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KATIE KING'S ACCOUNT OF HERSELF.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* gives what purports to be the confession of Katie King, backed up by the affidavit of the woman who personated Katie King. The affidavit was made before Judge Hanna, in the presence of reputable witnesses, one of whom was Dr. Henry T. Child, who is now, with Mr. Owen, using every effort to expose the spiritual humbug of the Holmes seances. We pass over a long preliminary statement showing how Katie King came to get into the business. Katie King says:

One day while conversing about the probable success of the seances, a white cloth was thrown over my head by the lady medium, accompanied with the remark, "You would make a good Katie King; I wish you would try it; go into the cabinet once, look out at the audience and speak; say something, just to see how it will take." It is useless to repeat all the conversation that passed between us at various times on the subject. I was alone in a strange city, without a home, save the temporary one I then occupied. Had no money; my health was poor; to work at my usual occupation was out of the question; what ought I to do? They offered me two dollars a seance, and agreed if Katie King would "take" they would hold three a day. I made up my mind to play the part for a short time, hoping that something better would turn up in my interest; in the meantime I would be earning my expenses and doing no one any harm. All the necessary preparations were made for my debut, which was to take place on the evening of the 12th of May. A robe had been prepared of thin, white French muslin, reaching to the floor, with long flowing sleeves and fastened around the waist with a belt, which, when put on, gave me a very graceful appearance. A white veil was then thrown loosely over my head. I had taken great pains by the free use of Magnolia Balm, to give my face, arms, and hands a white, corpse-like appearance. Altogether, I looked very much like a spirit. The manner in which I entered and left the cabinet will be hereafter described. I entered it the first time, after the dark seance was over, from the bed-room. Mr. Holmes was in the cabinet. After one or two false faces had been exhibited, I gently drew aside the curtain hanging over one of the apertures showing the audience my face, and in a very low whisper, scarcely audible, said, "Good evening, friends," then drew back my head and drew down the curtain. The sensation in the audience was great.

Although somewhat excited, I was amused to hear the different remarks, "Did you hear it speak?" "I wonder who it is?" "How beautiful it was;" "I do wish it would appear again." The lady medium who was on the outside of the cabinet among the audience, appeared very much pleased, indeed, at the reception I had received, and remarked that "she thought something unusual would occur, for the spirits had been drawing from her so hard all the evening, to enable them to materialize, that she had scarce any vitality left." After the excitement had subsided a little, and request having been made that I should appear again, I pulled the curtain to one side and showed my face at the aperture, and three or four voices at the same time said, "Who are you? please tell us your name." I answered in a low whisper, as before, "I am Katie King, you stupid." These cant phrases, "You stupid," "I shant," "Be sure I am," &c., were used by Florence Cook (so I was informed by Mr. and Mrs Holmes) when personating Katie King, and it was very important that I should use them, so that the people would think I was the same Katie who had appeared in London. The sensation among the audience was greater than at first, and often was the question asked: "Can this possibly be the Katie King who appeared through the mediumship of Florence Cook in London?" After a few moments I again showed my face and said, "Of course it is, you stupid." The sensation was even greater that before. I again withdrew. The Lady medium remarked that "spirits could not remain materialized but a few moments at a time; they had to retire into the cabinet to gather strength." On my appearance again at the aperture, Dr. Child asked me, "when I had been in London." I replied, "I attended a seance there to-day, you stupid," and again retired. Mr. H. suggested that I had said enough for the first time, and I left the cabinet, passed through the bedroom upstairs to my own room on the third floor. The audience soon after retired, congratulating each other "that the materialization of spirits was a fact beyond all doubt." Katie's first appearance was an entire success; the mediums were overjoyed and the audience highly pleased. The news that a spirit had appeared and talked to the audience spread through the ranks of the faithful with immense rapidity. So great was the excitement that the parlor was filled every evening, and large numbers were sent away for want of room to admit them.

