

CRYSTAL GAZING.

If You Want to Try It, This Will Tell You How to Proceed.

Having satisfied myself that some people really would see hallucinatory pictures in a glass ball or in water, I examined the ethnological side of the question. I found by studying works of travel and anthropology that many savage and barbarous races gaze into water, polished basalt, rock crystals, and so on, for the purpose of seeing distant events, foreseeing the future, detecting criminals, and so forth. It does not seem to me credible that so many and so widely separated peoples should agree with ancient Greeks and the races of western Europe in staring away if they did not see hallucinatory pictures. So I believe that some people do see them. Nor is this fact now denied by professors of psychology.

I have never been able to foresee from character, complexion, habit of mind and other indications what persons would prove capable of describing even fancy pictures in a glass ball. The best gazers of my acquaintance, those who hit on pictures coincidental with actual events unknown to them or with the secret thoughts of a companion, are both of them not unfamiliar with other curious experiences. But I have tried with the glass ball two or three other friends who have seen what are vulgarly called "ghosts" in haunted houses, and in the glass ball they can see nothing, while people who never saw ghosts do see "coincidental" pictures in a glass ball.

If any readers care to make experiments, they can begin by purchasing a ball, or, of course, a glass jug of water will do, or even a teaspoonful of ink, in some cases, but both are inconvenient and may spill. Having got the ball, it is best to go alone into a room, sit down with the back to the light, place the ball at a just focus in the lap on a dark dress or a dark piece of cloth, try to exclude reflections, think of anything you please and stare for five minutes, say, at the ball. That is all. If after two or three trials you see nothing in the way of pictures in the ball, you will probably never succeed.—Andrew Lang.

Circumstantial Evidence.

During a discussion in regard to circumstantial evidence a lawyer told of a remarkable case which, he said, appears in the Virginia reports. It was this:

A man was discovered drawing a knife from the prostrate form of another man near a roadside. The witnesses rushed upon him and took the weapon from him. It was still dripping with the warm blood of the victim. He was accused of the murder, but asserted his innocence. He claimed that he had happened along the road but a few moments before and saw his alleged victim struggling with another man. Before he could come up the unknown had driven his knife home and had fled into some brush close by. Seeing the knife still in the breast of the fallen man, he stooped over and drew it forth just as his accusers came on the scene. That was his story. The knife being identified as the property of the accused, no evidence whatever was placed in his tale. He was tried, convicted and hanged.

A year later the man who had really committed the crime while on his deathbed confessed that he was the murderer and told how he had stolen the knife from the innocent man who had been sent to the gallows.

A Perfect Marriage.

Most people know and admire the work of the versatile William Blake, poet and artist, but few people know the story of his perfect marriage, for a perfect marriage it was indeed. In 1780 Blake fell in love with a pretty girl called Clara Woods, but she did not care for him, and the blow was a severe one to the impressionable young man. He left London and took up his abode at Richmond, where he lodged with a nursery gardener named Boucher. Mr. Boucher had a beautiful daughter, Catherine, and she became the confidant of the poet's love affair, and her generous sympathy so cheered Blake's mental sufferings that he gradually fell in love with the gentle girl. His affection was warmly returned, and Catherine Boucher married William Blake on Aug. 18, 1782. It was an ideal union. The young husband took a delight in teaching his wife, who was all eagerness to learn, and the modest gardener's daughter became eventually a cultured woman, who was an ardent hero worshiper of her clever husband and who cheered his life more than any one else could. Mrs. Blake learned to color her husband's drawings and was extraordinarily adept in the work.

Discovery of Osteopathy.

"The man who discovered osteopathy was a great sufferer from headache," said a man who claims to know. "He tried every remedy on earth almost, but could get no permanent relief. One day he had a terrible headache and went out into his front yard to lie under the shade of a big tree and rest his throbbing head on the cooling grass. Suspended from a limb of the tree was a rope swing used by the children. The man lay under this swing for awhile and finally put the rope under his head to act as a support. In a few moments he was surprised and pleased to find that his headache was much better. In half an hour the pain had gone. He began an investigation. He discovered that the rope swing pressed on the nerve in the back of the head. This pressure stopped the headache. With more study he decided that many pains could be relieved if nerves could be given the proper treatment—a massage. He started an osteopathic school and has made a grand success."—Nashville Tennessean.

