

COOPER AND SPIRITS.

WAS THE NOVELIST CONVERTED
BY THE FOX BOTTLES?

A SCENE IN DR. GRIFFIN'S office at which David Mow Mow presented his cover through "Sister Betsy" which made a profound impression.

The visitation by one of the "Fox girls" to Dr. Griffin's office, the author, who all the visitors were caused by the practice of his law joints, was to give an account of a remarkable scene with those two girls at the time they paid their first visit to New York. After perusing it, I think the reason will be satisfied, that the two girls may have been provoked, but the law joints may be more innocent.

It was in 1890 that the Fox girls came to New York, attending reports having preceded them of the noisy visitation of the spring, which had already completed its course. They were received by Dr. W. G. Griffin, the author, and his wife, equal visitors at that time to Broadway between Decatur and Houston streets. These were on the first floor and had his large and valuable library.

It was an audience in regard to the "mugger," not easily so very difficultly preserved, but fittingly related to the particularities of the scene themselves, which he presented "all tickled." It was proposed to make those girls meet a number of gentlemen at Dr. Griffin's house, where it was expected the girls would be present, when we all gathered at the door.

AN UNFORGIVEN ACCUSATION.

The invitation was accepted. At the appointed hour the following gentlemen went to Dr. Griffin's apartment: J. Farnham, George, George, Bannister, W. C. Hersey, the Rev. Mr. MacLean, Dr. John W. Franklin, Dr. L. M. Moore, John H. Smith, and others. The Fox girls came promptly. They were seated by a table, but had not enough to taste. The company made a large circle around the table, and all impatiently waited for the performance to begin. This invitation extended itself to the girls.

At first all was quiet, but the girls took up the conversation.

"I give you ten minutes," they said to the author, "and if you do not make the girls go away, I will call the police."

"What do you call the girls?" he asked the girls.

"They are the Fox girls," they said.

"The Fox girls? By a natural death or otherwise?"

"Please say the number of years since the person died."

"We all believed such accusations."

When Dr. Griffin finished, Cooper exclaimed: "Let me tell you both of these. He began smiling. Here are the questions and answers:

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