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HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD

CIRCLE OF ISIS, OF CHICAGO,

Headquarters, 619 Jackson Boul'd.

Chicago, June 20th 1895

Hon. John L. Thomas,
Asst. Atty Gen. P.O. Dept.
Washington, D.C.

Respected Sir: - It is now fully five months since the Dept. commenced its effort to decide whether I, as a regularly graduated physician of the old school, but now practicing mental healing, can send a medical appliance, that is mailable, so far as statute laws are concerned, through the mails. Is it not time the matter was settled?

My patients, who are using, and being benefitted by my system of treatment, indignantly accuse the administration of fraudulent extortion, in increasing the price of transportation to them, over 1200%. as they can only receive their Discs by Express.

Since I have violated no statute, and have been assured that there are no complaints from my patients, who have used my system of treatment, I claim my rights, as a tax paying, American citizen, to use the mails, both for the advertising and mailing of the Discs.

I shall have a friend or two in the next House of Representatives, who have assured me they will take pleasure in investigating the real cause for the indignities heaped upon myself, and the Hermetic Brotherhood, since the middle of last February, and what damages may have accrued, by the interference with my lawful business,

Very Respectfully
H. V. Phelon, M.D.

#619 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago,

April 23, 1895.

Hon. John L. Thomas,

Ass't Attorney General P.O. Dep't.,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir : --

Your favor of 19th inst. duly received, and I will try to give you such information as I am possessed of, and which I believe to be true, no matter how strange it may sound to the ears of any one who has not investigated the doctrines and teachings of the higher spiritual philosophy, of the present day. Let me premise by repeating, what I said to you in my communication of February 28th, which I sent to you by Adams Express, fearing that the mail transmission might be denied me. It was this: That I am a regular graduated physician, from the State University of Iowa, in 1865, with thirty years experience. I have always supposed a diploma entitled a graduate to use, at the bedside, or to send through the mails, (if mailable), any medical device, or medicine, that in his judgment, would hasten the recovery of the patient, or smooth the way to the inevitable. Acting upon this supposition, I have put out the disc, after having first tried it upon myself, then upon my friends, and with success upon some of my patients, where I could watch and note effects. Never have I dreamed that I

was doing an unlawful act. I have not made it an important factor in my business, it has only been a side-issue.

/ Q What is the name of the ancient Egyptian Mage who attends you and aids you in healing mental and physical maladies ?

A The Egyptian Mage who attends and aids me, calls himself Prince Ramases. He describes himself as having been of the royal house, but of the Priesthood and not of the kingly line. He has been with me for twenty years, and his teachings have been of the highest order of morality and purity.

Q How did this Mage give you the disc you sell for \$1:~~i~~.e. did he hand it to you in the form in which you send it out ?

A He gave me the secret of making the disc, through trance mediumship.

Q How did he communicate to you "whoever would wear one" (a disc) "will quickly grow into such harmony of body, soul and spirit as to be healed of sickness, quickened in mind and prospered in fortune: i.e. did he speak out loud or did he whisper it to you ?

A All his teachings are given in the same way, in conversational tones of voice.

Q Who makes these discs for you ?

A All the discs are made by me, but covered by another party.

Q Why does the ripping open of the disc destroy its force?

A The ripping of the disc destroys the adjustment of the parts, and also destroys the occult force of color, which enters into its construction as an essential element in its action.

Q Why will ^{harm}~~honor~~ come to the owner if the disc be not burned when its force is spent?

A It is "harm" and not "honor", that will come to the wearer, if it is not burnt. / This would be due to reabsorption of certain effete conditions centered around the disc, by the daily efforts of mental concentration, that are insisted upon in the directions for use. The disc of itself would not be of value unless the mantrims directed are properly and persistently used. The Prince in explaining this, said that the Record of Wisdom, "The Bible", declares that "God said let there be, and there was". And that the "Word was with God, and the Word was God." / As I say in my circular, it is about three years ago, since the disc was given me; and within the last week a book called "Barrett's Magus" printed in 1801, has come into my hands. From this, Book First, Chapter 3, page 30, I quote, as follows:

"Indeed the virtue of men's words are so great, that, when pronounced with a fervent constancy of the mind, they are able to subvert Nature, to cause earthquakes, storms and tempests. Almost all charms are impotent without words, because words are the speech

of the speaker, and the image of the thing signified or spoken of; therefore, whatever wonderful effect is intended, let the same be performed with the addition of words significative of the WILL OR DESIRE of the operator; for words are a kind of occult vehicle of the image conceived or begotten, and sent out of the body by the soul; therefore, all the forcible power of the spirit ought to be breathed out with vehemency and an arduous and intense desire; and I know how to speak, and convey words together, so they may be carried onward to the hearer at a vast distance, no other body intervening, which thing I have done often. Words are also often times delivered to us, seemingly by others, in our sleep, whereby we seem to talk and converse; but then no vocal conversations are of any effect except they proceed from spiritual and occult causes; such spirits have often manifested singular things to me, while in sleep or trance, the which in waking, I have thought nought of, until conviction of the Truth taught me credulity in such like matter."