PRETTY BILLIE BURKE.

She Has Captivated Theater Goers on Both Sides of the Ocean.

Miss Billie Burke, who is winning praise as leading woman with John Drew in "My Wife," has captured audiences on both sides of the ocean by her beauty and cleverness rather than by any extraordinary qualities in her acting. She is what the British call "fetching" and has such a charming, unaffected, almost childlike manner on the stage that her auditors often forget to inquire of themselves whether they like her acting or not. She is sometimes spoken of as an English actress, but she was born in Washington and is a daughter of William E. Burke of the former vaudeville team of Burke and Andrews. Her first name is Ethelberta.



MISS BILLIE BURKE.

berta, but having acquired the pet name of Billie it has stuck to her. It was about five years ago that Miss Burke set London swiftdom and the music hall habitues talking about her hit in "My Little Canoe," a song introduced in "The School Girl" by its composer, Leslie Stuart, also the composer of "Florodora." The refrain of the song runs:

Mamie, I've a little canoe,
Room for me, my Mamie and you.
I'll paddle along and rock you in my cradle,
Mamie, you've nothing to do
When I've told my worries to you.
Then, Mamie, we might as well, we two,
In my little canoe.

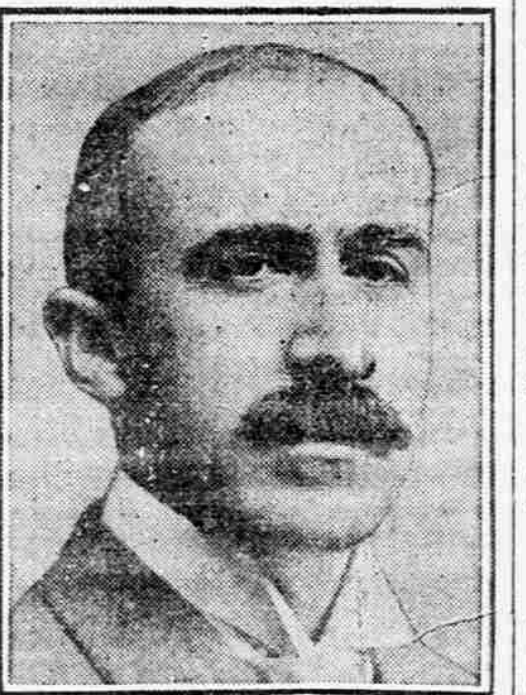
Miss Burke soon had all London humming the tune of the song. She graduated from the music hall to the operatic stage and in 1905 made a success in a musical lyric called "The Blue Moon." Speaking of why she is called Billie, the actress once said:

"I happened to come of a literary family. My grandmother was one of the first women to write on the question of slavery. That is why, I presume, they took it into their heads to call me Ethelberta. As soon as I grew old enough to think of it I wished to chop it down to Ethel. Unfortunately, however, my best chum was named Ethel, and the Billie came about as a survival of the fittest, and—there you are."

IN AID OF MINERS.

Representative John G. McHenry and His Proposed Law.

Representative John G. McHenry of Pennsylvania, who has introduced in congress a bill establishing a bureau of mines and mining, is serving his first term in the house. He is a Democrat and was born in Benton township, Columbia county, Pa., in 1838. He was educated in the rural public schools and at Orangeville academy and is a banker, manufacturer and farmer. He is president of the Columbia County National bank and state superintendent of the grange national banks throughout Pennsylvania. Congressman McHenry's bill has received much



REPRESENTATIVE JOHN G. McHENRY.

attention because of the large number of fatalities and disastrous explosions in coal mines in the past few months. It is in line with the recommendations of President Roosevelt's annual message on this subject and is entitled "a bill for the purpose of supplying relief and alleviating suffering incident to accidents in coal mines." It gives the proposed bureau of mines and mining power to investigate as to the causes and effects of all accidents in coal mines and to afford such relief as the exigencies demand and provides for the establishment of a fund to be used for the benefit of victims of disasters or their families, this fund to be raised by a tax of 1 cent per ton on all coal mined in this country.

Reports as to coal mine accidents for 1907 indicate a 25 per cent increase in such accidents over 1906 without including the four big disasters in Pennsylvania in December, in which nearly 700 lives were lost.

