

FRAUDULENT SPIRITS

A Study of Alleged Phenomena at the Leading Camp Ground of the Spiritualists.

IN the light of the widespread interest now attaching to the phenomena of spiritualistic phenomena, a valuable contribution to the literature on the subject has been made in a recent issue of the proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research. This is in the form of a report to the society by Hereward Carrington, giving detailed descriptions of his studies and discoveries during a two weeks' investigation at Lily Dale.

For the benefit of the uninitiated, Lily Dale, situated a few miles south of Buffalo, is the most famous spiritualistic camping ground in the United States, the established rendezvous of the better known mediums in all branches of "spookology." Mr. Carrington is amply fitted for this particular work, being a prestidigitator of no mean ability, and well versed in the tricks of slight of hand artists. He formerly practiced the art in England. His account of his experiences with the various slate writers, trumpet mediums, and in private seances, is enlightening. Many of the mediums were so palpably fakes that ordinary keenness of eye and mind would discover their methods. Others were remarkably clever, and only a man of Mr. Carrington's knowledge of trickery and unusual skill at detecting fraud would have suspected that their performances were not genuine.

NEST OF FRAUDS.

That Lily Dale is a nest of frauds Mr. Carrington seems convinced. He attributes this condition largely to the fact that the people who go there are, generally speaking, already believers, and more or less deliberately shut their

eyes to possible deceit; their chief desire seems to be to obtain all the startling experiences they can and to grasp at every evidence of spirit communication without a question as to its veridicality.

Mr. Carrington contends that many of the mediums at Lily Dale are impostors, and that the materializing seances are lost sight of owing to the excited condition of the subject's mind at the time. A believer or partial believer attends one of these seances with the hope and expectation of some materialistic phenomena. When the so-called phenomenon occurs in a fairly plausible manner it is accepted and helped along with unconscious suggestions by the more or less hysterical subject. Many persons, when once beguiled, deliberately overlook some slight faux pas on the part of the "spirit" friend, and make excuses to the best of their ability for the inconsistencies which actually occur.

Being a man of strong concentration of mind along given lines of thought, Mr. Carrington was able to uncover to his own satisfaction, and that of the American society, many of the subtler deceptions and tricks practiced by the different mediums at Lily Dale. Space does not permit of detailed examples of his findings, but one or two instances may be given which will, perhaps, prove of interest.

SAMPLE CASE.

One of these experiences took place at two sittings obtained with a family consisting of mother and two daughters, named Gray. The mother and elder daughter were apparently sincere and the whole family was mediums. Mr. Carrington describes some remarkable phenomena, and under all the conditions these two seemed to be

thoroughly in earnest, and as the seances were open only to a few personal friends and no charge was made, the evidence pointed to honesty of purpose here, if anywhere. It developed, however, that the mother, who was a well known medium, had picked up various tricks and bits of information from other mediums in the camp and by physical and mental dexterity succeeded in duping not only the public but her mother and sister. In a second sitting Mr. Carrington was able to recognize all her maneuvers, and tells of a half confession gained from the girl herself a little later. This particular incident gives a clear idea of the methods of procedure followed by many of the more spectacular performers.

ACCIDENT TO "A SPIRIT."

An unfortunate accident which was not a part of the program may be quoted bodily from Mr. Carrington's report as an example of what sometimes happens when "materialized spirits" attempt to dematerialize. "The spirit," in this case, he writes, "had got her robe entangled in the corner of a book case that stood on one side of the room, and in attempting to retreat to the cabinet, had pulled this whole case full of books down upon her. There was a scream, a panic, and the lights were turned up, to disclose the medium, in a state of terror, and her poor confederate, pinned beneath the book case, on the floor, groaning from her injuries. Did this spirit dematerialize? No, indeed! She was carried to the hospital in an ambulance, where she was comatose for six weeks—before she was discharged (let us hope) a wiser and a better woman."

BABY EXPLODED.

