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BY DAVID ABBOTT in the OMAHA WORLD-HERALD.

chical Research.

He thinks there are none which could of my own private life." fool him with clever performances. He is baffled completely by an invalid woman of obscure origin and surround-

In company with Prof. Hyslop, secretary of the American society, and Mr. George Clawson of Kansas City, he made for himself and for the readers of the World-Herald a thorough investigation of this remarkable woman's work. He tells the facts as they developed. Being an authority accepted in recognized authoritative psychic publications, Mr. Abbott's article is worth something. While he does not express a decided opinion, he shows he exhibitions of the wonderful woman in Ohio.

By David Abbott.

The story I am about to relate I 4:35 p m | in the twentieth century, yet it is abso- dence with a man 'n Huntington, W. lutely true.

ble farmer, a woman who has been the yond question. What I learned from her own home more than once or twice | ed me greatly. in her life, who lives in an obscure litrowboat ferry across the river from in a public road in a carriage. Her braska City....... 11:15 p m | rowboat ferry across the river from | in a public road in a carriage. Her Sleeping, dining and recling chair | Huntington, W. Va. It is the story of | lips are closed and there is no perceptcars (scats free) on through trains. Mrs. E. Blake, who has been a wonder lible motion of the throat or lips."

> A good, kind old lady is Mrs. Blake, education, but withal a woman of

to the world.

It remained for a magician to discover and test her wonderful powers. A lady or the location. magician who frankly acknowleged I determined to make this investigatrick, if trick it was.

six new subscribers for The new trick. What he saw amazed him, being used in this case. Kansas City Weekly Journal at It impressed him so strongly that he I was unknown to anyone in that periences with this woman as follows:

> discovered a real medium, more won- about persons at a distance of 1,000 derful than Home, and the spirit com- miles a very "up-hill" business. Nevermunion has been proven, or that I theless to make assurance doubly sure, have found a lady greater in skill than I determined to take this gentleman any scientist. The thing may be a with me entirely unknown and to take trick, but with over forty years experi- him under an assumed name. ence in the study of magic and the acquaintance of all the great magicians, my wits were not sharp enough to see how this could be done by trickery.

"Briefly her very marvelous power is this: She hands you a tin trumpet so made that it consists of two small trumpets with the bells fastened together. The trumpet is thirty inches long and tapers from two inches in diameter at the center to one-half inch at the small ends. On these small ends are saucer shaped pieces that fit the

and claim to be the voices of your dead friends and relatives.

Mrs. Blake will, instead of holding

laying on the table. is always correct. One of the strang- voices gave, I knew must be obtained thought he understood the name "Ed-

A most remarkable narrative of what | er of my boyhood days announced may be of startling importance is the himself, and said he would like to play story told on this page by David Ab- for me. Immediately I heard passages bott, a magician of Omaha, who has a of piano playing in the trumpet, and national reputation in psychic circles my friends in the room also heard it. and is himself an enthusiastic mem- I had not thought of this gentleman and had only been out of bed two days. ber of the American Society for Psy- for ten years, and I live five hundred We finally induced him by great permiles from Mrs. Blake. She had no Mr. Abbott has made a life study of means to even know my name, yet the the tricks of the professional medium. voices told me correctly many things

"Now, my dear Mr. Abbott, this is not hysterical 'gush.' I assure you I have in no way exaggerated or padded the facts. I have seen these things. Sincerely yours, E. A. Parsons."

Weighty Testimony.

Had I received the above from any ordinary source I should have given little credence to such a report. But to receive such a letter from a professional magician and a man of the standing of E. A. Parsons in the world of magic, was a different thing entirely. He is a is not able to explain the remarkable pecially used by professional mediums, so-called.

I determined to look into the matter and learn for myself if on the globe there really existed a being who possessed powers out of the ordinary. I know will sound strange, told as it is succeeded in establishing a correspondent Va., who was thoroughly informed on It is the story of the wife of an hum- the case. A man whose integrity is bedevoted mother of fifteen children, him completely verified the statements who has never been twenty miles from I had previously received and interest-

"The voices," said my friend, whom I lage so remote from the beaten track doors as well as indoors. I have mythat the only mode of access is by a self heard them while riding with her

Resolves to Investigate.