PSYCHASTHENIA.

A Physician Says This Is One of the Causes of Panics.

The panics that start in Wall street often begin in the morbid financial fears of overstrained brains—psychasthenia. Psychasthenia makes panics, writes Dr. Clarence Hughes in the Alienist and Neurologist.

"We once knew a mind overburdened, brain overstrained man suddenly conclude he was coming to want and would not be able to pay his taxes when his income was \$40,000 annually. He milked his own cow, he harnessed his own horse and cared for it (sold the others), dismissed all his servants and his wife's and had insomnia, but finally recovered completely. Others with less income or more fall through brain overtax into the same morbid way of feeling and thinking.

"One kind of insanoid is a man who under mental stress of any kind acts as though he were insane, but has not the disease of real insanity to excuse his actions.

"He hovers on the verge, but does not pass over into real mental aberration as he appears to be going. He does and says such odd, unreasonable and annoying things that his friends often wish he would pass into genuine insanity, so that he might be properly and lawfully restrained or that he might happily extinguish himself by suicide. Sometimes he does commit suicide or become really insane, and we then know where to place him."

A LITTLE BIT BEHIND.

The Old Man Was Not Very Well Posted on the News.

In the midst of the heated discussion on points connected with certain historical sensations which their teacher had sought to impress on them the two grandchildren appealed to their grandfather, who sat musing and puffing his pipe in the corner, for support.

"Grandpa," cried the eager brother, "who was it killed Caesar—Cassius or Brutus? I say Cassius."

"What," replied the grandfather, suddenly becoming grave and taking his pipe from his mouth, "it was one or 'other. Let me see. Yes, I guess 'twas th' man you said."

"And sis says it was Marie Antoinette who got put to death in France," again cried the youth, triumphantly glancing toward his sister, "but I say it was Mary, queen of Scots."

"Now, you may be right there, too," ventured the involuntary vindicator after fidgeting in his chair. "Come I think of it, 'twas Mary, queen of Scots, that was electrocuted in France."

At this the young girl's eyes flashed. "Grandpa," declared she, stepping before him and eying him sternly, "you don't seem to know anything about it."

The old man's head went up as if shocked. "Th' truth is, children," he then admitted as he passed his free hand over his head helplessly, "your grandfather ain't read th' newspapers very careful this week. I'm a leetle mite behind."—Bohemian Magazine.

An Unwelcome Gratuity.

An American merchant bitterly opposed to the custom of "tipping" public servants for each inconsequential service was astonished to find the practice in Europe more general than in America. While in London he had occasion to employ a cab and upon being driven to the desired destination drew forth a handful of change, counted out the exact fare and tendered it to the driver.

"Beg pardon, sir!" exclaimed the cabbie in a tone of injury. "Ow long 'ave ye been saving up for this 'oliday?"

Suppressing his annoyance at the driver's effrontery, the tourist sought a restaurant and upon receiving the dinner check again tendered the exact amount of his bill. The waiter bowed, assisted his guest into his coat, then, selecting a bright new sixpence, offered it to his patron with:

"Beastly weather, sir! 'Ere's coach fare!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

The Rat.

The rat's sins are manifold. The damage which he does in a year to crops, cargoes, stores, granaries, poultry and game, dairies and outhouses, foundations, walls and drainage cannot be calculated exactly, but it must be enormous. He is ubiquitous. He swarms in fields, hedgerows, farms yards, cellars, sewers, docks and ships. He is clever in getting out of difficulties, extremely enterprising, able to exist on almost any kind of food and horribly prolific.—London Spectator.

The Retort Direct.

"See here," cried the artist, who had come to complain about the materials he had bought, "I can't imagine anything worse than your paints."
"That's strange," replied the dealer. "Don't you ever try your imagination on your painting?"—Exchange.

Hopless.

"We wish, madam, to enlist your aid in influencing your husband for the public good. He holds the key to a very interesting situation and—"
"I don't see how I can be of any assistance to you. John never could find a keyhole."—Houston Post.

Frenzied Arithmetic.

Teacher—Now, Tommy, if your father had twenty dozen eggs in his store and found that eighteen of them were bad, how much would he lose?
Tommy—Nothin'. You don't know pa.—Pathfinder.

The Mean Part.

