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STARVED TO DEATH.

In an attic, cold and dreary,
Lay a mother and her child,
Hepless, hopeless, weak and weary,
And with craving hunger wild.
Husband, father, toil-enduring,
Working hard for pittance pay—
In a week, enough procuring
For his family for a day.

Neighbors learn their sad condition;
Gather in to render aid;
Husband goes for a physician—
Cannot come unless he's paid.
Tries another and another,
Until one consents to come,
But too late to save the mother—
She in Death's cold arms is dumb.

Millions spent in church-adorning—
Millions wasted, making laws;
Millions of the people mourning,
While the demon hunger gnaws.
Oh, ye paid and trusted leaders!
Listen, while ye hold your breath:
In this land of Bible-readers,
Wives and mothers starve to death!

—Selected.

SPIRITUALISTIC.

Mr. J. H. Petabone and wife, traveling spiritualists, have been holding sittings in Talent and Ashland during the past two weeks. Remarkable materializations are said to take place in the presence of these mediums. The price per sit is about \$1, for each individual.

Any one from St. Patrick down to the latest departure is likely to appear and give your hand a cordial grip. We are also assured that these spirit hands are warm. None of that "cold, clammy feeling" that we used to hear so much about.

The ghosts of a few years ago were cold blooded. Contact with one of them would cause an earth mortal to shiver till his teeth would loosen. We are glad that spirits have evolved. Should any representative of the News be fortunate enough to get an invitation to attend a sitting he will be instructed to interview the spooks and get their views on the live issues of the day with us, and also direct information regarding the situation political, social and religious, "over there."

We shall then, of course, be able to run a scoop on the other county papers by giving a full, detailed and perfectly reliable account of the hard times if they have any, in Spookland; how they solve the tramp question; if dynamite is a factor in politics; their financial system; if that country is the *habitat* of the gold-bug; if the government owns the railroads, and if so how the system works; if one has to get out naturalization papers to become a citizen after being transferred from earth; what religion prevails; if the codlin moth and red scale have made a start there yet, and if so, the remedies used; whether they have coyotes, chicken hawks, shunks, jack rabbits and other varmints; the average lifetime of a spook; their manner of treating smallpox, measles, whooping cough, la grippe, etc.; if there are as many cranks to the square mile there as here; how John Sontag is getting along; how it feels to materialize and melt away again; if crops over there were good last year; why they don't materialize their books and newspapers for our benefit and let them stay materialized; what breeds of horses, sheep, chickens etc. take the lead over there; if they have the dude, also the "400" element; if their roads are equal to ours, etc, etc, etc.

Just let a News man get his hook on an intelligent spook for twenty minutes and our readers shall have a treat.