This book printed nearly a hundred years ago gave me a wonderful confirmation of my belief that Prince Ramases, claiming to be a Mag~~g~~, is really versed in the doctrines of the "Magi" of which this "Magus" is a compendium. In these days when Edison and Tessler the modern magicians who are astonishing the world with their feats

in the realm of finer forces, declare that magnetism and electricity, are but the clothing or manifestation of a tremendous potency, able to will and to do, and which we shall sometime be able to control as joint heirs with the Son, can we doubt the probability or possibility of any development along these lines? There is certainly one advantage in the use of the disc as an aid to the concentration of the mind of the patient. It leaves no disagreeable after effects, to retard the patient's recovery, which is one of my objections to the systems of medication most in vogue at the present day. Egyptian Magi and the doctrines they teach. Now and

Q Why can't you or your powerful Mage give the disc perpetual force?

A Perpetual force cannot be given to the disc, because the elements of its composition are not everlasting in their material.

Furthermore, being worn next to the flesh, they are contaminated by the effluvia of the body, some much more rapidly than others, varying with the conditions of the patient. I don't doubt but that a perpetual power could be constructed as is instanced in the power of gems, but they could not be sold for a dollar.

Q How many discs have you sold?

A As the discs have been, as I said before, a sort of side-issue, I have kept no account of sales. I should judge that they

might amount to three or four hundred, during the three years I have been making them. A large proportion of the orders being from parties who desired to continue their use after the first trial.

I have done no particular advertising, only sending out the circular occasionally to those whom I was informed understood our philosophy, and to whom its wording would be perfectly intelligible.

Q Judging from their letters do your patients believe that the ancient Egyptian Magi attend you in your work ?

A My letters almost invariably tell me of the faith my patients have in the Egyptian Magi and the doctrines they teach. Now and then, I have a sceptic who is willing to go a dollar, for the chance of being bettered. These exceptions, of course, do not always gain the same benefit, from the use of the disc, as if their minds were more facile, and still they will confess to its power.

Q How many people have applied to you for help, who profess to believe in your occult powers ?

A All who are personally acquainted with me, to the number of hundreds, more or less, give me credit for the occult powers which I possess, and which were born with me, clairvoyance and clauri-~~au-~~dence. I do not keep a list and cannot give you the exact number. But I have a great number of dear and warm friends scattered all over the country.

Q Do your patients generally believe that spirit enemies cause their mental and physical suffering?

A I can hardly say that my patients believe that spirit enemies cause mental and physical suffering, using the word enemies as an entity, but that spirit force, malign or friendly, produces our states, when we lapse into passivity, or deplete ourselves by diffusion, the opposite of concentration, which is the action intended to be brought about by the disc.

Q How do you polarize a disc for a particular person whom you never saw?

A The polarizing of the disc for particular persons is determined by my psychometry of the letters received from them.

Q How do you polarize a disc: i.e. by what process?

A The discs are polarized, by exposure to the rays of the sun or moon, at certain hours of the day, or of the age of the moon, and by intense mental concentration. }

Q I telegraphed you an acceptance of your stipulation today. I trust you will see the necessity, in behalf of my patients of acting in this matter as promptly as the law will allow.

I give you my word of honor to neither advertise nor send out any discs to any one, pending this investigation. In fact, since I was first notified, I have refrained from any advertising of it.

Ad I told you in my communication sent by express, February 25th, 1895, I have no desire nor design to offend against the law of my country, and if you should decide the sale of the disc was illegal, I should stop it. Of course, from a physician's standpoint I cannot see its illegality, but a lawyer's view is sometimes essentially different from a doctor's.

Totally unacquainted as you have been with the reasons for my claims it would be strange if you were otherwise than sceptical. I would like to add that the people with whom I am most intimately associated are more or less cultured, doctors, lawyers, editors, authors, hard-headed politicians, but all as you, seekers for the Truth which Jesus the Christ declared should make all men free. This freedom is guaranteed to every American citizens by the Constitution of the United States in regard to religious thought and action.

