

NOTES AND QUERIES

Is the matter contained in "The Question Box" in Sunday morning's Journal the work of any person employed on that paper?
J. A. B.

No, my child, the column to which you refer is plate matter. This material is sold to papers all over the country. It costs about a dollar a column and is printed by dozens of papers in the United States simultaneously.

If the spirits that Maud Lord Drake materializes are genuine why do they do and say such silly things?
M. R. A.

I have not a wide acquaintance with spirits but I know of their tricks and manners and I know of none that can be called wise and good. Even if they are real spirits they should not be encouraged to return here. Apparently association with us does them no good. Death has robbed them of any sense they showed on earth. Theosophists explain the silly conduct of spirits when mortal belief gives to them speech and motion by saying that the human being has two bodies,—his own and an astral body. When the breath leaves the temporal body the soul goes somewhere else and the silly, irresponsible, evil-disposed astral body is left to float around without a body and without a soul until it is absorbed into Nirvana. Some people, the theosophists say, let their astral bodies get ahead of them. Then while the temporal body is asleep the astral body goes out on a lark and frequently gets the temporal body into trouble. But such a case only occurs where the temporal body has been unduly intimate with and indulgent to its astral body. I think Mrs. Maud Lord Drake is a fake and has no acquaintance with anything even so little spiritual as astral bodies. She is of the earth. She thinks she can fool people with spiritualism and she thinks correctly, she does fool some people. On the whole her methods and motives are mercenary. After a lifetime devoted to fooling people it goes without saying that some tricks of her's are good ones, and that her audiences are quite apt to think her in league with the spirits. In regard to your question. If they are real spirits the astral body may explain their foolishness, if they are not real spirits they probably act as sanely as Madame Drake can make them. They are children of her brain and they resemble their mother.

When does Du Maurier's new story "The Martians" come out in Harper's?
J. E. S.

Just as soon as "Heart's Incurgent" is quieted. Du Maurier's story is finished and is only waiting for the space that Hardy's story occupies.

My mother will not allow me to read French novels. I am seventeen years old. I have read Daudet's "Jack" and I wish to read more. I have read English and American novels until I am tired of them. The style of the French and Russian novel fascinates me and I want to read them but my mother says "no." Ought I to read them? i. e., ought she not to allow me to?
Alice M.

This is a question you must settle with your mother. There is no doubt that the style of the French and Russian novelist is "the best" of this time or any other. If you desire to know what style is in literature you must read

them. Zola teaches temperance and purity, as the Spartans did. Turgenieff uses all the facts, follies and vices of life to teach the lesson of the beautiful. Tolstoi is a law unto himself in economics, morality and the object of literature. Lately he has degraded his art to teach economics. Literature is for nothing in the world but to expose the beautiful, in doing this everything else that is worthy is inculcated. If you can appreciate the good in these books the bad will not be strong enough to hurt you.

Which side of the walk should a gentleman walk on when he is walking with a lady?
B. R.

For a longer time than the etiquette books have kept track of the man has walked on the outside of the walk, next the street. There are possible dangers on both sides. Runaway horses are in the street. Mad dogs generally charge down the street next the building. In a crowded city street with attractive store windows the people stop and look at them with so much pushing and shoving that it leaves only a few feet along the outside edge, where it is not at all comfortable to walk, if in this last position the lady should have the few feet of unincumbered walk. But in most cases the side next the street is the place for the man.

In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, Isaac Lang, plaintiff, vs. Thomas J. Marshall, et al., defendants.

To Thomas J. Marshall and Emma Marshall, Louis S. Marshall and Mrs. Marshall, his wife, whose first real name is unknown, and the People's Savings bank, a corporation, defendant.

You and each of you will take notice that on the 5th day of September, 1895, Isaac Lang, plaintiff, herein filed his petition in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, against said defendants and others, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the defendants, Thomas J. Marshall and Emma Marshall, to the Clark & Leonard Investment Company, and which mortgage was afterwards and on the 11th day of November, 1890, assigned to this plaintiff and which mortgage is upon lot ten (10), in block five (5), Ridgeway an addition to the City of Lincoln, said county and state, and was given to secure the payment of one certain promissory note or bond dated Lincoln, Nebraska, August 29th, 1890, for the sum of \$1,000, and due and payable on the 1st day of September, 1895.

That there is now due upon said note or bond and mortgage the sum of \$1,000, together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the first day of March, 1895.

Plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same and that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due and that a receiver be appointed to take charge of the property and for general relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 18th day of November, 1895.
BURR & BURR,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, Isaac Lang, plaintiff, vs. John Smith, et al., defendants.

To John Smith and Nellie Smith his wife, Mary L. Smith and Eliza H. Brown, defendants, you and each of you will take notice that on the — day of September, 1895, Isaac Lang, plaintiff, herein filed his petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, close a certain mortgage executed by the defendants, John Smith and Nellie Smith, his wife, to the defendant, the Clark & Leonard Investment Company, which mortgage was afterwards and on the 5th day of March, 1891, sold and assigned to this plaintiff, and which mortgage was given upon lot No. nine (9), block two hundred and three (203), in the

city of Lincoln, said county and state, and was to secure the payment of one certain promissory note or bond, dated at Lincoln, Nebraska, January 15th, 1891, for the sum of \$300, and due and payable on the first day of January, 1896, default having been made in payment of interest and taxes and various and other covenants and conditions in said mortgage having been broken by said defendants, John Smith and Nellie Smith, the plaintiff has, as provided by the object and prayer of which are to fore-against said defendants and others, the terms and conditions of said mortgage, elected to and has declared the principal sum secured thereby due and payable and that by reason thereof there is now due upon said note or bond and mortgage the sum of \$300, together with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from the first day of January, 1895, for which sum, together with the sum of \$9.35, taxes paid by the plaintiff, with interest from this date plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due and that the receiver may be appointed to take charge of said property and for general relief.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 18th day of November, 1895.
BURR & BURR,
Attorneys for plaintiff.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the third judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Martin Schlesinger is plaintiff, and Frank P. Lawrence et al. are defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 22nd day of October, A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate, to-wit:

Lot number six (6) in block number one hundred eighty-nine (189) in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, according to the recorded plat of said city.

Given under my hand this 20th day of September, A. D. 1895.
FRED A. MILLER,
Sheriff.

SHERIFF SALE.

(First publication Sept. 28, 1895.)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Frederick S. Stein is plaintiff, and Thomas Sewell et al. are defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real state, to-wit: Lot seventeen (17) in Eldredge's addition to Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, according to the survey and recorded plat thereof

Given under my hand this 26th day of September, A. D., 1895.

FRED A. MILLER, Sheriff.
NOTICE OF PROBATE WILL—In the county court of Lancaster county, Nebraska,

SHERIFF SALE.

Notice is hereby given, That by virtue of an order of sale issued by the Clerk of the District court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Benjamin Lombard jr., is plaintiff, and Mary J. Small et al., are defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 29th day of October, A. D. 1895, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described property, to-wit:

Lot number eight (8) in block number one (1) in North Lincoln, in Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Given under my hand this 26th day of September, A. D. 1895.

FRED A. MILLER, Sheriff.

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