Another amusing disclosure was occasioned by a fond mother making an attempt to grasp her spirit baby as it was being transported back into the cabinet in the arms of a grown-up spirit. Mr. Carrington describes this as follows: "Mrs. S. was anxious to see what this spirit child looked like,

however, and made a grab for the spirit baby, just as the tall form was receding into the cabinet. The spirit pulled and she pulled and the result was that the spirit child exploded with a loud report! It was a rubber bag—such as could be blown out any required size! The bag collapsed, and fell upon the floor, where it was discovered when the lights were turned up—as they were almost immediately. All these disclosures of fraud and dishonesty might seem to indicate that Mr. Carrington is a strong disbeliever in spiritualism. He does not, however, claim that psychical phenomena are impossible but does believe that so long as these frauds exist the real progress of spiritualistic research will be retarded. He has written several able treatises after prolonged study of the subject under all conditions and surroundings. His "Physical Phenomena of Spiritualism" ranks in importance with the writings of Dr. James H. Hyslop and Camille Flammarion, and he has given much valuable assistance in the far-reaching investigations made by these and other well known psychologists.

A CARD.

This is to certify that all druggists are authorized to refund your money if Foley's Honey and Tar fails to cure your cough or cold. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. Cures a gripe cough, and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Contains no opiates. The genuine is in a yellow package. Refuse substitutes. F. J. Hill Drug Co., "The Never Substitutes."

MINISTER WOULD HELP.

The worst negro slum in Philadelphia is completely surrounded by business houses and the homes of wealthy white people, writes Roy Stannard Baker, in the American Magazine. Within a few blocks of it stand several of the most aristocratic churches of Philadelphia. Miss Bartholomew conducts a neighborhood settlement in the very center of this social bog. Twice during the

many years she has been there while ministers have ventured down from their churches. One of them said he had been troubled by the growing masses of ignorant colored people. "Can't I do something to help?" Miss Bartholomew was greatly pleased and cheered.

"Of course you can," she said, heartily. "We're trying to keep some of the negro children off the streets. There is plenty of opportunity for helping with our boys' and girls' clubs and classes."

"Oh, I didn't mean that," said the minister. "I thought, in cases of death in their families, we might offer to read the burial services."

And he went away and did not see the humor of it.

CONSTABLES' SHOES.

The shoes had soles more tremendously extended than the silliest college boy's—soles quite half an inch extended.

"Most constables wear shoes like this," said the cobbler. "Don't you know why? It is because the shoes have to be used as a kind of crowbar to pry open the doors of the debtors and malefactors."

"The constable rings a bell, the people open the door and, recognizing him, try to slam it in his face. But he sticks his foot in between the door and the jamb, and a struggle begins in which, but for the protection that the extended sole gives, his foot would be torn or crushed."

"Yes, when you see a man with tremendous extensions to his soles, you are pretty safe in putting him down as a constable."

THE NEW PURE FOOD AND DRUG LAW.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. F. J. Hill Drug Co., "The Never Substitutes."



AMBROSE PETRY.

MISSION WORKER KNIGHTED.

For having originated and perfected a chapel car for Roman Catholic missionary work, Ambrose Petry, a business man of New York, Detroit and Chicago, has been made a Knight of

St. Gregory the Great, by Pope Pius X. The order, which is one of the oldest in the Roman church, carries with it as its insignia an eight-pointed star of gold, enameled in red, and bearing on its face a picture in gold of Pope Gregory the Great.

Mr. Petry has been engaged for years in the car advertising business, which led him into pilgrimages all over the country. In this way he saw the difficulties under which those laboring to attempt to carry their undertaking in to unsettled parts.

The church authorities at Rome, hearing of the work of Mr. Petry, made inquiries, and have now placed their approval on it by admitting him to knighthood. This is said to be the first honor awarded since the founding of the Catholic church extension movement special.

COOLEEMEE SOCIETY ITEM.

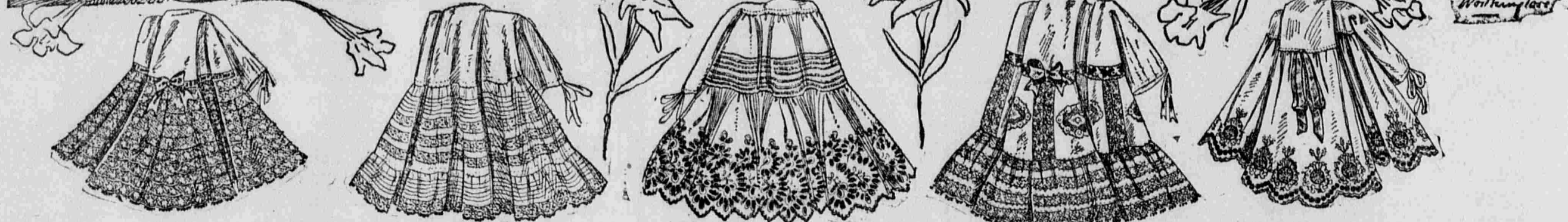
Miss Jennie Jones and Bob Henry were married at the Jones mansion last night. The bride is the daughter of our constable, Jones, who made a good officer, and will undoubtedly be re-elected next spring. He offers a fine horse for sale in another column.