Mrs. Margaret B. Peeke, teacher and lecturer on the Occult Philosophy, upon whose principles the action of the disc is founded, is to have a class in Washington, within a few days, I wish that you might see her, if this subject is of any interest to you. She is a master where I am a student.

It is over two months, since the first steps were taken in this investigation, do you wonder that "Hope deferred maketh the

heart sick," especially when that heart is unconscious of any intent to violate law.

Permit me also to call your attention to the fact that my name is of English origin, Phelon; and not the Irish, Phelan.

If I have failed to make my meaning on any point clear, or if you should desire supplementary information, I shall be only too glad to try to elucidate.

With the greatest respect,

W. P. Phelon, M.D.

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Post Office Department,

Washington, D. C., February 12, 1895.

ORDER NO. 48

It having been made to appear to the Postmaster General upon evidence satisfactory to him that

W.P. Phelan,
Dr. W.P. Phelan, W.P. Phelan M.D. and the Hermetic Brotherhood, Circle of Isis,

at #619 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, are

engaged in conducting a scheme or device for obtaining money through the mails by means of false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, in violation of the provisions of section 3894, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended, and section 5480, Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended. Now, therefore, by authority vested in the Postmaster General by sections 3929 and 4041, Revised Statutes of the United States, and by Act approved September 19, 1890,

I DO FORBID THE PAYMENT by the Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois

of any POSTAL MONEY ORDER drawn to the order of said Dr. W.P. Phelan,

W.P. Phelan, W.P. Phelan M.D. and the Hermetic Brotherhood, Circle of Isis

and the said Postmaster is hereby directed to inform the remitter of said postal money order that payment thereof has been forbidden, and that the sum of said money order will be returned upon presentation of a duplicate money order applied for and obtained under the regulations of the Department.

And upon the same evidence the Postmaster at Chicago, Illinois aforesaid, is hereby instructed to return all registered letters which shall arrive at his office directed to the said Dr. W.P. Phelan, W.P. Phelan, W.P. Phelan M.D. and the
Hermetic Brotherhood, Circle of Isis

to the Postmasters at the offices at which they were originally mailed with the word "**fraudulent**", plainly written or stamped upon the outside of such letters.

And said Postmaster is hereby instructed, in accordance with section 3 of the Act of March 2, 1889, aforesaid, to notify said parties, ~~or any person~~ representing said parties, to appear at said post office to be identified; and if the said parties, ~~or any person~~ representing parties, shall fail to appear and be identified, all letters, postal cards, and packages addressed to said parties, ~~or person~~ representing it (them), shall be forwarded to the DEAD LETTER OFFICE by said Postmaster as fictitious matter.

To

Asst Atty Genl

W. S. Bussey

Postmaster General.

P. O. Doyle

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The matter of retentions of
money by P.O. Dept.
H. P. Phelon. M.D. et al.
{ Case 185611 G.

To Hon. John L. Thomas,

Attorney-General P. O. Dep't,

Washington, D. C.

In the matter of detention of moneys
in the hands of the Money Department,
and the Registry Department.) Case No. 185611C.

In addressing you, sir, I find myself at serious disadvantage in not knowing specific charges against me, as filed in your office, on which I have been condemned unheard, and already punished by detention of money en route to me, and a disarrangement of my business. In making the statement below I am simply guided by what little information the Postoffice Inspectors have given me.

I am a regular graduated physician of the State University of Iowa, Class of 1865; and previously a student of the Chicago Medical College. I am sixty-one years of age.

I have resided in Chicago continuously since 1874. As I have been an invalid since the war, I have been obliged to do a general office practice, and always a large business by mail, with patients in various parts of the country. This is my first unpleasant experience with the Department.

For twenty years, I have been studying "Occultism" and Eastern, mystic lore, especially in regard to its power to heal and harmonize suffering humanity. I have never been in favor of heroic or

drastic medication, as often practiced by my fellow-laborers in this humanitarian field. I hailed with delight the advent of Christian Science and Mental Healing, as a solution of a vexed question: "How all healing is really accomplished?" Perhaps you are aware that a Church costing \$250,000, and all paid for by the offerings of grateful hearts, as a tribute to Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the organization of Christian Scientists, has recently been dedicated in Boston. It is the contribution of thousands of healed people, "of whom the graveyards have been robbed," to use their own phraseology. There has not been a particle of medicine used in their healing. The power employed by them is the same I use in the application of my little harmonizing disc, which gives my absent patients something tangible to hold by, while being treated.

As a regular physician I was always instructed by my professors and hold as an opinion, that any line of medication, or appliance that would give my patients relief, or a system for relieving themselves, was lawful for me to use, from bread-pills, up to the last operations of Uterotomy.

