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## Twentieth Century Magic By Garrett P. Serviss Strange Proceedings and Alleged Discoveries with Divinning Rods in Europe

era of the art of divining with the baguette," as the mystical twig is called. A considerable number of accredited witnesses attended the experiments. The principal object was to discover

underground water courses, the Department of Lot being famous for its concealed springs and its subterranean rivers. The result, according to the witnesses, was astonishing. Not only hidden streams of water were traced through all their windings, though lying a some cases two or three hundred feet deep, but waterless cavities, or caverna, in the rocks were also located with equal facility, and their outlines were indtcated with substantial correctness, as subsequent explorations proved.

In the case of great vaverns already partially known, branches and extensions hitherto unexplored were indicated, and marked out on the surface of the ground with surprising accuracy. Depths, widths, etc., were correctly indicated. One of our pictures is a photograph, showing the begioning of a subterranean river course in the cave of Padirac, whose unexplored windings were correctly indicated by the experimenters passing over the surface of the ground high above.

In addition to these discoveries the experimenters, it is alleged, not only found such things a skeletons in ancient graves and buried metallic objects, but announced before any confirmatory digging had been done the nature of the things which they had located.

So far as appears there is no ground for suspecting conscious deception on the part of M. Vire and his collaborators, although further experiments will be required to convince scientific men that the phenomena are all that is claimed for them.

The explanation which believers in this kind of divination offer for the effects



The Perfection of Motion

Teaching Children How to Develop Gracefully



The perfect way of going upstairs.

Do you shake hands properly? Do you know the correct way to go upstairs? These and other important facts that will help girls to gracefulness and health are being taught in schools of several big cities, and it is considered certain that before long this instruction will be universally taken up as regular studies. There is a right way

and a wrong way of performing these apparently simple actions, but it seems that most people involuntarily choose the wrong. A little instruction in these improvements brings about an amazing change in the carriage and walk of the pupil, it is said, and in effect soon proves the short road to gracefulness, as well as helping to bring about an erect body

The Manner of Holding the Divining Rod in Searching for Water, Ore, Buried Treasure and Underground Caverns.

By GARRETT P. SERVISS. One of the most persistent of popular superstitions in all ages has been that concerning the wonderful powers of the "divining rod," with whose ald hidden treasures, underground springs, subterranean water courses and veins of ore could be discovered.

Recently in Germany and in France men whose veracity seems unquestionable

plaining that she's got a sore-headed bear healthy girl becomes a nervous, shrewish judge of what they are going to get By DOROTHY DIX. virago of a wife. for a husband.

their life partners, also to size up with Of course there are certain accidents These catastrophes of matrimony do not reasonable clearness the conditions under

another thing to take foolbardy risks. It that may occur on the matrimonial jour- happen often. As a general thing, the which they are going to live. Likewise it another thing to take foolbardy risks. It ney, and against which no prudence can man and woman, after marrying, go on shows that most of the miserics of matriinsure one. One is bound to take some being exactly the same kind of people mony could have been avoided by those risk. A man man may lose his health or they were before marriage, only a little who complain so bitterly of them if men of life that may

In Planning Matrimony

Shaking hands should convey much meaning.

have conducted experiments with the divining rod which have found their way into scientific journals and have led some who have investigated them to aver that the old belief is not a superstition at all, but the recognition of a fact of nature. Some of these experiments are sufficiently curious to be described and illustrated here.

To begin with, it should be recalled that the traditional divining rod is a twig of witch hazel in the form of a widebranching fork, which is held in the hands of the "wigard" in the manner shown in one of the pictures. The twig. however, may be of any other wood, or even of metal, provided it has the conventional form.

The man advances slowly over the ground where the hidden water or other thing sought is supposed to be and wnen the butt end of the twig, which is held uppermost, begins to turn forcibly downspot where a little digging will complete the discovery.

The entire proceeding smacks so much of chariatanry that it is not surprising that men of science, in general, have refused to consider it seriously. Yet

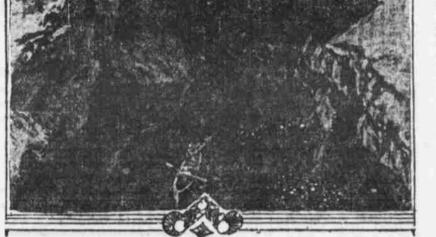




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he arrives over the object of his search, The Newly Discovered Part of the Subterranean River at Dadirac, France.

