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QUEER APPARITIONS

Of Bodies, Souls and their Separations.

H. J. W. Dam contributes the following to the New York Journal: The first fact to be noted concerning the vision of Miss Julia Murray, seen, after her death, by ten reliable witnesses at Yonkers, is, that there are several thousands of cases of the same kind in which the testimony is equally reliable, and the facts practically the same. Persons who are actively engaged in commerce, the learned professions, literature and even science, have no time nowadays in which to follow the advance of modern psychology, and have little or no knowledge of the enormous number of facts which have been collected or of the very substantial science which has been built thereupon.

It should always be remembered that human life is quite as great a mystery as human death, and that we shall never understand the dead human being until we understand the living one.

There is no problem known to science so impossible of solution as the question: "How does a man shut his hand?" How the force which we call "volition" or will is able to accomplish this or to move any mass of matter is as profound a mystery as any which confronts us. Whenever this question is answered a key to the great problems of life, death, the creation and the Creator will have been found.

One Singular Fact.

All of the brilliant minds which are engaged in endeavoring to scientifically solve the problems of the conditions of death are concentrated upon one singular fact. In this fact the solution lies. This fact is that living persons and dead persons do precisely the same things and do them in precisely the same way.

The things that are done fall into the general classes. They are, first: Phantasms, which means the apparitions of living people and of dead people which manifest themselves to the living; and, secondly, clairvoyance, which means that both living persons and dead persons have the power of pervading space; that is, of being in two places at once.

It is this space-pervading power, common to both living and dead, which unlocks the mystery as to what man really is, and if we can obtain an explanation of this strange fact the difference between life and death will become comparatively unimportant. Death will become merely a change of state, and, in a large number of cases, a desirable change.

Instances will here be quoted illustrating each of these four factors in the problem. The first is a case of a phantasm of the living. It is taken from Podman's account in his book, "Apparitions and Thought Transference." Frances Reddell was the maid of Mrs. Pole-Carew, who lives at Antony Torpoint, England, Mrs. Pole-Carew and others fully authentic and corroborate the narrative of the maid:

Frances Reddell's Strange Story.

"Helen Alexander, maid to Lady Waldegrave, was lying here very ill with typhoid fever and was attended by me I was standing by the table at her bedside pouring out her medicine, at about 4 o'clock in the morning. I heard the call bell ring and was attracted by the door of the room opening and by seeing a person entering the room, whom I instantly felt to be the mother of the sick woman.

"She had a brass candlestick in her hand, a red shawl over her shoulders and a flannel petticoat which had a hole in the front. I looked at her as much as to say 'I am glad you have come,' but the woman looked at me sternly, as much as to say, 'Why wasn't I sent for before?' I gave the medicine to Helen Alexander and then turned round to speak to the woman, but no one was there. She had gone. She was a short, dark person and very stout.

"At about 6 o'clock that morning Helen Alexander died. Two days afterward her parents and a sister came to Antony and arrived between 1 and 2 o'clock in the morning. I and another maid let them in, and it gave me a great turn when I saw the living likeness of the woman I had seen two nights before. I told the sister about the vision and she said the description of the dress exactly answered to her mother's and they had brass candlesticks at home exactly like the one described. There was not the

slightest resemblance between mother and daughter."

A Phantom of the Dead.

Here is a case of a phantom of the dead from the same book. Mr. Husbands, who makes the statement, is a well-known and substantial citizen of Grimsby, England:

"The facts are simply these: I was sleeping in a hotel at Madeira. It was a bright moonlight night. The windows were open and the blinds up. I felt some one was in my room. On opening my eyes I saw a young fellow about 25, dressed in flannels, standing at the side of my bed and pointing with the first finger of his right hand to the place I was lying on. I lay for some seconds to convince myself of some one being really there. I then sat up and looked at him. I saw his features so plainly that I recognized them in a photograph which was shown to me among a lot of others some days later.

"I asked him what he wanted. He did not speak, but his eyes and hand seemed to tell me I was in his place. As he did not answer, I struck out at him with my fist as I sat up, but did not reach him, and as I was going to spring out of bed he slowly vanished through the door, which was shut, keeping his eyes fixed on me all the time. Upon inquiring I found that the young fellow who appeared to me had died in the room I was occupying. If I can tell you anything more I shall be glad if it interests you." This case is authenticated and corroborated in every particular.

A Case of Living Clairvoyance.

Here is a case of living clairvoyance (greatly condensed) from Deleze's "Animal Magnetism." It is selected because it is typical and is certified by a Protestant minister, whose truthfulness was beyond all question. It is told by the Rev. Benjamin F. Kent:

"I, then in a room with Miss Brackett and other, in Providence, R. I., asked Miss Brackett, then hypnotized, if she would go to my town, Roxbury, Mass., where, as was certainly known, she had never been. Miss Brackett said she would go and went. She followed the line of the railway and in about a minute said she was in Roxbury. She went all about the town; went into a store and described it; found her way, directed by me, from street corner to street corner, to my house; went through every room in the house, described position of the furniture and ornaments, which had been disarranged by my wife, through agreement, and was unknown to me, and made no error of any kind, as I took pains to verify. It was impossible to escape the conviction that although she was talking with me in Providence, she was in some strange way at the same time going over my house in Roxbury."