In my idea of fraud on the medical line I have supposed that one of the three following things must exist.

First, That the remedy offered was for an incurable disease, the person offering it knowing it to be such. Under this head, I would class all cures for advanced Phthisis, or for Cancer. But

the disc is not offered except as a harmonizer of one's own mental, bodily and spiritual conditions. When the patient becomes harmonious, the body will be at its best; the brain will be clear; the mental action quickened, and all business operations more likely to be successfully performed. This is the teaching of the Masters of the School of Occultism.

Second, When there is no return for money sent. On this score I have been particularly careful. During all the years of my practice, I have always sent just what I agreed to, and no person can truthfully say I ever failed to make such return.

Third, That the thing sent out may be perfectly valueless. Under this head, I have ample testimony from my patients who have used the disc that it is of benefit. When a person sends for three or four discs in succession, it must appear to every one that he regards it of benefit. I have many patients who have done this after intervals of three months trial each time. Further, I have never been told by anybody, after using, that the disc had been of no value.

I was informed through the Inspector that no one who had ever used the disc had complained. But that the inquiry was made at the instance of some one who was afraid I might swindle some body. Of this I know nothing, but undoubtedly, your Honor's well known legal ability and erudition will allow it fair weight in your de-

cision of this part of the matter.

The wording of the circular may seem somewhat redundant and Oriental in its phraseology. But it is intended for those who are on the same lines of thought as myself, and they can understand just what I desire to say.

Furthermore, as a generator of magnetic current, the disc has equally as good a standing as the magnetic rings which are advertised and sent through the mails with a promise to cure rheumatism; or the amber beads which are worn to prevent quinsy sore throat; or gold beads relied upon to cure incipient goitre.

This healing device of the disc is a matter belonging to me personally, no living person, beside myself, is in any way responsible for it, and I was astonished to find the "Hermetic Brotherhood" and the "Circle of Isis" were made co-respondents in the matter.

During my studies on occult lines, I have drawn about me many people seeking instruction on these lines. This has resulted in the formation of the Hermetic Brotherhood, or the Circle of Isis, and at present I am chief officer of the Brotherhood, whose societies are formed solely for mental culture and religious thought. All mail matter coming to them is from those having business relations therewith, from members thereof, or from those in accord with the objects and purposes of said society. I file herewith papers further explaining their "Objects and Aim", and the in-

struction given monthly for their study.

If without intent, as I have tried to explain, I personally have yet technically ^{offended} against the Postal Laws of the country, I am willing to so modify or discontinue the further advertising of the discs, as your interpretation of the law may demand. And I request that the inhibition placed on my registered mail and the payment of Postal Notes, and on that of the Hermetic Brotherhood and the Circle of Isis be removed.

H. P. Phelon, M.D.
619 Jackson Bould.
Chicago,
Ill.



HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD

CIRCLE OF ISIS, OF CHICAGO,

Headquarters, 619 Jackson Boul'd.

Chicago, May 15th, 1895.

Hon. John L. Thomas,
Asst. Atty. Gen. P. O. Dept.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:--I am in receipt of a letter from Mrs. Peeke, telling me of the kind hearing you granted her, in regard to my little medical appliance, the harmonizing Disc.

The reading of her letter suggests a point or two, on which I would like to say a few words. First, as to the apparent cost of the Disc. While the materials seem simple enough, considerable preparation of the material is needed, before it is ~~XXXXXX~~ ready for use, thus consuming time and labor in the separate handling of each. This constitutes the largest part of the cost. You are aware that the labor which converts a piece of pig iron into a steel watch spring, is almost the only element of its cost. If I ~~XXX~~ were making them by tens of thousands, I might cheapen the cost, but the work being all done by hand, and by skilled hands at that, you, knowing the way professional bills are made, need not be told, that the price is not too high for the cost. More than that, any physician, pharmacist, or lawyer will tell you, that the prices of services or prescriptions, are based upon the value to the receiver, and not on current cost.

There is still another point. I do not treat the users of the Disc, as buyers of whom I am anxious to be rid as soon as a sale is made, but as patients who have the privilege of consulting me in person, or by letter, during the lifetime of the Disc, whether it be one or three months, the latter, being the usual period. I never refuse to answer letters, or give the best advice in my power. For all this, there is no extra charge. Some of my warmest friends are those who commenced their acquaintance by the order of a Disc.

I feel sure, if you should sit at my desk, and do my work for a week, you would grant me the point, that I fairly earned every cent that I received from this source.

