

Some of the Popular Superstitions

Our best society is full of whims, delusions and prejudices that would edify a Hottentot. The breaking of a mirror will spread consternation through a most Christian family, and will bring down a table with thirteen. As to sitting down to the table with thirteen. As to sitting down to the table with thirteen. As to sitting down to the table with thirteen.

It is not of your written creed, but a sort of higher law, sprung from some mystical source, that makes it all the more imperative. Don't have your baby weighed when he is born. If you do he will die—somehow.

You must never sit down to table thirteen in number. If you do, one of the party will die before he gets to bed.

You must not rock the cradle empty. As there are two prophecies concerning the child who is rocked in an empty cradle, the household, or, if one is living, it will die; or, still more terrible to the mortal parent, there will be a quiver over full of the human arm.

If you count all the white horses you see at a funeral you will soon die. How it works when the bereaved to you, you cannot help counting it, we do not know; but the probability is that, chariots of fire not being of daily occurrence, you will die.

What you dream sleeping in a strange bed will come true; and if you are in a room where a special divinity whom you wish to have graciously down upon you, you must not change it.

Trouble will never come near folks who have been hanged or imprisoned, but this was probably no trouble to them, as they were not hanged or imprisoned.

These are but a few of the commonest of our extra-artificial faith. There are many more, and they are all equally true, and may be preached from—N. Y. Commercial.

Phantom Inheritances. The thousands who have been duped into long and exhausting lawsuits for phantom fortunes seem to have had little influence in deterring others from similar useless experiments.

Here is a little story which may serve as a warning to the credulous and well-educated; so, when he was brought before the magistrate, a member of the "Charity Organization Society" appeared for his defense.

Subsequently a document was found among the dead man's papers announcing that the sum of forty-five million francs had been deposited in London, and for this the poor German had been endeavoring for years to find some trace.

play a respectable solicitor." He spent the greater part of his little fortune in making careful researches in Holland and Belgium, where from time to time this being fortunate was heard of some new genius.

He started in garrets while he employed lawyers to investigate the case. He was unaccountably successful in his investigations, and became totally absorbed in the future search. He never heeded the "confidential" friends who came to him from time to time, and who were not to be trusted.

Many clever but unscrupulous men in Germany, England and America make handsome livings by filling the ears of the credulous with tales of fortune. It is not easy to calculate how many hundreds of these little creatures are made rich by the credulous.

Strangely enough, the misguided people who once have been persuaded that they are to gain a fortune which has so long awaited them, rarely discover they have been deceived. They but take it upon themselves to take up their abode in the land of the living.

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AGRICULTURAL AND DOMESTIC.

An Idea for Teamsters.—A great deal of labor and hard tugging may be saved if every wagon or truck is provided with 100 feet of stout rope and a single pulley.

Flighty Costumes. A terrible fashion has been introduced this autumn in Paris to suit bills and excite an honorable emulation in extravagance.

A good set of clothes last for a long time. We have in mind an excellent housekeeper, whose bridal dishes, thirty years ago, are in one of the best of the world.

Chocolate Pudding with Sauce.—Hain and cream, one pint each, vanilla to flavor, half a pint of soda-cracker crumbs, butter the size of an egg, half a pint of boiled milk.

When you wish to clean a lamp chimney hold a linen cloth against one end of the chimney and place the other end in the lamp.

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electricity, and of which we know only its effects and nothing whatever of its substance, is also the agency by which the Creator has pervaded the nervous system, made it the telegraphic apparatus for the transmission of intelligence from one part of the body to another.

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The feathers are picked off with great care to avoid injury to the skin, and after the fowl have been washed in clean they are well rubbed with wheat bran, which whitens them; the butchering is done at night, and they are hung up with a few raw trifles in each body in the morning.

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