there have always been a few who have produced is, in brief, that certain persons invoke on their own heads. ward (so it is affirmed), pointing out the kept their minds open to conviction pro- are abnormally sensitive to vibratery inoided that verifiable evidence of the fluences, which may be of an electric na. of the domestic miseries in the world existence of the strange effect claimed ture (the word electricity always covers could be avoided if people would remem-

examine it.

say 50,000,009 or 200,000,000, then the num-

bers would be of slight importance, for

what does 100,000,000 years of time amount

A. (1) The Biblical account of the age of the earth is on the same plane as 'Koresh" or hollow earth doctrine; and

was written by men totally ignorant of

They had no mathematics, telescopes.

nieroscopes, chemists' retorts, measuring

netruments, accurate scales, and no

spectroscopes, the mighty scientific power of modern times. They did not

know that the earth is a sphere, had no

trace of an idea of the size of the sun.

They were so ignorant that they believed in a solid firmant and that the

stars are all at the same distance and fixed to this solid enclosure. They

thought that the entire sidereal universe,

now known to contain at least 100,000,000

giant suns, beatdes which the earth is

almost, but not exactly, nothing, reolved around the earth once each day.

Some of these suns are distant quadril

lions of miles, and a number are 50,000 003

times larger than the carth. To get

the earth?

to in the universe?

or the distance.

a single law of Nature.

Department of Lot in France. The per-sons concerned in the experiments were Monsieur Armand Vire, a scientific writer of considerable standing in writer of considerable standing in

could be produced. It is alleged that a multitue of suppositions), and that ber that results follow causes just as renow such evidence exists. Let us briefly only such persons are able to use a di- lentlessly in matrimony as they do everyvining rod. As to the rod itself, it is where else in nature. We will confine our attention to the claimed that its peculiar shape, and the alleged discoveries made in 1013 in the constrained position in which it is held, with a notorious thief. He does not buy

All this may be taken for what it seems France, together with Mesers. Probat worth, but, anyhow, the recent proceedand Pelaprat and the Abbe Mormet, all ings of the diviners have caused a great hree of whom are known as practition- deal of talk in Europe.

What Is the Scientific Age of the Earth?

patience the vicissitudes befall us. It is another thing to deliberately butt into

trouble. These platitudes are never so vividly lilustrated as they are in matrimony, where men and women apparently court misery by making marriages that are bound by their unsuitability to bring disaster upon them. vet who beat upon their breasts, and ask us to sympsthize with them

> they are when called upon to suffer the misfortunes they

It is absolutely true that 90 per cent

An honest man does not go into business without having enough capital to finance

But he will marry a woman who is a silly little fool, and expect her to be a wise and inteiligent helpmate. He will marry a woman without knowing what sort of a family she comes from, and

have his heart broken when his children come into the world neurotic, diseased little creatures, with a tainted heredity. A woman will marry a drunkard and

By EDGAR LUCIEN LARKIN. around the earth daily, the remote suns expect everybody to mingle their tears the man who is ashamed of his mother Q .- (i) "What is the scientific age of would have to travel at least 1,000,000 with here because she has a sot for a lish's good enough to be permitted to call miles per second. But the most rapid husband. She will marry a man wite a motion known to science, that of energy, lurid past, and bemoan herself because he (2) "How account for the discrepancy between the scientific and Biblical ideas is 186,350 miles per second. is not faithful to her. She will marry a Any sun moving 1,000,000, or even 1.000 moody, iii-tempered, grouchy man, who A. (1) The sge of the earth is not miles per second would dash out of that is bard to get along with and keep pla-known, but it cannot be less than bure moveme within range of our the another the balance of bur the balanc 100,000,000 years. But suppose I should huge modern telescopes never to return, she apends the balance of her life com-

## Commencement

By CONSTANCE CLARKE. June, and a white road stretching away Into an unknown land, Called by the hours that we may not stay, We at the crossroads staud. Hours like rose petals blown astray, Back on the road of yesterday, What is our future-who can say?

Lost in an unknown land.

Wind in the trees goes whispering by, Here at the border line; Here 'neath the glow of a summer sky Plant we our ivy vine-Linking the hours that swiftly fly Into a chain as life goes by,

Dimming the past while the flame burns high Over the border line.

who waits until he is 40 years old to riage that brings out what is best, or leap into the boly estate, which is a land sow his wild out crop. Very rarely there worst, whichever is the stronger in the of tribulation for so many. is a woman who develops a yellow streak individual. in her after marriage. Some times a This makes it possible for people to How Often Do You Write Home?

By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

The Age Question.

No.

Try to Be Sensible.

it advisable for u

Do you think

## By BEATRICE FAIRFAX.

whereby a girl may judge if a man sonz. will make a good husband, but it is sad There is no better way to judge a man and he has to support his mother, who proof of the anxiety of girls to get mar- than by the way he treats his mother. ried that none are applied.

