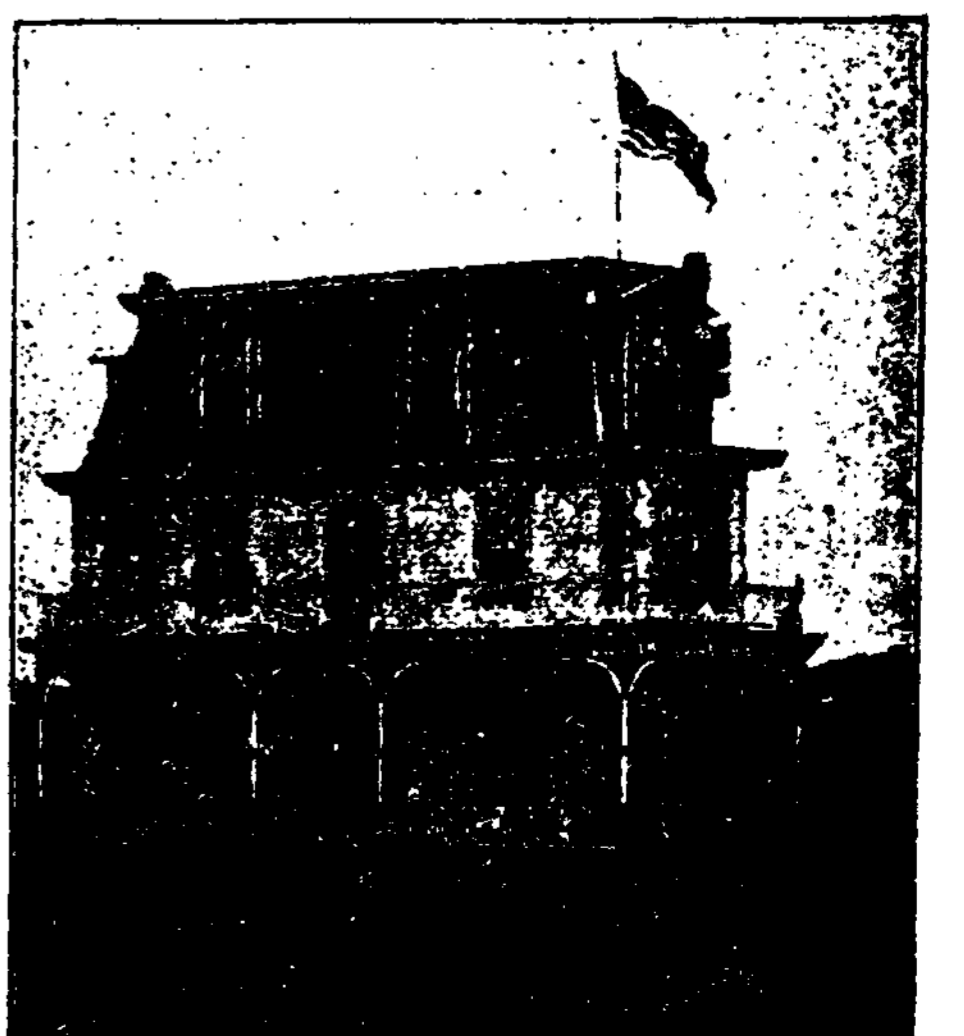
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WEATHER PREDICTIONS.

M. T. Foster, of St. Joseph, Mo., is in Washington investigating the weather bureau reports to perfect his system of foretelling the weather by the planets.

The Weather Bureau has competition in forecasting the weather. Its competitor uses an entirely different method in arriving at conclusions as to atmospheric conditions, and can predict for indefinite periods in the future.

The weather prophet is Mr. W. T. Foster, of St. Joseph, Mo., who has been in this city, says the Washington Star, since March last making a study of some of the weather records in the weather bureau in order to further perfect his system. He predicts the weather from the relative positions of the planets, having been engaged for 27 years in developing his theory that the atmospheric conditions on earth are entirely controlled by planetary influences just as the tides of the ocean are controlled by the movements of the moon.

A PRESENT DANGER PERIOD.