As to the Psychic conditions, I know many things, by my own experience, that I do not expect others, who have never studied the subject, to hardly believe, and yet they are stern realities to me. At the present day, it is conceded that many of the startling discoveries brought constantly to light by our Scientists, on the physical plane, seem incredible to one who has not

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studied the subject. These are tangible and demonstrated by personal sense; how much more then should we grant to the conditions, perceivable only as St. Paul says: "For now we see through a glass darkly," and which never having investigated, we must depend upon the credibility of witnesses, whose testimony we would accept under all other circumstances.

Thanking you for all your kindness in this matter, I simply suggest the above in your final summing up of the matter

Very Respectfully,

H. P. Thelon. M.D.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

Washington, D.C., April 26, 1895.

ORDER NO 307.

Satisfactory evidence having been presented to me that W.P. PHILLAN, at #619 Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, will not conduct his business in violation of the postal laws, Order No. 48 issued February 12, 1895 against him and the Hermetic Brotherhood, Circle of Isis, is hereby revoked.

Wm. L. Wilson,

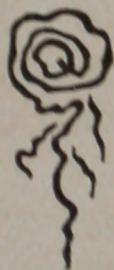
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To the Postmaster,

Chicago,

Illinois.

OBJECTS AND AIMS
OF THE
HERMETIC
BROTHERHOOD.



HERMETIC PUBLISHING CO.,
CHICAGO.

To the Seekers of Wisdom.

"WHEREAS, It is a matter of knowledge, that the Real is invisible to personal sense, but can be reached by our spirit powers and senses, and is our birthright to seek, enjoy and possess, in fulfilment of the promise that man should rule over his Environments, and

"WHEREAS, Unity of thought and harmony of action annihilate Time, bringing the most speedy results, in the affairs of life, begotten of thought.

"*Resolved*, That we, uniting with the Brotherhood of Wisdom, seek assistance of individualized existence on all and every plane, seen and unseen, Past, Present and Future, to attain that point, where spirit power may be made available for our help, strength and comfort, while undergoing the troubles of the incarnated and the woes of previous character.

"*Resolved*, That we will search for the powers of the Ancient peoples, by every means within our reach, leading toward the Light and away from the Shadow."

The above statement of principles, copied from our organic law, expresses the designs and desires of the Ancient Hermetic Brotherhood, which dates its original charter of privileges to the gracious will of the first reigning monarch of Atlantis.

The fact of the world's unrest and discord is daily more and more forcibly impressed upon us in many ways. It seems almost certain we shall soon be beyond mortal help, to restrain or rearrange, our impulse toward dissolution.

We also know, the world must once more become harmonious, or the discordant vibrations will shake us into chaos. Law and order are harmony; and it is this harmony we seek. We must realize, however, that we cannot re-form the world. But we may each re-form ourselves. Then the whole world will be renewed and purified in its totality. The only perfect harmony is that of love, the love that is God.

To reach this plane of restful harmony, and thus attain success along the lines of all activities, training is absolutely essential. They who move as one, imitate the One who is Omnipotent. It is only as we guide and govern ourselves by the law of the One, that we can hope for increase, unfolding, or dominance in the affairs of life.

Harmony and Unity are requisites of repose. Repose develops strength. The natural condition of unfolding is harmonious unity, holding within itself forceful purpose.

We, of the Hermetic Brotherhood, seek for ourselves and all mankind, these three conditions: harmony, unity and strength, as the result of guidance, knowledge and wisdom. Our tenet is the "Power of the Silence." We strive to attain our purpose, by the help of both the visible and invisible, through the wisdom of the present, and the knowledge of the Past; under the guidance of the Wise of all ages who will grant us their instruction, and loving care. We aspire to love one another; to love our neighbor as ourselves; and to so apply the knowledge of the Real to the conditions of the unreal, and chang-

ing illusions of life on the Earth, as to make all human beings better, on all planes, and life itself more bearable and enjoyable.

Whoever comes to us for instruction and guidance will not go hence, empty-handed.

Our doctrines and tenets are partially taught in six volumes already published, under the general heading of Hermetic Manuscripts.

For further particulars, address

HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD,

619 Jackson Boulevard,

CHICAGO, ILL.

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I accept stipulation explanatory letter
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W. J. Phelan MR

(No. 3956.)

Letter No. Vol.

Post Office Department,

OFFICE OF THE

THIRD ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL,

Washington, *July 9*, 1895.