A man comes wooing, or, more often, he shows himself in a mood to be won. Advice to the Lovelorn and the girl in the case asks neither for promises nor credentials. He is a receptive candidate for matrimony, and less account is taken of his qualifications than if he were a candidate for coroner han if he were a candidate for coroner it a country crossing. This is particularly deplorable for the My parents object to our marriage on at a country crossing.

reason that knowledge of the man in-reason that knowledge of the man in-volves neither an outlay of expense nor of time. The girls need only encourage him to speak of his home and judge him know that I do not it my heart. up, for I love with all my heart. IN LOVE. what his talk reveals.

He has a mother. If she lives in a dis-A man of 32 is not too old for a girl tant town and he never writes to her he of 30. Try to persuade your parents that isn't fit for a girl as far as the next you are woman enough to be a good wife other men, who marry for one thing and crossing. A man who forgets to be con- for the man you love. Perhaps they think expect another, and who deliberately go siderate of his mother will treat a wife you immature and incaple of deciding the With Parkets question of your life's happiness.

If he lives at home, and never takes his nother out for a ride, or to a place of imugement, or is never her eacort in her

Dear Miss Fairfax: I am a girl of 15 years of age and deeply in love with a young man two years my senior. He is yeary fond of me, but he only earns 310 a valks abroad, he is ashamed of her. and to marry on this small salary BESSIE. There need be no other test. No Brad-You are young enough to wait for marstreet or Dun devoted to discovering

blemishes in the character of a man could riage until the boy you love is earning

There is no excuse for such neglect, sary expenses will be, and you will realize No man is too busy to write to his that \$10 is not enough on which to marry

mother, though every hour of his day be devoted to the hardest of labor. She Dear Miss Fairfax: I am deeply and is not a stern critic. She doesn't demand 

saving his money is no excuse. He will sion," he was asked. forget he had any ambition to save when "Well." he said, "I was standing beside some good fellow among his comrades the gun, there was an awful racket and THE OMAHA BEEr some good looking zirl comes along. the doctor said: 'Sit up and take this.' The best husbands you know were good -Ladles' Home Journal.

his money. Occasionally there is a man more so, for there is something in mar- and women would only look before they

Take, for instance, this example of the way in which people walk open-eyed into certain misery. Among my acquaintances is a clever young business woman, drawing a good salary that enables her to have all of the comforts and many of the luxuries of life. She is accustomed to dressing well, to going to places of amusement, to tasteful surroundings, but she has fallen love with a widower with four children, who are such obstreperous to their mothers. Those who treat their little savages that they are the terror of wives with every variety of humiliation the neighborhood in which they live. In There are all sorts of acid tests spoken a woman may know were ungrateful addition to these four drawbacks to domestic peace and quiet, the man is poor.

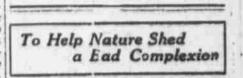
has a wide and fearful reputation for her tongue and temper.

If this girl marries this man she will have to live huddled up in a small flat with his children and mother; she will have to work like a slave at menial labor, cooking and washing and scrubbing and sewing for them, and she will have to do without all the good times to which she is

used. Does it take any prophet to foretell the outcome of such a marriage? Is there anything before the girl but misery and regret? Does it not really seem that anyone is a fit candidate for a padded cell who would make such a marriage, expecting to be happy in it?

Yet this girl is no sillier than the thousands of other girls, and thousands of into conditions of living that they know are bound to bring misery, yet who consider themselves the victims of matrimany because the shirt of Nessus isn't

lined with velvet. The only way to be happy though married, is to look before you loap, instead of crying when it's too late, over the bump you got



Beauty devotees are enthusiastic over he beautifying qualities of mercolized ax. Nothing discovered within recent ears accomplishes so much so quickly. wax. Nothing discovered within recent years accomplishes so much so quickly, without harm, at such small expense. The principal reason for this wonderful merit is that it works in harmony with physiological laws. Instead of hiding complexion defects, it removes tham. It actually takes off the aged, faded, sal-

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commes. The crudest latter ever written be in her cyces more beautiful than the most beautiful illuminated text. A lotter relieves the anxiety every mother feels for the child who has left home; it is proof of his love; glorifies the hardest task ber hands may find to do, and shortens the longest of dreary days. If a young man lives at home, and rever spends a little of his income on siving a "troat" to the woman who has denied herself for his sake ever since the hour he was horn, he hasn't any more respoct or love for her than he has for the scullery maid. The ples that he is saving his money is no excuse. He will