

Of the many accounts I have collected I will give only one more. For this Congressman Nelson Dingley of Maine is my chief authority.

On a certain night, in 1879, a fire occurred in his neighboring town of North Turner, when Mrs. Albert Winship aroused Mr. Winship and said:

"Husband, Mr. Starbird's house is all on fire! Hurry up!"

He dressed himself quickly, and with buckets ran to the fire and did valiant service in saving surrounding buildings. Returning home, he went quietly to bed. The next morning he complained of feeling lame and much exhausted.

"Well you may," said his wife, "after working so hard at the fire last night."

"What do you mean?" he inquired.

"Why, you worked like a hero saving the building round the Starbird house."

He looked dazed for an instant, then took his hat, looked over the premises and came back.

"Well, Marcia, the buildings are surely gone, but I never would have believed even you in saying I went to a fire last night had they not been destroyed. I don't know a thing about it!"

He had been through all the excitement in a state of somnambulism, without being awakened.

In order to test the correctness of this story I wrote to the postmaster of North Turner, who answered me that it was substantially correct—that he was with Winship at the fire, and that the latter told him the next morning that he could not collect nothing of the events of the previous night.

I will conclude with the relation of two cases of trance, or suspension of animation, now published for the first time. In the first we have the experience of one of my own relatives, a devoted Christian who died many years ago. I received the account from her own lips. On one occasion she was seriously indisposed, and, being obliged to submit to a surgical operation, she instantly swooned, and was to all appearance in the embrace of death. Her friends present thought her dead; but after a short time she revived and lived many years afterward. When she swooned it appeared to her that she was suddenly transported to the margin of a serene lake, environed by the most beautiful scenery. Approaching her on the water she saw in a boat two persons clothed entirely in white. She was given to understand that they were coming to receive her, and was about resigning herself to their care when, reviving under the means used for her restoration, she opened her eyes on earth again, to the joy of the anxious friends around her. She was not at all credulous, but a woman of excellent common sense; yet from this time to the day of her death she believed that when the final summons came she would be received by the white robed boatmen.

The other somewhat similar instance comes to me from an intel-

ligent and reliable gentleman of my acquaintance, who received his information from the person who was the subject of the trance described. A respectable old gentleman in one of the Eastern States had been long living a widower, and he was so sorrowful at the loss of nearly all of his old friends that he felt himself more nearly allied to the world of spirits than to this. Suddenly, one morning as he was looking out of the window of his bedroom, things began to present a strange appearance, and he threw himself upon his bed, where, at the hour of breakfast, he was found in a state of insensibility. It was about four hours before medical aid could be procured, and just before the physician arrived he awoke to life, and soon regained his usual health. He also believed that while in this trance he visited the world of spirits, on his entrance into which he said he met his wife in all her virgin loveliness, in company with others he had known here. Spread out before him was a landscape enchantingly beautiful; he had passed safely through the dark valley of death and was filled with inexpressible joy and thanksgiving. He walked and conversed with his wife and celestial associates, who told him he would return to the lower world, but would ere long join them in happiness eternal. The thought of returning to the natural world was painful to him, for he wished never more to leave them. But in a moment the separation took place and he again found himself in the tenement of mortality. He fully believed that on his final entrance to the silent land his reception would be only a repetition of that already so vividly impressed upon his mind.

CURRENT EVENTS.

Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

In the case of the United States vs. James O. Peterson, an order was entered setting aside the indictment for unlawful cohabitation.

A. B. Anderson, of Weber County, was before Commissioner Greenman June 1, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. He pleaded guilty and was released on \$1000 bail. The complaint against him was made by Deputy Marshal Doyle.

The case of the United States vs. Samuel Smith was placed on trial. C. S. Varian appeared for the prosecution and H. H. Rollap for the defendant. The charge was unlawful cohabitation. The jury after some little absence came into the court room and announced that they had failed to agree. The case was ordered dismissed on motion of the prosecuting attorney.

The case of the United States vs. John Dunn, unlawful cohabitation, was called for trial. C. S. Varian appeared for the prosecution and H. H. Rollap for the defense. After hearing the testimony as to the divorce of one of the wives whom defendant at one time had

lived with, the court directed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty, which was done, and defendant was discharged.

Joseph Dover of this city was arrested June 1st, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, made against him by Deputy Springer. The period named is from Jan. 1, 1888, to May 26, 1890. The evidence was to the effect that in January, 1888, Mr. Dover was arrested, indicted and punished for unlawful cohabitation. In March of the same year his first wife procured a divorce from him. He had promised to obey the law, and after the divorce he married the other wife. This occurred in March, 1888, and since then he has lived with only one wife. The commissioner placed him under \$1500 bonds to await the action of the grand jury next September.

Released From Prison.

On Sunday morning, June 1st, Bishop Thomas Yates, of Scipio, Millard County, emerged from the penitentiary, after having served a ten months' sentence for an infraction of the Edmunds-Tucker act. His health was fair during incarceration. He rejoices at being once more free. Bishop Yates states that Charles Frank, of Logau, who is imprisoned under conviction for breach of the same law, is suffering from general debility, caused by consumption. His health was poor when he entered the prison and his strength has been gradually failing ever since. Efforts are being made to obtain a pardon for him. Should he not be released soon, it is probable that he will not survive his term.

James E. Paxton, of Kanosh, was also released yesterday.

Returned Elders.

Elder William H. Neibaur, of Paris, Idaho, returned home May 30, from a mission to the Northern States. He left Utah on May 1st, 1888, and first labored in Council Bluffs, where he remained for about a year. Having been appointed president of the Iowa Conference, he next went to St. John's, Kansas, where he was engaged in Gospel work chiefly among the Josephites and Bickertonites. At Council Bluffs the missionaries found the people very indifferent, but in Kansas more inquiry for the Gospel was shown, and among the Bickertonites in particular their efforts were attended with a fair measure of success. The Elders met with good treatment wherever they went.

Elder Neibaur returns from the mission field in excellent health.

The inter-State encampment and competitive drill opened at Kansas City. Twenty-three companies from various points of the United States are already there.

The whole of the country comprised in Arucania, Chili, is infested with hordes of bandits and atrocious crimes are succeeding each other with alarming rapidity.