Phil O. Sopher—Don't worry, old man. Chickens always come home to roost, you know. Discouraged Friend—Yes, after they have laid their eggs in some other fellow's barn.—Judge.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

CHRISTIAN—Bible school at 10 a. m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by J. Stuart Miller of Edison, Neb. All are welcome to these services.

EPISCOPAL—Preaching services at St. Alban's church at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10 a. m. All are welcome to these services.

E. R. EARLE, Rector.

CATHOLIC—Order of services: Mass, 8 a. m. Mass and sermon, 10:00 a. m. Evening service at 8 o'clock. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. Every Sunday.

Wm. J. KIRWIN, O. M. I.

BAPTIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11:00 a. m. Evening service at 8:00. B. Y. P. U. at 7 p. m. A most cordial invitation is extended to all to worship with us.

E. BURTON, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—Services, Sunday at 11 a. m., and Wednesday at 8 p. m. Subject, "Everlasting Punishment." Meetings held in the Diamond block. Room open Wednesdays and Saturdays, from 2 to 4 p. m. Science literature on sale.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. by pastor, Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 8. The public is cordially invited to these services. Special music Sunday evening by choir and others under auspices of men's club. G. B. HAWKES, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermons by pastor at 11 and 8. Junior League at 4. Epworth League at 7. Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 8 p. m. You are welcomed and made glad at this church. Sunday school every Sunday in South McCook at 3. M. B. CARMAN, Pastor.

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Clean Up, Citizens.

All property-owners, renters and lessors are hereby notified to comply with the requirements of the city ordinance respecting the cleaning up of their properties and the alleys adjacent thereto. Let us have a prompt and thorough compliance with the law in this regard for appearance' sake and in the interest of the health of the community.

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ORDER OF HEARING.

In the county court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, State of Nebraska, county of Red Willow, ss. To all persons interested in the estate of Isabelle Saunders, deceased: On reading the petition of Wilber F. Saunders, praying that the administration of said estate be granted to him as administrator, it is hereby ordered that you, and all persons interested in said matter, may, and do, appear at the county court to be held in and for said county, on the 10th day of May A. D. 1908, at ten o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and that the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the McCook Tribune, a weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.

Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 25th day of April, A. D. 1908.—5-1-08.

J. C. MOORE, County Judge.

PUBLICATION NOTICE.

To Anna Reeves, defendant: You are hereby notified that on the sixth day of May, 1908, Y. Edward Reeves filed his petition against you in the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, the object and prayer of which are to obtain a divorce from you on the ground that you have willfully abandoned the plaintiff without good cause for the term of five years last past. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 15th of June, 1908, 5-8-08.

A. EDWARD REEVES,
By Morlan, Ritchie & Wolff, his attorneys.

NOTICE OF INCORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the C. L. DeGroot & Company has filed its articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of the state of Nebraska. The principal place of transacting the business of said corporation shall be McCook, Nebraska. The general nature of the business to be transacted by said corporation shall be a general merchandising business and the buying and selling of all classes of merchandise usually kept in a department store to acquire and dispose of real and personal property to build, alter, reconstruct and repair all buildings necessary or convenient for the effectual prosecution of such business. The amount of capital stock authorized shall be seventy thousand dollars, divided into one hundred and forty shares of five hundred dollars each, the par value of which shall be paid in full to the treasurer of said corporation, at the time of issuance. Said corporation shall commence when the par value of sixty-five thousand five hundred dollars of said capital stock shall be paid in full to the treasurer and its duration shall be perpetual. The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation is at any time to subject itself is one-half of the capital stock; the affairs of said corporation are to be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

C. L. DEGROOT & COMPANY,
By EDWIN SESS, President,
SALLEE F. DEGROOT, Secretary and Treasurer.—4-10-08.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss. In the county court, to the matter of the estate of Peter Wesch, deceased. To the creditors of said estate:

You are hereby notified that I will sit in the county court room in McCook in said county on the 28th day of November 1908, at one o'clock p. m., to examine claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. All claims against said estate must be filed in this court on or before November 27, 1908, and the executor of said estate is allowed until May 27, 1909, in which to make payment of debts allowed against said estate. Witness my hand and seal of said county court this 25th day of April, 1908, 5-8-08.

J. C. MOORE, County Judge.
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