Ring Tells Experiences With Spirits

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Lardner Discusses Sir Oliver's Lodge Offering Arguments Favoring Spook Theory

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TO THE editor: Though they couldn't nobody hardily call this a medium winter I guess they never before was so much talk about spiritulisms and etc. runing amuck and a specially since Sir Oliver Lodge come acrost the old pond and begin telling us what he seen and heard and etc., but I don't genally always take other peoples hear says as they are libel to let their imagination run away with them so at 1st. I didn't pay much tension to the talk but when a person's own personal friends tells you about haveing experiences to say nothing about haveing a few of them yourself why you can't help from beginning to think that maybe after all they's something to it.

So where as I was a septic a few wks. ago you might say why lately different things has came up that has kind of made me turn turtle you might say and wile I haven't as yet came right out and joined the ranks of the occults why still and all they's a few things that I don't see how they could of happened on natural grounds and I thought maybe my army of readers might maybe be interested in hearing about them.

Well in the 1st. place they's been a couple of funny incidences in regards to the telephone like fir inst. the other night I was setting in the liveing rm. monking with a deck of cards when I thought I heard the telephone bell ring and I went out to answer it and says hello and they wasn't nobody answered me so I kind of jiggled the hook up and down and finely a lady's voice says number and I says I don't want no number, you rang here. "Well," says the voice, "They's nobody on the line."

Well for a minute I didn't know what to think but finely I puled myself together and went back in the liveing rm. and I hadn't no sooner than got there when my Mrs. says who was it, so I said "Did you think you heard the telephone bell ring?" So she says "I didn't think so. I know so." So I says "Well I heard it too but when I went there they wasn't nobody on the line." So here my friends was a incidence where TWO PEOPLE agreed that the telephone bell had rang and yet when I come to answer it they wasn't nobody there so how can you acct. for a incidence like that only on a occult basis you might say.

Another incidence connected with the telephone come off in this same house a few wks. before the above. They's a friend of ours lives in New Rochelle but haven't lived there long enough to get their name in the suburban dream book so I day my Mrs wanted to talk to this party so without thinking she called up and says Information please and it wasn't only 5 or 10 minutes when a voice come to her over the wire and says "This is Information" and my old lady fainted away as it was the 1st time she had ever had direct communication with the dead.

Well she finely got a hold of these people in New Rochelle and ast them over to dinner 1 night and we hadn't no sooner than got up from the fruggle meal when all the electric lights in the house went out and stayed out pretty near 4 minutes. Well we laughed and joked about it and past it over with a smile, but the next night when WE DIDN'T HAVE NO GUESTS, the lights went out about the same time and THREE NIGHTS LATER they done the SAME THING AGAIN.

It is the gen. belief that most of these signs and incidences comes off in the night time but once in a wile they's 1 of them happens in day light like for inst. I got up the other A. M. and like usual the 1st. thing I done was grab a glass and went for a drink but when I turned on the cold water faucet NOTHING HAPPENED. Not wanting to alarm nobody I went back to bed without saying nothing and a couple of hrs. later I heard a strange male voice talking somewheres in the house and then a kind of a dull hammering and when I got up again a little wile later and went for a drink the WATER RUN. That same P. M. wile I was

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down in the basement looking over my securitys I discovered that they was only 6 bottles left in a case where they had been 7 the LAST TIME I COUNTED.

Another day time incidence come to my tension down to the New Haven station here in Greenwich about 5 wks. ago. On this occasion I was figureing on going down to N. Y. city on the 9:55 train so I got to the Greenwich station at 10:30 but I noticed they wasn't no big crowd there like usual and the ticket window was shut up so I went out and seen the baggage man and ast him what was the matter with the 9:55. "Its gone" was his reply. "Yes" I says "but what about the 10.20?" "THATS GONE TOO" he says.

I can't count the number of times I come down stairs in the A. M. and find that all the ash trays has disappeared from where I left them the night before and some times tables and chairs has shifted around and of course its common knowledge that 1 of the spirits favorite sports is moveing furniture though heaven knows they never lift a hand to help a family thats moveing from 1 house to another.

These is some of the personal incidences that has made me look at the occult in a new light and besides witch I have heard testimony from personal friends that I know would not tell me nothing that wasn't true and I only wished I had space to numerate all these evidents but suffice me to say that they's a friend of mine in N. Y. city that swears he seen a couple of members of last year's Yale football team WALKING ON THE STREET in New Haven the other day and another friend of mine Kid Howard in Chicago gives me his word that he SEEN AND TALKED WITH Jess Willard THREE DAYS after Dempsey hit him for a home run in Toledo last July.