Respectfully *referred to*

*Hon. John L. Thomas,
Assistant Attorney General
for Post Office Department,
and the writer so informed.*

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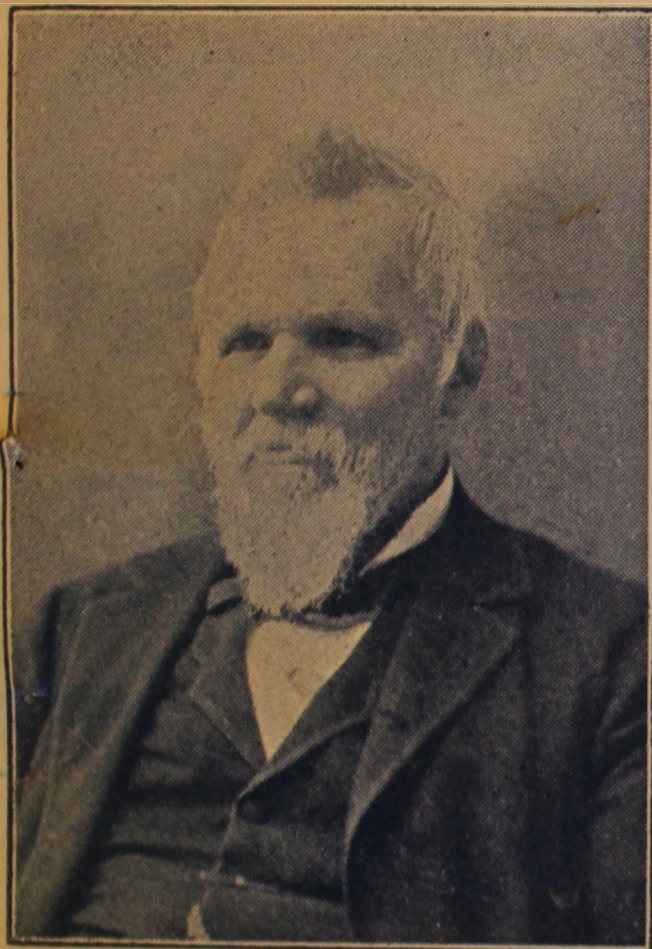
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RETURN IN FIVE DAYS TO
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423 Madison st.
Chicago, Ills. July 5, 1895.

Post Master General,
Washington, D. C.

Sir;

As an American citizen I desire to make a brief statement regarding "Dr." W. P. Shelton of this city, who has been threatening the P. O. Department because he has been denied the privilege of sending his "disc" to his dupes through the W. & B. Mail.

He is a trickster who has been repudiated by the orthodox theosophists, is ridiculed by the spiritualists, despised by the

Christians, laughed at by politicians, & being a sort of Ishmael in the human hive, has set up for himself to sponge his living from the credulous working bees. He nearly made his living in this way till your Department blocked his game, & his wife, who is a respectable school teacher, made up the deficit. He is too lazy to work & too visionary to be trusted in a responsible position by practical men. In politics he is merely zero, standing at the left of an integer, & his threats are only visionary rot.

As for trickery, he illustrates it in his omnific "Tet-Gr-gram-Ma-Ton." This is stolen goods, very thinly disguised. The word is "Tetragrammaton" into

which he has forged an "o" & hyphenated the syllables, each of which he begins with a capital. The meaning of the word is "God in four letters," of the Hebrew, namely, Jod, He, Vau, He, or in English, J H V H which was the unpronounceable name of God, because the ancient Hebrew had no vowels. With the vowels added, in English it is Je Ho Va H. These four consonants in the Hebrew were called the "Tetragrammaton." See "The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia," page 729.

His trickery is further shown by the name of his society, "Hermetic Brotherhood Circle of Isis." As Isis was a pagan Egyptian goddess, whom the Jehovah of the Jews abhorred, the absurdity, not to

blasphemy, of thus mixing
their names, is too much
for an enlightened people to
endure. Add to this his brazen
impudence of demanding the
right to use the U.S. Mail as
a medium for robbing the ignorant
& credulous, & we have a wretch
— there are no words in the
English language suitable for
concluding the sentence, & I
do not understand Chinese.

If necessary, I do not object
to my name being given in con-
nection with this letter, but not
otherwise, for I am on friendly
terms with "Dr." Phelon & would
rather not make him my enemy.

Yours Respectfully,
W. H. Chaney,
Astronomer, etc.

Hon John L. Thomas.
Attorney Gen, P. O. Department,
Washington, D. C.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.
619 JACKSON BOUL'D.
CHICAGO, - - ILL.

4/9, '95

Dear Sir:

On the 25th
of February, '95, I sent you by Adams' Express, the
defense in case No. 185611 C.

I have waited all these weeks, to get some notice
or information of my standing with the Department.

If the testimony offered, was not sufficient, I should
like to know what more is necessary to purge myself of
the alleged violation of law, which, I assure you, was in
no wise my intent.

