

EXPERIMENTS IN HYPNOTISM.

An Account of Some Extraordinary Deeds at a Meeting in London.

Dr. Stanley, whose performance at the Hotel Metropole I saw, is a clear exponent of hypnotism. His demonstration must have been very striking to some men in the room, to whom, evidently, M. Charcot's experiments at the Salpêtrière and the work of the Nancy school were evidently unknown. The men whom Dr. Stanley had brought forward as subjects were knocked over like ninepins by sudden sleep imposed upon them in various ways. One yielded to the somnolent effect of rotating bright colored disks. Another toppled off his chair at the sudden ignition of a magnesium wire which dazzled his eyes.

A third, very susceptible to the power of suggestion, was told that he would go to sleep when he picked a match box off the floor. He stooped for the match box, and forthwith rolled heavily off the platform. Fortunately for him his fall was broken by sympathetic hands. Another, while intent on something else, was startled by a sudden noise. Instantly he slept the lethargic sleep. Once again a subject's close attention to the ticking of a watch brought on the effective drowsiness, and he soon toppled off his chair. A boy, who had in various parts of his frame peculiarly sensitive centers of nervous activity, was touched in one of those spots by the operator. In a twinkling he dropped to the floor asleep. It was a strange sight, half weird, half ludicrous, to see those ten subjects scattered about the floor at the feet of Dr. Stanley, like so many men suddenly bewitched.

One man had fallen with his hands clasped and raised some distance from his chest. He was allowed to lie in this attitude for what seemed to be twenty minutes or half an hour. Let any one lie down and hold up the arms high above the chest and see how long he can hold them there, even with the support he will gain by the clasping of his hands. The muscles will not long sustain the experiment. But in the lethargic sleep of the hypnotized one's sensations of fatigue appear to be suspended. The limbs obey the operator, and remain in the position in which he puts them. The state of catalepsy is easily produced, and then the men are brought, at a mere touch of the hypnotizer's hand, into that false awaking called somnambulism.

Men and boys were kept in this waking-sleeping condition throughout an interval for refreshment, and, according to the lecturer, whose word there is no reason to doubt, were all unconscious of their exceptional condition as they walked about among us. Brought back to the platform they were made the victims of hallucinations of that amusing kind to which mesmerists have well accustomed us. But these mesmeric tricks are decidedly more interesting when presented as part of an exposition of hypnotism in its various stages.

One experiment, I confess, I do not like. A man is given a strong emetic, and made to drink it under the impression that it is a pleasing beverage. But there is this curious interest in the act. The natural effect of a strong dose of ipecacuanha wine is to make a man vomit, and, whether he knows or does not know he has taken it, there will be no difference in this physical effect. But in this curious hypnotic condition, it is enough for the man with whom the patient is en rapport to say to him that he is all right, what he has taken will agree with him perfectly, and no bad results will follow. The ordinary physical effect of the emetic is not produced.

The post hypnotic suggestion was illustrated in this way: The patient was told in his hypnotic sleep that he was going to awake, and that three minutes after he would do a certain thing to Dr. Bond which Dr. Bond had himself suggested that he should be asked to do. This was to take off Dr. Bond's eyeglasses and put them on his own nose. The lad was roused from his sleep. Dr. Bond said to the boy, "Now, are you going to do anything to me?" With an air of surprise at an odd question the youth made the answer "No."

In three minutes to the second the lad, notwithstanding his own statement, went up to Dr. Bond, took the eyeglasses from him and wore them himself. When called to account he seemed a little confused at his own act and made an apology to Dr. Bond, not for stealing his eyeglasses, but for having told him before that he did not intend doing anything to him. He did not know then that he had to do this.—London Cor. Providence Journal.

Women in French Railway Offices.

In order to obtain employment in the administration of the railways in France it is necessary to be either the daughter, wife or widow of an employe. Nearly 500 ladies are thus employed. Indeed, at French railway stations the ticket sellers are nearly all women. In the railways there is not the same just payment as in the other state departments. Here the women are paid just half as much as the men while working quite as much.

The Credit Foncier employs about 2,000 women on its staff. The entrance is by examination and the limit of age sixteen to thirty-five. Candidates must produce good conduct certificates, both official and private, and must receive at the examination a maximum of marks—that is to say, twelve out of twenty. The salary in the first stage is three francs a day, rising to 1,700 a year (\$340). A tax of 4 per cent. levied upon the salary gives the right to a pension after twenty years' service.