Things had now assumed a lovely shape. Katie could talk to the audience, allow them to come up one at a time to the cabinet, and take a momentary look at her through the aperture. She was careful, however, to keep out of reach, unless it was to a member of the inner circle. She had allowed Dr. Child to feel her pulse; she had accepted a gold ring as a present from one of the ladies of the inner circle, and allowed Mr. Owen to put it on her finger. Mr. Owen told the audience that "her hand was beautifully formed, like that of a moital woman; nearly of the same temperature as his own, and slightly moist," all of which was literally true, for it was very warm weather. Poor "dear Father Owen," how wicked and deceitful it was to deceitful it was to deceive such a good, kind-hearted, pure-minded man. He was as innocent as a child—never doubted for a moment the truth of anything that Katie told him. He called me his "dear daughter Katie;" sent me a very loving letter, accompanying a lock of his hair; he also sent me a hair chain, which I think he said some lady friend had given him many years before. I think he called her "Violet." I could not bear to keep the chain, and the next night gave it back, telling him that "his friend Violet" wished him to keep it in remembrance of her. It was now deemed quite safe for me to open the cabinet door to allow the audience to look at my full form, as we were satisfied that Mr. Owen's confidence was obtained. We were desirous of introducing new sensations every night. I would open the cabinet door gently and hold it open for a moment so that all could see me, but I did not pass out, contenting myself with waving my hands in as graceful a manner as I could, complimentary to the audience. The room being quite dark, as before stated, and my robe and head dress being pure white, with my face and arms painted, presented (so I was told) a very beautiful and graceful appearance. This was kept up for some nights. False faces, representing little children, youths and old persons, were obtained and shown nightly at the aperatures. Several of them "were recognized" by the audience.

The lady medium had received communications, some years before, from an Indian spirit calling herself "Sauntee," through the mediumship of a young lady friend (Fanny Young) who had recently died. I procured the costume of an Indian girl from an acquaintance of mine who had been playing that character in the theatre some time before, made such alterations as were necessary, painted my face, dressed myself in true Indian style, entered the cabinet at the usual time, pushed aside the curtain from one of the apertures, showed my face to the audience, and in answer to the question "Who are you?" answered, "Sauntee." The medium pretended to be very much astonished. Mrs. Holmes cried out, "Good God!" My dusky face and dress ornamented with beads, &c., together with a "blanket" made of white crash I had obtained through the day, and which I wore over my head and held under my chin, gave me quite an Indian-like appearance. I went out of the cabinet three or four times that night, imitating the Indian dialect and manner as nearly as I could. Returned to the cabinet, threw off the Indian costume, dressed myself in a sailor's suit that I had borrowed for the occasion, and issued from the cabinet in real sailor-boy style. My movements and gestures being quick and jerky, and, in reply to the usual question, "Who are you?" replied in a hoarse, husky voice "Don't you know me? I am Dick." Dick is one of the leading spirits in the dark seances. I retired and issued out of the cabinet in this dress three or four times, and, after retiring the last time, dropped the sailor-boy's dress, put on the white robe, white vail, stepped out of the cabinet, appearing as Katie. While in this character "dear father Owen" approached and gave me a mother-of-pearl cross with white silk attached, accompanied by a letter, "I offer you this, dear Katie, because, though it be simple, it is white and beautiful and pure as you are." I suspended the cross from my neck, kissed it, and retired to the cabinet; in a moment more appeared at the aperture, held up the cross toward Mr. Owen, and repeated a portion of the contents of the note.

I need hardly inform the reader that the production of these new characters had the desired effect, the manifestations were regarded as astounding, the mediums were highly pleased with my performance. The next evening the house was filled to overflowing and all were on the *qui vive*, wondering what would come next. It was not considered best to push matters too rapidly, the excitement was now at fever heat, and it was thought best to allow it to remain there for a short time. Dr. Child, this evening, with no bad intentions, showing a very great lack of discretion, so far as my interests were concerned, proposed that every person in the circle should approach the aperture, one by one, to allow me to touch them. I was afraid to refuse, yet I trembled for my own safety; I was afraid some one would grab me. One gentleman when he came up asked me to kiss him. I answered, most emphatically, "I shan't;" pretended to be very much offended, dropped the curtain, glad to have an excuse to retire for the night. The next evening when I appeared I assumed a very mournful expression, and after calling Mr. Owen up to the aperture, said to him with a trembling voice, that I "would not come out of the cabinet unless I received the promise that I would not be asked again to allow people to approach the aperture, unless I voluntarily requested them to do so," adding, "they forget that I am a spirit." Father Owen, (God bless him) with an impressive, fatherly tone of voice replied that "my wishes should be complied with," of course I did not wish too much familiarity. I had often been requested by persons in the audience to give them pieces of my dress. Being desirous to please everybody so far as I could I procured and carried in my pocket a piece of Bishop lawn and a piece of Honiton lace, from which I afterward cut small pieces, when furnished with a pair of scissors, and was thereby enabled to supply all wants of the kind.

A ridiculous story circulated in connection with this which gained credence, it is well to correct. It is said that when I cut pieces from my dress and vail, making a hole sometimes six inches long, in a few seconds the opening would disappear and the dress and vail become whole again. Of course this was imagination.

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