Is it not a part of fundamental law that an offender
entitled to a fair hearing, and with all mitigating cir-
cumstances? Had I had it, I am poor; if I had been
as I am alleged to be, I could have either come to Wash-
ington, or sent somebody, but I must defend on the
statement by letter.

(2)

I believe you are desirous of weeding out the false from the true. Don't it possible you may condemn the innocent with the guilty.

I ask of you that in any case, you do as you would like to be done by; if our cases were reversed, I can easily see what your impression might be. at the distance you are from us. But if I knew what it is necessary for me to do, to disabuse your mind, I should be glad to do it.

Very Respectfully

H. T. Delon, M.D.

W. P. PHELON, M. D.

619 JACKSON BOUL'D.

CHICAGO, ILL.

4/16, '95.

Hon. John L. Thomas
Asst. Atty Gen. P. O. Dept.
Washington, D. C.

Respected Sir:-

Your telegram of 11th inst. announcing the re-opening of Case 1856116, duly recd. for which accept my grateful thanks. At the earliest possible moment, I appeared at Inspector Stuart's office, and after conference, was informed their report to you, would be: "no cause for action". As this accords with the "Voice of my own Conscience", I venture to write you once more. To be sure, it is only five days, since your telegram, but in these days of steam and lightning, "one day often seems like a thousand years". As I have had no mail since the 5th of April, I am very anxious ^{about} some of my patients, whose cases were critical when I last heard from them. Is it not possible for you in behalf of justice to order a total revocation of the inhibiting ^{order} telegram, instead of condemning me to continued social and business exa-

triation, awaiting the slower working of the mails.

During these terrible days of unjust imputation, I have fully realized the feelings of "a man without a country." As my innocence is fully established, it seems to me, that this concession from the usual routine is due me.

Very Respectfully
H. P. Shelton, M.D.

Post Office... Chicago, Ill.

Executive Division.....

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April 9, 1895.

Hon. John L. Thomas,
Assistant Attorney General P.O.D.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

Order #197, which includes among others Dr.W.P.Phelan,
W.P.Phelan, W.P.Phelan,M.D., and the Hermetic Brotherhood, does not in-
clude as well the Hermetic Publishing Co.

Some mail matter is arriving to the latter address and if delivered
at all would go to W.P.Phelan

Shall the Hermetic Publishing Co. be made a part of the Order, or
shall mail so addressed be delivered to the person claiming it?

Very respectfully,

William H. Henry

P o s t m a s t e r .

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Apr 11

1895

Dated

Washington DC 11

To

Stuart

Inspector in Charge
Chicago, Ill

Immediate report wanted on Case
185611 @

Wheeler
Chief Inspector

1102
Mattawamkiag Dec 23^d 1893

W. P. Phelon, M.D.
Chicago, Ill.

My Friend:-
Find enclosed one Dollar
for a second order of your
wonderful Disc.

I shall not attempt to tell
what it has done for me,
for I scarcely know as my
make-up has been a puzzle
to me for some time.

I have often thought
that my spirit was in the
wrong body.

(But since I have worn this
Disc. the Chaos of thoughts that
have been whirling through my

mind are become more
calm. And I am come to
think that some time I may
have a better understanding
of myself.

I learn more readily now
than in my school days.

The study of Arithmetic was
my delight then; but grammar
I sadly neglected, and today
I feel the need of knowledge of this
particular branch. And I find
it quite necessary to know how
to learn it.

Any information you can give
me of the course to pursue
to accomplish this study will
be gratefully accepted. And I thank
you more than I can express for
your very kind and enlightening
reply of Nov. 14th.

You mentioned that I
might have forgotten my obligations

to the Brotherhood:
I have never forgotten that I
was daily assisted by the Union
but I never knew what my obli-
gations were to them, other than
to live up to my highest convictions
of right.

I have not always done that,
but every time I fail to do so
reminds me to use more
strength of mind to divert
my thoughts to higher planes.

Respectfully yours for
light and Truth.

M. Eliza Fitch,
Mattawamkeag, Me.

Enclosed find
amt- for Disk
for self, &
let-me know
about-the
rest-as soon
as possible
E. J.