After receiving several letters conjust such as our grandmothers used to taining wonderful personal experibe. A woman of no great amount of ences, I became firmly convinced that could not understand, but what we did this must surely be a case entirely out understand was correct. of the ordinary, and I resolved to see For many years this wonderful wo. and investigate it. I wrote Prof. James man remained hidden in her little H. Hyslop, secretary of the American home, visited by thousands of persons. Society for Psychical Research, and Yet, among the hundreds who visited gave him an outline of the case. I her not one of them ever gave her case found him deeply interested and anxi- son). In a moment Mr. Clawson said, ous for an investigation. Meanwhile I did not reveal to him the name of the began moving upward and Mrs. Blake

that his tricks were but tricks, and a tion at once and to conduct it on such man who had investigated and exposed lines as would entirely remove the many frauds in the way of mediums in possibility of any kind of trickery behis day. This magician was Mr. E. A. ing employed. I will say for such Parsons of New Haven, Conn., with readers as may not know, that I am a whom I have corresponded for some performer of the tricks used by the time. Mr. Parsons was so impressed hundreds of professional spirit mewoman that he made a journey of 500 thoroughly familiar with the various miles to see her and to discover her "systems" by which they gain the information that they give their subjects, When Mr. Parsons went to see Mrs. and I determined to entirely remove Any person who will secure Blake, he thought merely to obtain a the possibility of anything of the kind

the rate of 25 cents per year wrote me of the occurrence, describing part of the country, with the exception a state of affairs which promised to be of "Mr. X," who merely knew my one of the wonders of the age, if true. name and residence. He knew nothing and send the amount to us, to- And a magician has a keen eye and is of any of relatives or of the towns gether with the names, will be not likely to be deceived, relying so where they reside. I was entirely satmailed, as a present, a beautiful largely, as he does, upon his eyes and isfied that this gentleman was of too his hands for his tricks. He concluded high a character to attempt to learn a long account of his own actual ex- anything of my history by correspondence, and reveal it to this lady, be-"Now, Mr. Abbott, I believe I have sides I found gathering information

Selects a Companion.

The gentleman I selected was Mr. George W. Clawson of Kansas City, the American Society of Psychical Re- ly, "Tell her that I love her." I then search. I did not reveal to him where asked the voice to give its name, but he was to go (with the exception that it could not understand the reply. I was to be within 100 miles of Cincina- gave the trumpet to Mr. Clawson to town until we arrived in Huntington do you want to talk to?" You place one end of this trumpet to before starting from Omaha I wired could not understand, but kept repeat your ear, and Mrs. Blake places the Prof. Hyslop in New York when and ing it until I heard the name "Brother Grandma Daily." other end to her ear. Immediately where to meet me in Huntington. I Davie, Brother Davie," repeated two voices in the trumpet address you. went by way of Kansas City and joined times and finally the following: These voices are usually whispers, and Mr. Clawson there. I asked him to "Brother Davie Abbott." "Abbott," choose a name to travel under and he was then repeated a time or two.

did so. The name was C. E. Wilson. Mr. Clawson registered at the Floren. tain that it was my name that was prothe trumpet to her ear, hold it in her time hotel under the name of C. E. nounced. I said, "Yes, you seem to be palm, or allow one end placed against Wilson and I introduced him to "Mr. repeating my name all right." I did her back. In any case you hear the X" under that name. It was the first not repeat the name myself or in any voices just the same. Her lips are time that I had met "Mr. X." and as he way mention it. tightly closed and there is no move had only known of me since April, I Mr. Clawson now took the trumpet ment of the muscles of the throat or was certain that even he was in the and a voice addressed him and said: "I lips. A third party can listen at her dark as to my history. I had carefully am your brother." Mr. Clawson said, throat and lips, while the voices are in instructed Mr. Clawson in the method "Who else is there," and the voice anthe trumpet. I have heard them just of asking questions so as to reveal no swered, "Your mother." He again of her at the time. This sister my as plainly in a glass lamp chimney, or information between lines. As he was asked, "Who else?" and the voice said, the sound-hole of a guitar that was an attorney he proved an apt pupil, "Your baby." He then asked for the and I was soon certain I need have no baby to talk and give its name, but continued as follows: This is done anywhere, in broad day- fears on that score. I was present at could not understand what was said in ight, even out of doors, and the infor- all of the sittings and heard every reply. Finally a voice seemingly a tell your father, Davie, that I have mation and names given by the voices word, so that any information the girl's), addressed Mr. Clawson. He

