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NOTED SPIRITUALISTS. The Ups and Downs of Hume, Slade and Other Mountebanks.

Philadelphia Times. "Ups and downs in a medium's life? Ah, you'd better believe there are! We've with royalty to-day and with convicts to-morrow. When we do succeed, though, it's a great thing. Yes, sir, it's a great thing."

The speaker was J. W. Fletcher, the medium whose recent experience in London—where his wife was convicted and sentenced to prison for a term, and whose own name was mentioned simply by escaping to this country—has been mentioned by the press generally. Fletcher, at this time of year, is going the rounds of the different Spiritualists' camp meetings where his lectures are made much of by those of the faith, and where his mediumistic performances furnish a lively item of re-nomination.

It was in his tent, on the Neshaminy camp ground, where he uttered the words which form the opening paragraph of this article. "The greatest mediums living," continued Fletcher, in answer to a question, "are Dr. Slade, Charles Foster and D. D. Hume, who married a wealthy Russian lady and now live retired in Russia. No man ever enjoyed the social success that Hume did. He gave seances at nearly every court in Europe, and wears diamonds and medals and orders which were gifts from kings, princes and emperors. He was the pioneer medium of Europe. In the days when it was the height of the fashion he might be seen at such resorts as Nice, in company with dukes, princes and grandees of the empire. He is a man of great culture and education, and has written several books which have a large sale. He did many queer things. He could go to a grate and stretch out his arm and take a handful of red-hot coals carry them around, without suffering the slightest effect from the fire. But the strangest thing of all was his being levitated—that is, raised up without any visible power—and carried out of a room or from one apartment to another. These things, as you witnessed by the Earl of Dunmore, and Lindsay, the eminent astronomer, and many others. Objects would be shifted from one room to another without any visible cause. It was Hume who introduced Spiritualism into England.

"Foster was renowned as a pellet medium. A message might be written on a slip of paper and wrapped up tightly before the writer came into his presence, then given to him, and he would press it to his forehead and shortly give an answer to it.

"Slade is a great medium in his line. He has had more advertising than any other, for he has been the most persecuted. His trial in London a few years ago is familiar to the whole world. He escaped imprisonment by flying from London in the night and going to Germany. Yet before he was persecuted he was the most popular man in the United Kingdom. He went from London to New York in a quiet way in 1877, indorsed by such people as Madame Blavatsky and others of the Theosophical Society. He was on his way to St. Petersburg at the time and merely stopped at London to look around. He gave a few seances, and they took immensely. The nobility and the fashionable world went to see him as a curiosity. He gave seances to the Countess of Caithness, to Princess Louise, to the Archduchess, the heads of the different embassies. He was everywhere received as a gentleman and could be found in the best society. The London papers gave long and extended accounts of his seances and the wonderful manifestations he produced. The London Spectator particularly, whose editor had sittings with him, was impressed by his power and gave columns of his column descriptive of it. It was Dr. Slade, everywhere, in drawing-rooms, at dinner parties, at the opera and at fashionable gatherings generally. Slade lived for a time on the top of success. He was the talk of London. This wide attention attracted to Slade's seances Prof. Sankey and Dr. Donvin. They had sittings with him and did not understand them. As they did not have had sittings with him, they were done they reasoned that they were produced by fraud. So they had them arrested and dragged to Bow Market police court. As witnesses they summoned Maskerlyne and Cook the noted conjurers, whose exhibitions in Piccadilly attracted many thousands of people to Egyptian Hall. These men had not seen Slade's manifestations. All they could testify to was that they believed the thing could be done by conjuring. The judge, Flanders by name, said these manifestations were outside the known law of nature, and therefore he refused to admit the claim that they were done by spirits. Slade, meantime, was not without friends or outside aid. Large sums of money were raised both in England and America, for the purpose of carrying on the trial. Eminent lawyers testified in favor of him, among them C. C. Massey, a barrister and author, Dr. Wylie and many others. The examination went on for many weeks, until one evening an error was discovered in the indictment, and it being too late to repair it that night, Slade of course could not be held longer until that error had been rectified. So he was released for the night and his bondsman relieved temporarily of his responsibility for Slade's reappearance in court. Next morning when the court opened Slade was not on hand. He had escaped in the night and was on his way to Germany. There he received a hearty welcome. At Leipzig he had a very great success. He converted to Spiritualism Prof. Zollner, of the University of Leipzig, who wrote several books on the subject, one of which, "Transcendental Physics," has been translated into English by this same C. C. Massey above mentioned, and which has had a very large sale.