So I say wile I haven't joined Sir Oliver's Lodge as yet I don't laugh out right no more when people springs talk of the supper natural and it wouldn't only take a few more incidences like the above to make this baby a believer.

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Greenwich, Conn., February 27.

Louise Huff Is Married Again

New York.—Friends of Louise Huff were greatly surprised to hear she had taken unto herself a husband. The ceremony was performed recently by the Rev. Dr. O. P. Barnhill, and the happy bridegroom, as they say in the village newspapers, is Edwin A. Stillman of 52 West Fifty-second street.

Miss Huff recently obtained a divorce from Edgar Jones, the motion picture director. She was given the custody of her little daughter, Mary Louise, and permission by the court to remarry if she chose. Her marriage to Stillman is therefore a second matrimonial venture.

Stillman's marriage is also no amateur performance, he having obtained a divorce from his first wife last year. He is the son of Mrs. Francis H. Stillman of Brooklyn.

It is possible Mrs. Stillman will join the anti-feminist movement and give up her career. At least for the present she has no motion picture plans. She is finding her life's work keeping house in Park avenue for the newly acquired husband.

Morosco in London

Early in May, Oliver Morosco of Los Angeles will present three plays in London. The first will be "Mamma's Affair," now at the Fulton theatre. This production will have an English cast. "Lombardi, Ltd.," will be the second of his output abroad. The major portion of the original cast will take part in it. The third production listed is "Civilian Clothes." Morosco will personally stage these productions.

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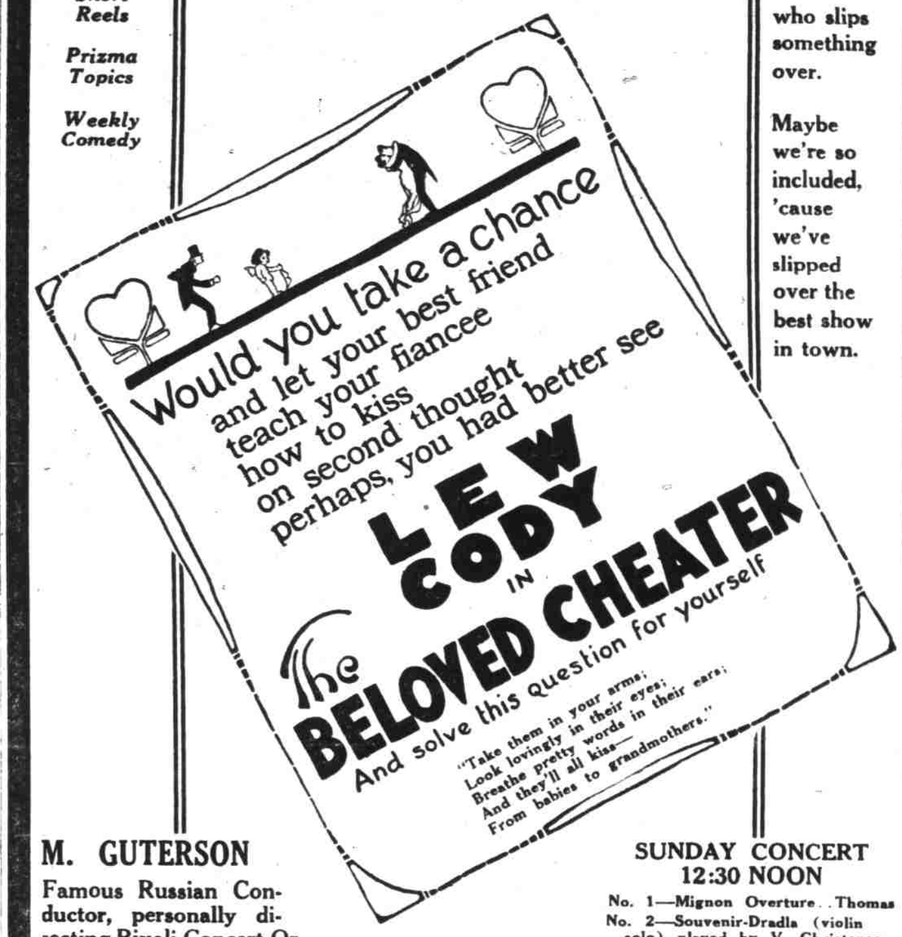

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