The Piper Experiments.

Here is a case of clairvoyance by the dead from Dr. Hodgson's report on the Piper experiments: "George Pelham, a deceased member of the University club, New York, was communicating in writing through the medium. He was asked to go away and find out for them what his father, then many miles away, was doing at that exact moment. He reported: 'I saw father and he took my photograph and took it to the artist's to have it copied. . . . I went to Washington.' His father and mother verified the complete accuracy of this by letters which are printed in the report, and were visibly shocked at the strange facts concerning their son's continued existence which it revealed. On four other occasions set forth in the report the same experiment was tried, always with the same convincing, indubitable result, Pelham 'went,' 'saw,' 'returned' and 'described.'"

No telepathic explanation of these and other phenomena has ever been found which has proved to be acceptable or at all adequate. Investigators have been forced to the conclusion that the clairvoyant mind, living or dead, actually "goes" in some inexplicable way to the scene which it describes. Close examination always reveals the certainty of this fact. Something "goes" and returns. When asked about this Pelham wrote: "I exist as a spiritual ego combined with thought. I do not know how to make this clear to you."

What we call death appears to be simply the permanent disassociation of personality and body, or, to use theolo-

gical phrase, soul and body. The actual separation of soul from body has been seen in a number of cases, though these are rare. Oliver Wendell Holmes reported such a case, which is of value because of the undoubted reliability of the narrator.

The Separating Soul.

The bluish luminousness caused by the separating soul, if the phrase may be used, corroborated in this case the experiments of Von Reichenbach as set forth in his "Animal Magnetism," and has been, in turn, corroborated by Dr. Luys in his modern experiments with hypnotic "sensitives."

A very excellent case of this kind is, however, appended hereto which has the merit of being local. It comes from Dr. George T. Stewart, a hard-headed, practical and eminent surgeon of New York city, who is the well-known superintendent of Bellevue hospital and its dependencies. It is as follows:

"About 10 o'clock on one morning in the spring of 1892 I was about to enter, in the course of my professional routine, the third division of Ward C, in the Ward's Island hospital. The room was well lighted by daylight from the windows, the day being clear and sunny. I did not enter the room, but, standing just outside, I experienced a very peculiar phenomenon. The door in front of me was open and concealed the bed behind it from my view. I became conscious as I stood there that something left this bed and passed slowly through the air, rising at an angle from the height of the bed to the opening in a window, lowered at the top, which was about twelve feet high and about eighteen feet distant from me. Passing slowly through the air this something attained the opening in the window and passed out.

"I would not undertake to say that I saw this object objectively—that is, in the way we see objects ordinarily, through sense impressions on the retina—because it was without form and invisible. It is possible, however, that I saw it in this way, and it is possible that I saw it by vibratory impulses directly affecting the sensorium rather than the retina. My sensation was distinctly, however, that something was passing through the air; that that something came from the bed behind the door; that the man in that bed had just died, and that this was his spirit, or soul or personality passing away from him. I have no theories to offer or explanation to propose. I am simply stating exactly what occurred.

"Without entering the room I turned to the attendant, John McBride, and said: 'The man in that bed is dead.' He said: 'No, sir. I've just left him.' I said: 'He is dead. Go and see.' McBride went into the room, went to the bed, returned and said 'You're right, sir. He's dead.'"

It Was A New Experience.

"My sensations at the time were very disagreeable, in fact, extremely disagreeable. They return, in a measure, whenever I think of it. It was something entirely new to my experience. I never encountered anything of the kind before and have never done so since. I am not a student of occult phenomena, have never had any time to devote to them and have no theories or beliefs in this regard. My specific sensation, whether it was objectively caused or otherwise, was that an invisible body was passing through the air and that the air in front of it was being massed, disarranged and pushed aside, as would be the case in the passage through it of a material body.

"I afterwards mentioned to the Jesuit Father B., then chaplain of the Ward's Island institutions, and he said that my account of the phenomenon agreed in all respects with several similar cases which have been reported by the clergy.

"If you insist upon my own view, as a practical surgeon, of the actual fact in the matter, I must say that until I have some data to enable me to form a more definite opinion, I shall be compelled to believe that I was somehow conscious of the passage of the man's soul from his body."

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MORE RAILROAD TALK.

Northern Pacific Branch to Pittsburg is an Assured Fact.

This week we became in possession of information to the effect that within less than thirty days the work of securing the right of way for the Northern Pacific branch road to Pittsburg will be started, our informant being Mr. E. C. Dalton, who returned last Saturday night from Tacoma, where he spent the entire week with Northern Pacific officials, and were he authorized by the railroad officials to secure the right of way for the company.