"From Germany Slade went to St. Petersburg and gave seances to the present czar, who was then a grand duke, and from whom he received a number of valuable presents, among them a set of beautiful diamonds which he now wears. I think this persecution of Slade did a large amount of good to Spiritualism. The wide publication which the matter received showed the high class of people who

patronize us. The more you publish about a Spiritualist the better it is. My wife is still over there in prison. They persecuted her under the old witchcraft, palmistry, sorcery, consulting with familiar spirits, and so forth. Under this law Frank Matthews, Dr. Monk, Lawrence and others have been sent to hard labor. Spiritualism in England is not viewed in the same light it is looked on in this country. Here it is more religious and emotional. In England it is looked upon as so much scientific phenomena, that is to say, the heart is in it here, the head is in it in England. Spiritualistic manifestations are regarded as much knowledge gained, just as the discovery of new facts about geography, electricity or other subjects would be regarded. The prejudice is very strong against Spiritualism in England, in spite of the fact that the most astonishing successes in the world on the part of mediums have been made in that country."

The Boomerang Dog.

We received day before yesterday at this office by express from Rock Springs a gloomy and peculiar dog as a testimonial of regard.

He is evidently a cross between a coyote and the measles, possessing at the same time the untaught grace of the former and the general deliquency of the latter.

His advent into Laramie has been the crowning success of his life. He has attracted a great deal of attention since the first moment of his arrival, and still exhibits to crowded houses.

He has a quiet, modest, unassuming way of eating everything in town, which wins every one.

Nobody can look into his patient, sorrowful eyes unmoved. He has a look of utter woe and desolation which commands the respect of the most thoughtless.

He has lost nearly all his hair from grief, apparently, and that which remains is very lony.

His legs are long and limber, and his ears have a dejected and witted appearance.

Those who are acquainted with his inner life wish that he would die and be forever at rest.

He evidently cannot live long. This is partly owing to his physical condition, and partly to the fact that at the rate he is eating now, the food supply will gradually peter out, as we might say.

The altitude seems too high for him, and he will probably yield to the inclemency of the weather before long.

There is a look in his eye that is not of this earth, and the gradual droop of his tail shows that death is lurking near him.

He may fade gradually away, like a wood violet in the dissolving heat of summer, or he may be knocked gallely west by an old pick handle. No one knows how he will meet his end, but he will be wiped out sooner or later, and his bald-headed tail will cease to come he will be ready. He is ripe now, and ready to be snuffed out. His vitality is very meagre, and before the pumpkin pie frange ripe and luscious on its bough, he will have swung his way into the great unknown and unascertainable.

If this poor little wanderer didn't have the layover, and the same misadventure that posse has we would take more comfort with him. As it is we can't look at him without pity and a great, consuming sympathy.

The Salaries of Senators.

The first comptroller of the treasury has rendered a decision as to the manner in which senators and clerks and employees of the United States Senate will hereafter be required to receive their compensation until the vacancy caused by the recent death of Secretary Burch is filled. The comptroller decides that the United States treasurer is a general disbursing officer, and when by the death of the Secretary of the Senate, there ceases to be a disbursing officer for the payment of members, clerks and employees of that body, the Secretary of the Treasury may, with the approval of the first comptroller, by warrant, cause the money to be advanced from the treasury of the United States to the credit of the United States treasurer to be disbursed in payment of such expenditures. While the Secretary of the Senate is exclusively the disbursing officer, but when by death or otherwise the office becomes vacant, each senator, clerk or employee of the Senate, at the expiration of each month, has a valid and lawful claim against the United States which it is the duty of the United States to pay. Under section 236 of the revised statutes "all claims and demands whatever are to be settled and adjusted in the department of the treasury." Section 405 of the revised statutes requires the United States treasurer to disburse the moneys of the United States upon warrants drawn by the secretary of the treasury and countersigned by the first comptroller. Section 3,648 provides that it shall be lawful under special direction of the president to be a disbursing officer, and to make such advance to disbursing officers of the government as may be necessary to the faithful and prompt discharge of their respective duties and to the fulfillment of public engagements. The fulfillment of public engagements requires that senators, clerks and other attaches of the United States Senate shall be paid monthly, as their salaries become due. The treasurer of the United States, being a general disbursing officer, if there were no other disbursing officer, would disburse all the moneys; what, therefore, there is no other disbursing officer able to perform a particular duty assigned to him, the treasurer of the United States may perform that duty.