Mr. Foster has made a prediction, which is published in the Star for the first time, of dangerous storms in nearly all parts of the world during August, September and October of this year. These storms, he declares, will be very severe on the Atlantic Coast. In this prediction he does not intend to convey the idea that storms will be experienced of a kind never known before, but that they will be of a very unusual severity and quite destructive. This prediction as made by Mr. Foster follows:

"Dangerous storms may be expected in nearly all parts of the world during August, September and October. They will be particularly noted in the great central or Mississippi valleys, where all kinds of severe storms, including tornadoes, will occur; in the northwestern spring wheat country, where hail storms will do considerable damage, in Atlantic Coast and other Eastern States in the way of tropical and trans-continental storms; on North Pacific and North Atlantic along northern steamship routes; in East and West Indies; along east coast of Asia and on Gulf of Mexico.

"These destructive storms will come to our notice in a preliminary and moderate way within a few days of August 16 and 24, and will become severely fierce near September 7, and will reach the apex of their energy near September 21. The parting blasts of these furious storms will occur near October 6 and 19. Very cool weather on the continent near August 26, September 23 and 28, caused by tropical storms to the southward.

"W. T. FOSTER.

Washington, D. C., July 31, 1903.

STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION.

The story of Mr. Foster's struggle for recognition of his system of making weather forecasts sounds very much like the stories of all inventors and men with original ideas that receive but a cool reception when they are first introduced into highly scientific circles. It cannot be said that Mr. Foster has been received into scientific society. His claims have not yet been demonstrated to the full satisfaction of the scientists, but he believes that within the near future his system will be accepted by everyone as the only sure method of making weather predictions far enough ahead to be of real benefit to the farmers of the country.

While Mr. Foster has for 27 years been a student of planetary influences on the weather, he has for 17 years been putting out regular weekly forecasts in newspapers of New England, New York, Pennsylvania, the Ohio and Mississippi valleys and Texas. He now sends his predictions to 125 newspapers and thereby hopes to make "both ends meet" while he is developing his theories in regard to the weather.

"Scientific investigators generally do not believe in utilizing their ideas by attempted practical demonstrations until they have fully perfected their system, but with me it has been a matter of necessity to do so, as I have been enabled to live through the income I have received from the newspapers that have taken my weekly forecasts," said Mr. Foster to a Star reporter.

"It has been said that a man can guess the weather 50% of the time, but that is a mistake. Based on guesses not over one-third of the weather predictions will be verified. I do not claim that my system is perfect, but I do maintain that from

two-thirds to three-fourths of my predictions have been absolutely correct. That is a high average of correctness for predictions under my system, and it proves conclusively that I have a system that is based on scientific principles. It will only require the complete development of this system to demonstrate that it is the only method by which the weather can be forecast with certainty for long periods in advance.

"The farmer has little interest in a forecast of but a few days in advance, even if it shows a large percentage of correctness. He wants to know what the weather will be during a season, and if that information can be given him correctly it would be of the greatest advantage to him in the planting of his crops."

Mr. Foster was asked to explain in some detail the method by which he makes the predictions in relation to the weather. Entering into detail he explained the nature of the system by which he works out his weather problems.

SYSTEM OF HIS WORK.

"The position of the moon and earth, relative to the sun, Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Mercury, will cause storms," he said. "The planets are great magnets, and affect each other through the magnetic system of each. It is a well-known fact that magnets affect each other by varying their distances; this is the principle of the electric-dynamo by which electric currents are generated. The magnetic effects do not occur at all places on the neighboring magnet, but at particular places and the effects of sun, moon and planets on our earth reach the earth and through its magnetic poles, magnetic equator and permanent high barometers, and are disturbed through the transient high and low barometers that constitute our storm waves.

"We know that our sun and moon cause the principal tides in the oceans and if they affect these great bodies of water why not cause tides in the atmosphere? If sun and moon, why not also the planets affect our earth and its atmosphere? Jupiter is 1400 times larger than the earth, and the well-known 11-year magnetic period has a close relation to the combined movements of Jupiter, Saturn and Mercury.

"Dr. Gates, of this city has shown that a current of electricity can be manipulated so as to cause rain out of a clear atmosphere. The experiment has been repeatedly witnessed at Chevy Chase Circle. He has also shown by witnessed experiments that two powerful magnets, representing two planets, placed so far apart that they do not affect each other, may be brought into magnetic touch by introducing a third at the proper angles from the first two.