Meets the Woman.

At 10 o'clock on Monday, the morning of our arrival, we drove to the Ohio river and crossed in a row boat to the opposite shore. Mr. Blake was on the porch turning people away who were begging for an audience. He informed us that Mrs. Blake was anable to give any sittings, was just recovering from a six weeks' spell of sickness, sussion to at least permit us to see her.

We found her sitting by her window in a willow rocker with her crutches by her side. She explained to us that name for your, mother?" and the voice she did not refuse on account of any weakening effects that the work had on her, but simply because at times heard her use these names myself. Mr. when her physical condition was run Clawson then asked for the voice to down, that her "voices" were so inarticulate as to make it next to impossible to understand the words; that unless she could give satisfaction she preferred to give nothing.

Before describing what followed will state that we had in all four sittings with Mrs. Blake. This one, which lasted only twenty minutes, one given man who is an expert in the perfor- in the evening after the arrival of Prof. mance of all kinds of tricks and es. Hyslop, one the following morning at 10 o'clock, and one in the same afternoon at 3 o'clock. The first three were held in Mrs. Blake's home and the last one was given across the river at the office of "Mr. X.," where we had taken Mrs. Blake to have a photograph tak-

The first day the results were poor, simply owing to our inability to understand the words, they being very weak and inarticulate, owing to Mrs. Blake's weakness. On the second day were far more wonderful. The sitting mother's side. given in the afternoon when she was tle village called Braderick, O., a vil will call Mr. X., "can be heard out of exhilerated by the carriage ride was very remarkable. In this the voices was most marvelous and we received in all nineteen correct names, while There was much conversation that we

Talks With the Departed.

Mrs. Blake placed the trumpet with one end on her palm and the other end on the palm of Mr. Clawson (Wil-"How heavy that is getting." Then it said, "Some one desires to speak to you, place that end to your ear." Mr. Clawson did so and Mrs. Blake placed the other end to her ear. Her lips were tightly closed, but I at once heard a whisper in the trumpet addressing Mr. Clawson.

After the voice gave this informa-

tion, it made some further remarks stand, so he said to me, "You take this very weak." end of the trumpet and see if you can understand what they say." I was sitting directly in front of him and I did hear?" I replied, "Yes, who are you?" I want to talk to mother. Tell her-I did not tell him the lady's name or trumpet back to me and I asked, "Who

These names were plain and I was cer-

est things was that an old music teach- by some means out of the ordinary na." Now, Mr. Clawson had a dead

daughter with whom he was extremely anxious to communicate. Her name was Georgia Chastine, and she died a few years ago just after graduating from a school of dramatic art.

Remarkable Answers.

Mr. Clawson was very anxious to communicate with his daughter and seemed to think the voice was hers, so disregarding the name which he took to be "Edna," he said: "What was your pet name for me?" The voice replied, "I always called you 'Daddie'." This was the name that Georgia had always used in addressing her father. He then said, "What was your pet replied "Muz and Muzzie." This was also correct, as I have frequently give his name, but the reply could not be understood. I will say in explanation that the mother and a baby of Mr. Clawson's were both dead, but he attempted to carry on no further conversation with them at this time. Just at this point another voice said, "I am grandma." Mr. Clawson said, "Grandma who?" I could not understand the words in the trupet, but Mr. Clawson, who was listening, remarked: "You say Grandma Daily? That's pretty good," and turning to me he said, "The voice says Grandma Daily is strength failed her and we had to give