Mr. Dalton has been working in the interest of the Nehalem road for over a year, and while there were other matters which he hoped to consummate, but failed, he has continued to urge the construction of the road, and now returns with the statement positively made by the officials that the road will be put in this year. The engineers are industriously prosecuting the task of permanently locating the route, but before this can be finally done it will be necessary to proceed with the work of securing right of way, in order that the officials may be able to judge and determine upon the demands of the people, who are oftentimes too exacting in their demands for damages, real or imaginary.

It appears to us that the benefit to be derived from a road traversing that territory would amply repay any settler or landowner for the loss of a narrow strip of land as railroad right of way, and the privilege should be willingly given the company to proceed forthwith to carry out its plans.

In fact, Mr. Dalton assures us that the appropriation of funds with which to build the road has already been made to the extent of \$20,000 per mile, and it is presumed that when railroad officials act to that extent in the matter of a proposed road it means the immediate construction of the road.

There has been much difficulty experienced by the engineers in locating the route on account of the elevation to which the road must rise in order to get over the summit, and the construction will be necessarily expensive and more or less tedious. However, there seems but little room now to doubt but what actual and active construction work will be started within the next sixty days. There is also considerable agitation in the circle of the officials regarding the building of a spur to St. Helens, where splendid terminal facilities and most excellent boomage can be secured, which, with the best site on the Columbia river for a mill and the small expense of putting in a spur, make the proposition a most feasible one almost as likely to be consummated as of building the branch to Nehalem, which is now certainly decided upon—Oregon Mist.

County Surveyors.

The last legislature passed an act which transforms the county surveyor's office from a position offering little employment and meager remuneration, to one affording affluence, influence and plenty to do.

Under this law the county surveyor is entitled to an office in the county court house. He shall fit this office up as becomes his position and procure the materials and requisites—instruments, etc.—for carrying into effect the provisions of this act "and the county shall pay for the same and all expenses incurred therein out of the general fund of the county," and no questions asked. He shall receive fees, for his services the sum of \$5 per day for each and every day employed in the performance of his duties, and ten cents per mile for each mile actually traveled in going from the county seat to and from the place of survey.

The duties enumerated in the act will increase materially the number of days' employment now enjoyed by the surveyor. He is authorized to administer oaths necessary to the legal establishment of roads and other surveys and to take evidence to prove any point necessary to such survey.

Upon the establishment of any road he shall enter the plat and field notes upon the official records of the county. He shall make out a complete description of all or any part of the real estate of his county, to be made out and entered on proper rolls furnished by the clerk. He shall make complete surveys, plans

specifications and estimates for all bridges, culverts, roads, ditches or other public works to be constructed under the authority of the county court. The court may employ a civil engineer or architect to act in conjunction with the surveyor.

For taking the variation of the magnetic needle, and recording and making report of the same, for making and recording calculations of areas of land, for attendance at regular meetings of the county court when required for making plans, specifications, superintending or inspecting public work, the surveyor shall receive the same fees as allowed for making surveys, which fees shall be paid bi-monthly upon order of the court.

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GUARDIAN SALE.
Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the court, and entered by the County Court of the County of Tillamook, State of Oregon, on the 10th day of April, 1901, in the matter of the estate of Frederick M. Davidson and Montie V. Davidson, minors, the undersigned guardian of the person and estate of the said minors, will sell at public auction, subject to confirmation by said court, the following described real property, to-wit: Beginning at the South-west corner of the James Quick and Anna Quick, Donation Land Claim, and running thence East 25 chains; thence North 75 links; thence East to timber lands in Township No. 1 N., Range No. 6 E., and running thence East 11.75 chains; thence North 25 chains; thence West 28.25 chains to the West line of the said D. L. C.; thence South 11.65 chains to the place of beginning, containing 75 acres.
That said sale will be made on the 9th day of May, 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House door, in said County and State, either for cash in hand or upon such terms of sale with good and sufficient security to be approved by the Court.
Dated this 18th day of April, 1901.
GEORGE WILLIAMS,
Guardian of the person and Estate of Frederick M. and Montie V. Davidson, minors.

TIMBER LAND, ACT JUNE 3, 1878.—NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office,
Oregon City, Or.
February 15th, 1901.

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of Congress of June 3d, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the Public Land States by act of August 4, 1891.
MARGARET K. WILLIAMS,
of Tillamook City, county of Tillamook, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 531, for the purchase of the NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, being lot 5 of Section No. 6, in Township No. 1 N., Range No. 6 E. and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for a lumber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Tuesday, the 30th day of April, 1901. She names as witnesses:
A. L. White, of St. Johns, Multnomah co., Or.; Frank Bailey, of Portland, Multnomah co., Or.; C. E. Hatley and J. R. Harris, of Tillamook, Tillamook co., Or.
Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 30th day of April, 1901.
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