A Catfish's Deadly Bite.

Newcomerstown (Ohio) Dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer. Andrew Norman, a prominent farmer living a few miles north of town, is now lying in a critical condition from the effects of what is supposed to be blood-poisoning. His case is a very singular and remarkable one. He was fishing a few weeks ago, and while holding a huge catfish it horned him through the hand. He suddenly became very ill and his hand and arm began swelling to enormous proportions. He has not since been able to leave his house and his sufferings are

intense, his whole body at times being very much bloated and swollen. The most singular part of the case is that when Mr. Norman received the wound he thought that it would prove fatal, and although several weeks have now elapsed, this awful foreboding still clings to him and he seems unable to divest his mind of the dreadful conclusion.

Condurango Bliss.

To the Editor of the Inter-Ocean. SOUTH BEND, Ind., August 2.—On my return from a visit to the far northwest, I find your usually well-informed Washington correspondent has given currency to the following charge against Dr. Bliss, which I feel it to be a duty to explain.

He advertised a sure cure for cancer, which he called Condurango. In some way he induced the Hon. Schuyler Colfax to certify that his mother-in-law was being cured by this wonderful discovery. Then the association press was brought into requisition and the announcement of Mr. Colfax was brought to the eye of every newspaper reader in the country. Of course the victim of the cancer died, and Condurango was found to be a fraud.

The fact about this is that instead of Dr. Bliss "inducing me," etc., the Hon. Hamilton Fish, secretary of state, gave me some Condurango sent to him by our minister to Ecuador, and claimed there to be a cure for cancer, with which he knew my mother-in-law to be afflicted. The remarkable effect it had upon the disease at the commencement of its use attracted the attention of Dr. Bliss, then our family physician, and doubtless led him to send to Ecuador for more, and to encourage its manufacture. The favorable result of this first trial of Condurango was not given to the public through the agency of "the requisition" of the Associated Press, nor by Dr. Bliss. It was thus: I wrote a private letter about it in reply to an inquiry from a valued friend at Baltimore, who was very much interested in my mother's case; and on his reading it to an editorial friend he was asked to allow him to publish it in the interest of humanity. So many persons are afflicted with this terrible disease that my letter, without my knowledge or that of Dr. Bliss at the time, was reprinted everywhere; and many hundreds of letters poured in upon me in that and subsequent years, to which I had to reply that the subsequent shipments of the drug from Ecuador did not have a similar effect; and some years thereafter my mother died. The cause of the difference in the results of these two shipments I have never learned.

I would not ask the publication of this on any account. But, as a perversion of the facts is being used at Washington by Dr. Bliss' rivals, when they should rather be holding up his hands as he assists the president in his heroic fight for life, I owe it to a physician (who saved my life ten years ago when most of the other doctors there said I must die), to state the exact truth about this matter.

Yours truly, SCHUYLER COLFAX.

Joseph Durrinburger, Broadway, Buffalo was induced by his brother to try Thomas' Electric Oil for a sprained ankle, and with half a dozen it recalled the way he was enabled to walk again all right. ang 7-2ed1w.

The First Bale of Cotton.

As the "first bale of cotton" has already been put in an appearance at one of our southern markets, it recalls the statement of an old cotton man in another part of the country, who pronounced premiums offered for the first bale of new cotton to be productive of humbug and leading to fraud. He has often heard of a certain class packing old and new cotton together and thus securing the premium; also, of one man who secured the premium for the first bale in Alabama, although he had never raised a bale in his life. Some, as he asserts, by the first pickings of their neighbors, and thus pick all together in order to get the premium, and the man who had never raised a bale thought he would do the same. In lieu of the old plan he suggests that a premium should be given for the best bale brought to market during the season, and a premium for the best one brought from each surrounding county. His plan would not only render planters more careful in gathering their crops, but the best cotton from the surrounding counties would be brought to that market. No doubt the premium offered for the best bale would produce far more benefit to a cotton market than one offered for the first of the season.—[Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser.

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