"I have found that such relative positions of the planets affect the magnetic system and atmospheric conditions of our earth. Astronomers all admit that at the time of our greatest electrical earth storms unusual disturbance occurs about eight minutes after the disturbance is seen on the sun, agreeing with the velocity of electricity and light. Excepting my own efforts, all meteorologists are looking to the sun as the original cause of these electric, magnetic and atmospheric agitations. But why should the sun, king of the solar system, keep up a continuous disturbance in his family by discharging electric blasts at them? Is it not more reasonable that the eight great planets, by changing their distances from the sun millions of miles, by crossing from one hemisphere of the sun to the other, by rapidly approaching and receding from each other; the similar movements around their principals of the 19 moons; the changing positions of the 400 little planets and the coming and going of the comets cause those electrical disturbances, and through the latter our weather changes?"

EFFECTS OF THE PLANETS.

"Our most prominent magneticians say that the vibrations in the earth's magnetic impulses can be accounted for by the movements of the moon. If the moon has such effects, why not also admit that the planets may have similar effects?"

"The outer-most planet of the solar system, Neptune, was found by the effects it had on Uranus. The latter is so far from the sun that it is not visible to the naked eye, and Neptune in immensely beyond Uranus, yet the latter was pulled out of its orbit to such a considerable distance by Neptune that the then young Levenier, by a mathematical

calculation based on the facts, was able to point out the spot in outer space where the new and unknown planet would be found.

"Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Venus and Mercury are very many times less distant from the earth than Neptune is from Uranus, and why not they affect the earth as Neptune does Uranus? When the earth approaches Jupiter, Saturn, etc., it is pulled thousands of miles out of its orbit. Can you conceive how this would occur without affecting the earth's atmosphere, and therefore the weather? Our moon is very unsteady in its orbit, varying in or out every time a planet approaches our earth, and from planetary causes its orbit is constantly changing. Mercury is pulled thousands of miles out of its orbit whenever it nears the earth or any of the other planets. Herein are the indisputable evidences of planetary effects on the earth and each other.

"Why is it that scientists do not see that such effects must necessarily affect our atmosphere and weather? Is it not strange that anyone can doubt this proposition with all this undisputed evidence before them?"

THE DROUTH YEARS.

"The president of the University of New South Wales has long held that the great drouth years in various countries are caused by the moon's positions, which occur, according to his statement, at intervals of nineteen years, and all the leading scientists of Australia endorse that theory. Prof. Hazen, late of the U. S. Weather Bureau, found that the moon affects rainfall, and Prof. Clayton of Blue Hill Observatory, attached to Harvard College, found that the moon affects temperature. Prof. Tice, superintendent of the St. Louis Public schools, claimed that planetary effects on the weather reach their greatest extremes at the equinoxes of those planets. Prof. Mansell of Rock Island Ill., claims that the principal effects occur at perihelion, aphelion, perigee and apogee; that is, when the sun, moon and planets are nearest or furthest from each other.

Mr. Foster was born in Illinois and taught school in his early days. He served in the Union army during four years of the war, and for twenty years has been engaged in newspaper work. He has published extensively on astronomy, magnetism and meteorology. For about seventeen years he has devoted his time exclusively to the work of making weather forecasts and the development of his system. His forecasts have been read by millions of people in the regions they have covered. He has never made a business of predicting for this section of the country, as he has not until recently made a study of the weather records relating to the District of Columbia. Washington Star.

THE FULL MOON.
FLOESSIE GRISWOLD.

As the moon came out one night,
He beheld a wondrous sight;
'Twas in the month of June,
In the month that roses bloom,
And all happy lovers vow to never part.

It was in a garden fair,
In an old, old rustic chair,
There sat a lovely maiden,
With sunny floating hair,
And in her snow-white hands,
She held a note from foreign lands.

As she glanced the pages through,
Tears came in her eyes of blue,
For her soldier lover far away had gone,
And he was to go and fight,
Thae very, very night,
Before the next glad morn should in its splendor dawn.

The moon looked down in pity,
On the sad and lonely girl,
And with tear drops in her eye,
Did his lips with sorrow curl,
And he called some unseen fairy to take away her grief.

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