The groom runs a grocery store on Main street, and a good patron of our advertising column, and has a good line of bargains this week. All the summer he paid 2 cents more for butter than any other store in town. The happy couple left on the 10 o'clock train this morning for Milwaukee to visit the bride's uncle, who is reported to have lots of money and Bright's disease. Bob certainly has an eye for business.—Cooleemee (N. C.) Banner.

Mr. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Cure. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." Foley's Kidney Cure works wonders where others are total failures. F. J. Hill Drug Co., "The Never Substitutes."

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Keith-Brien's Mouslin Underskirts



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\$7.50 to \$15.00 Values at \$5.95. Sale Starts Monday

ABOUT 500 BEAUTIFUL, HIGH QUALITY WHITE PETTICOATS AT NEARLY HALF AND LESS THAN HALF PRICE—EXQUISITE GARMENTS. SEE THE WINDOW DISPLAY WHICH WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THE EXPENSIVE PATTERNS

WHILE in New York the buyer purchased a manufacturer's entire end-of-the-season stock, the traveling salesmen having finished their trips. The purchase price was considerably under market value. The store will give its customers the benefit of the saving in price. This will enable many to buy them at a popular price.

Values \$7.50 to \$15.00

EVERY skirt is a bargain. Every one is made with deep flounce and good dust ruffle; made very wide; some are lace trimmed; others embroidery trimmed; many are lace and embroidery trimmed. Every one is delicate, rich and dainty in design and finish; the materials are the best.

\$5.95

First Big Sale Since Removal of Departments to Second Story. Note the Splendid Reductions Which Are Stronger Than Argument.



View of Handsome New Carpet Section

THE stock, which represents late shipments, is larger than the store ever carried before.

The same reasonable prices which have made this department so popular continue today. It is from these reasonable prices

Reductions Are Made In this Sale.



The Drapery Section Forms Pretty Picture

Carpets on Second Floor

AXMINSTER CARPET

Value \$2.25 for\$1.65
Value \$2.00 for\$1.50
Value \$1.75 for\$1.25

These are ideal parlor carpets, shown in elegant floral and oriental designs.

VELVET CARPET.

Value \$1.65 for\$1.25
Value \$1.35 for\$1.00
Value \$1.25 for85c

TAPESTRY CARPET.

Value \$1.20 for90c
Value \$1.00 for75c
Made and laid at these prices.

Rugs are Shown on Second Floor

The best Wilton, 9x12 size, values \$75 and \$85 for \$55.

9x12 size, values \$50 and \$60, for \$40.
9x12 Axminster, values \$34.50, for \$24.50.
9x12 Velvet, values \$32.50, for \$24.50.
9x12 best Tapestry, \$25.00 for \$18.75.
9x12 Wool Saxony, \$13.50 for \$10.00.
9x12 Wool Ingrains, \$10.50 for \$8.50.

Lace Curtains—Second Floor.

Renaissance and Novelty Lace Curtains for this sale. Everything is offered at a discount of 33 1-3 per cent less than regular prices.

Drapery on the Second Floor

Nottingham \$1.50 for85c
refined and artistic \$2.00 for\$1.25
designs. \$2.50 for\$1.75
\$3.00 for\$1.95

Drapery on the Second Floor.

Irish point and imported curtains of good workmanship—serviceable and effective. \$4.50 for\$3.25
\$5.00 for\$3.75
\$5.50 for\$4.25
\$6.00 for\$4.75
\$6.50 for\$5.25
\$6.50 for\$4.75
Brussels Net—for a parlor there is no curtain more correct. \$7.50 for\$5.75
\$8.00 for\$6.00
\$10.00 for\$7.50
\$12.50 for\$9.00