Mr. Clawson told me when crossing the river that the last voice said, "Dave's grandma is here," but as he and I are cousins he first supposed this was our grandmother, and asked. "Grandma who?" The facts are that I she was much stronger and results had a Grandmother Daily on my

Mrs. Blake did not keep the trumpet | 3 to her ear all of the time, but at times let it rest in her hand and placed her could frequently have been heard 100 palm against the end of it. There was feet away. The information received no cessation of the voices at such times and her lips remained tightly closed. When the trumpet lay in her hand the we received none that were wrong. At voices seemed to me to originate in her the first sitting, however, we obtained hand, but when it was to her ear they very little, merely three correct names. seemed to me to originate at her ear.

> She told me that she had heard the voices in her ears when she was a little girl, and that some thirty years ago a gentleman had a thin trumpet made for her to try. She then discovered that any closed receptacle confined the voices and made the sounds louder and more distinct. Afterwards she tried using the double trumpet. We returned to Huntington where we met Prof. Hyslop on his arrival, and in the evening we again crossed the river to Mrs. Blake's home.

Medium's Dead Son.

When we arrived at Mrs. Blake's cottage no names were given to her, and we sat in her room. We sat for a very Mr. Clawson then said, "Who are long time with no results, and had you?" I could not understand the re- about abandoned all hope of anything by a chance account of this wonderful diums that travel over the land. I am ply, but I heard Mr. Clawson say, "You occurring when suddenly the deepsay you are my brother? You say you toned voice of a man appeared about a are my brother Eddy?" I supposed at foot below and behind Mrs. Blake's the time that this was an error for I head. The voice was melodious, soft did not know that Mr. Clawson had and low in pitch and very distinct. ever had such a brother, but after. This is the voice that is claimed to be wards when we were crossing the river that of her dead son, Abe. There was Mr. Clawson told me that the voice a note of sadness, and it spoke these wish to buy, sell or make a loan. I said plainly that "This was his brother words: "My friends, I am sorry to say Eddy," and that he had a brother Ed- that owing to my mother's weak conward, who had died at the age of two dition it will be impossible for us to give any manifestations this evening that are worth anything. We deeply regret this, but it is beyond our power which Mr. Clawson could not under- to give you anything of value, as she is

It is hardly necessary to state that we refused to take this statement as a dismissal, but continued to remain. as he directed. A voice addressed In a short time we heard the voice of a something to me, but I could not un- man of a different tone entirely, which derstand the articulation. Finally I Mr. X. recognized as that of his grandunderstood the words, "Can't you father. The tone was the same as that of the voices of real old men. The con-The voice said, "I am your brother and versation was commonplace, and then a much more robust voice, with a far The balance of the sentence was in- deeper tone, spoke and said: "Lew, we articulate, and I asked, "What shall I will give way to the others." This Mr. Mo., who, like myself, is a member of tell her?" The voice then spoke plain- X. recognized as the voice of his father.

These voices were open; that is, they were in no trumpet. I reached down to the floor and picked up the trumpet which I had brought with me, and soon ti) until two days before starting. I see if he could understand. The voice a voice addressed me. The voice could then merely wrote him that we would kept saying to Mr. Clawson, "I want to be heard issuing from the trumpet by go to Huntington, but gave no names. talk to my brother." He gave the the others present. I said: "Who is this?" and I thought the voice replied: "Grandma Daily." I said to Mrs. and had started for her village. Just The voice pronounced a name that I Blake: "Who do you understand this to be?" She replied: "It sounds like

I then said: "Well grandma, what do you want to say?" She replied, "Davie, I love you and I am all right. It's all right, Dave. It's all right. And I want you to tell your mother, and tell her that I am all right and happy, and Pap is, too."

I may here remark that my grandmother Daily always called me "Davie," and she called my grandfather "Pap." I will also state that I have a sister Ada, but no one in that part of the country could have known of this, and I was in no way thinking grandmother and us children always called "Ady." The voice immediately

"I want you to tell your mother, and

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