101
Toola, Kan.
Sept 24: 1894.

W. P. Phelon, M.D.
Chicago, Ills.
Kind Friend

Last-October
I received & wore the Disk
you sent me as ordered!
You asked me to let you
know my experience with it,
which I have delayed doing
until now! (I am confident
it-was through some inuis-
-able power connected with
it- that saved a beloved daug-
-hter from a terrible disaster!
When I became aware of her
great-peril I placed my
hand on the Disk, and silently
earnestly asked for aid:

she was saved!) as far as health, happiness, peace & plenty are concerned I have them all in a fair degree. I am again threatened of danger to my daughter, (who is now married and living in Wash on the Pacific coast,) could another Disk worn by me shield her from peril again when so far away from me? or would it be necessary for her to get & wear one herself? I think she would if I sent it to her with a request to wear it; but if my wearing it would protect her when my spirit-friends warn me of danger concerning her; I will do my part to call help to her, if you think that will do. let me know immediately, as I have

been warned twice already and delay may prove disastrous, I am sorry I have delayed so long in writing to you.

Then again I have a dear son, who is also threatened, he lives in the same town with me, is a spiritualist-like myself) and strongly mediumistic, has been kept back from development by some unseen power; which I fear is working for his destruction; I love my children dearly and wish to do all I can to help our spirit friends to overcome this or these enemies in the other life, or on the other side I should say who are annoying us so much, & have been for years! Oh! that we my self & six children, now men

& women, all married, except one who expects to be soon, could be freed from these persecutions? Do you ever give or make out - ones horri-cope? if not yourself, perhaps you could recommend a reliable one to me, as I would so much like to know what is best for me to do in many cases, could you advise me? I have been told, and know that I am a Medium, but it is impossible for me to de-velop under present condi-tions, also, my son, who is very desirous of doing so as soon as circumstances will permit. - I read the "Progressive Thinker" & "Light of Truth" every week. Praternally
Mrs E. Thibaud

Home for Incurables

Fiddham

June 28th 93

Dear brother & benefactor

I have not
had since before I commenced
using the disc, that is
nine days. I have not had
a recurrence of the dread-
ful pains I had before.
My hands are twisted
painful and useless, and
so paralyzed that I can
neither write nor feed myself
I cannot move in bed one
inch of my own volition in
any direction and of course
cannot stand up. The
doctors say that I have
myelitis a disease of the
spine, & as I use the disc

Gen Ingals

7/2, 93

in any other way. The better
to help my case, or do think
The use of another disc on
the spine would benefit
me. I have also incontinence
of urine. Hoping to hear
from you I am gratefully
and fraternally yours
Gen A. J. Ingals

P. S

Please tell me what
impelled you to write to me.
I enclose... a stamp.
I have asked the disc to
remove the paralysis in my
hands, but so far without
result.

JAMES * O. * COOPER

REAL ESTATE BROKER,

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A SPECIALTY

819. Grand Ave

14/1/94 ~~San Francisco, Cal.~~ Los Angeles, Cal 1894

Dear Sir & Bro

I shall be glad if you will send me a Disc. I know the time is long past when I should have applied for a new one.

I have not taken, scarcely, any medicine for many months yet I am pleased to say that I am in better health than I have enjoyed for years. I will mention one ailment. I have been troubled with a scalp disease for 30 years more or less. It is now much better & in fact almost free from irritation.

I beg to remain

Yours Truly & Fraternally

James O. Cooper

H. J. Shelton M D

T. L. RIDDLE.

D. S. RIDDLE.

The Occidental Hotel,

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LARGEST AND BEST HOTEL NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Santa Rosa, Cal., July 2nd 1893.

W. P. Rhelon, M.D.

Dear Sir & Brother

I wrote to you several weeks ago. in Relation to obtaining a Disc, for a Friend of mine, also, how I am to know, when the one I wear, is through with its work. (I have derived a great deal of Benefits from wearing it; Therefore, I feel as though it is my duty, to have those I am interested in Enjoy the Blessings that is Vouchsafed to those, Whom Your Band of Oriental Controls take an Interest in. I have asked them to heal me & they seem to have done so.) Therefore I want to show you and them my appreciation of their good work. by having others Enjoy the same Blessings I have been given to me. I don't

W. F. Bagley

7/7, '93

Now, whether you can send out the Discs
Promiscuously, or whether you are impressed,
as to who shall have them,

For information,

I would like to know, whether wearing
an Electric Belt, or taking Electric treatment
interferes with the Work of the Discs, or the Controls.

The reason I ask is that I do not feel the
Influences about me as strong as I used
to. Hoping that you will kindly
answer this note

I Remain your
Friend & Brother in the good
Work of dispensing light to the World
W. F. Bagley

W. F. Bagley

\$1.00

FOUNTAIN

Marshall Mo. May 5th

Mr W. P. Phelon

Dear sir. I inclose
\$1.00 for another disc

My health & general
welfare have has been

much better the past
year than ever before

I have been using the
disc about 13 months

Yours truly

Wm. C. Ferrell