In the Credit Lyonnais women are also employed. For their entrance there the rules are not yet fixed. A cashier receives the salary of 2,000 to 2,500 francs a year, and a clerk from three to five francs a day.—New York Sun.

Duty First.

A teacher in a public school was informed by a lawyer at 2 p. m. that she was heir to a fortune. He expected her to grasp her bonnet and run, but instead of it she calmly replied: "I will hear the class in geography, whip three boys and be at your office in an hour."—Exchange.

UNION ITEMS.

FROM THE LEDGER.

We passed the largest orchard yesterday that we have yet seen. It covers over 100 acres, some of which is bearing and some are yet too small, but the trees are thrifty, and of all varieties, and belong to Mr. I. Pollard.

A little "scrap" took place between a Mr. Gish and a Mr. Stewart south-east of here last Saturday night in which Mr. Gish received a heavy blow on his side by a club in the hand of Mr. Stewart, which resulted in the breaking of two of the former's ribs. Dr. Wallace was called and reported the wound and reports Mr. Gish as improving.

We can say that the citizens of Plattsmouth will find no better gentleman anywhere than they will find in the firm of Smith & Gillette & Co. Their method of doing business is a straightforward, honest one, as has been shown their dealings with some of our citizens here. We regret that the completion of the new road gradually takes them out of our territory.

Forty of the 72 Dagoes that were brought in from Kansas City about a week ago to work on the surfacing of the Union Cut-off, struck last Monday because four of the force were discharged. The striker led by John Chetta, the man who contracted to furnish the force for Smith Gillette & Co., put out across the county in a westward direction which was the last seen of them.

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The G. A. R. Memorial services were held yesterday at the Christian church. A good audience was in attendance and Elder Reid delivered an able and appropriate sermon befitting the occasion.

Notice.

The first graduating class from the Dominican Sisters' school will be dismissed with honors at the opera house, Friday evening, May 29th. A rare treat will be in store for those present as talents of a high order will be displayed in every number on the program.

The base ball fever has struck this town pretty bad. A third nine is being organized; they went over the river yesterday and tackled the "web footers" much to the discomfort of the prohibitionists. We did not learn the score but Plattsmouth as usual came out on top.

The "Lehnhoffs" played great ball with the Rock Bluffs team yesterday at that village. Hal Johnson pitched for the "Lehnhoffs" and W. Coolidge was the catcher. Erskine Brown played left field like a professional and covered himself all over with laurels by some fine fielding. Will Graves also made a great play at right field which would have done credit to a league man. Chas. Rhode of THE HERALD umpired the game and we violate no confidence when we say there was no kick coming on the umpire. Nine innings were played which resulted in a score of twenty-seven to seven in favor of the Plattsmouth club.

A Free Lecture.

Rev. J. D. M. Buckner will lecture on "A Happy Home" or "How to Marry and How to Live" next Friday evening, May 29th at the new church in Mercerville. A collection will be taken to help secure furniture for the church. The lecture will be very interesting to all who are married or whoever expect to be. All are invited. w15t.

District Court.

Convened this morning and has been engaged most of the day in trying the celebrated case of Norman Coon vs. the M. P. Railway S. P. Vanatta is for plaintiff and B. P. Waggner, A. N. Sullivan for the railroad.

A cloud-burst at Alma, Neb., yesterday completely inundated the city from 3 to 4 feet and did great damage to growing crops. One of the best buildings in the town was completely wrecked by the settling of its foundations.

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Notice of Probate of Will.
In the matter of the last will and testament of Elisha Stradley, deceased, in county court Cass county, Nebraska.
Notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of June A. D., 1891, at the county judge's office in Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the following matter will be heard and considered: The application of Samuel Stradley to admit to probate the last will and testament of Elisha Stradley late of Greenwood precinct, in said county, deceased, and for letters of administration with the will annexed to Aaron C. Loder.
Dated May 18th, 1891. By order of the court,
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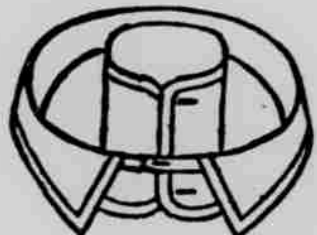


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