

**Spiritual Manifestation—Experience of Powers, the Sculptor.**

Dr. Bellows contributes to *Appleton's Journal* a paper entitled "Sittings with Powers, the Sculptor." In the course of a conversation Mr. Powers relates the following spiritualistic experiences:

"These spiritualistic phenomenon have always interested me, although I have never been in the least carried away by them. I recollect that many 'sittings' at my house, and others when Home was here. I certainly saw, under circumstances where fraud or collusion, or pre-arrangement of machinery, was impossible, in my own house, and among friends incapable of lending themselves to imposture, many very curious things. That hand floating in the air, of which all the world has heard, I have seen. There was nothing but moonlight in the room, it is true, and there is every presumption against such phenomenon under such circumstances. But what you see, you see, and must believe, however difficult to account for. I recollect that Mr. Home sat on my right hand, and beside him there were six others round one-half of a table, the empty half towards the window and the moonlight.

"All our fourteen hands were on the table, when a hand, delicate and shadowy, yet defined, appeared, dancing slowly just the other side of the table, and gradually creeping up higher, until above what would have been the elbow, it terminated in a mist. This hand slowly came nearer to Mrs. —, at the right side of the table, and seemed to pat her face. 'Could it take form?' cried her husband. Three raps responded: 'Yes,' and the lady put a fan near it, which it seemed trying to take. 'Give it the handle,' said the husband. The wife obeyed, and it commenced fanning her with much grace. 'Could it fan the rest of the company?' some one exclaimed, when three raps signified assent, and the hand passing round fanned each of the company and then slowly was lost to view.

"I felt on another occasion, a little hand—it was pronounced that of a lost child—patting my cheek and arm. I took hold of it. It was warm and evidently a child's hand. I did not loosen my hold, but it seemed to melt out of my clutch. Many other similar experiences I have had. It is interesting to know that the effect is not to create supernatural terrors and morbid feeling. My children, who know all about it, and were present, never showed any signs of trepidation, such as ghost stories excite in sensitive and young people.

"I have always thought that there was something yet inexplicable about the nervous organization, which might eventually show us to be living much nearer to spiritual forms than most believe, and that a not impossible opening of our inner senses might even here enable us to perceive these forms. When we see a man in his flesh and blood we see his outward robes. If his nervous system were delicately separated out from his body it would have the precise form of his body, for the nerves fill not only each tissue of the body, but extend even to the enamel of the teeth and the fibres of the hair. There is no part of the human frame that is not full of these invisible ramifications. Show us a man's nervous system, and filmy as it might be in parts, his form would be perfectly retained, even to his eyes. Now this is one great step toward spiritual body, and it still might have the precise form of the man. I believe it possible for this body to appear and, under certain states, to be seen. I do not often mention a waking vision I enjoyed more than twenty years ago, but I will tell it to you. It happened five and twenty years ago.

"I had retired at the usual hour, and as I blew out the candle and got into bed, I looked upon our infant child, sleeping calmly on the other side of its mother, who also was sound asleep. As I lay broad awake thinking on many things, I became suddenly conscious of a strong light in the room, and thought I must have forgotten to blow out the candle. I looked at the stand, but the candle was out. Still the light increased, and I began to fear something was on fire in the room, and I looked over toward my wife's side to see if it were so. There was no sign of fire, but, as I cast my eye upward, and as it were to the back of the bed, I saw a green hillside, on which two bright figures, a young man and a young woman, their arms across each other's shoulders, were standing and looking down with countenances full of love and grace, upon our sleeping infant.

"A glorious brightness seemed to clothe them and to shine in upon the room. Thinking it possible that I was dreaming, and merely fancying myself awake (for the vision vanished in about the time I have been telling you the story, and left me wondering) I felt my pulse to see whether I had any fever. My pulse was calm as a clock. I never was broader awake in my life, and said to myself, 'Thank God, what I have been longing for years to enjoy has at length been granted me, a direct look into the spiritual world! I was so moved by the reflections excited by this experience, that I could not restrain myself from awaking my wife and telling her what happened. She instantly folded her child to her bosom, weeping and said: 'And is our darling then to be so soon taken from us?' I pacified her by telling her there was no evil omen in the vision I had seen; that the countenances of the heavenly visitants expressed only peace and joy, and that there was nothing to dread of harm to our child. And so I found it. I have longed much since to have any similar experience, but I never had it.

Mr. Powers being asked whether he really believed in the pretensions of modern spiritualists, said: 'I am not a believer in the revelations of spirits, as made known through mediums or otherwise, for most corrupt and unworthy communications are often made, and, with many mediums, there is a great deal of trickery; while there are some so-called mediums who are nothing else than charlatans. But I do believe in the fact of spiritual manifestations, animal magnetism, the

moving of solid bodies by means as yet unexplained by purely scientific men. I believe we are now at the threshold of a new era of discoveries, very unlike the past.

**An Earthquake Coming—A California Savant Predicts a Heavy Shaking-up of Things in September or October.**

The San Francisco *Chronicle* publishes the following prediction, made by a local philosopher, W. Frank Stewart:

"During the past eighteen months the earth and other planets completed the most remarkable conjunction which has ever occurred; and on the night of the 11th of last November we again witnessed the grand thirty-four year star-swarm. Every intelligent person is aware that in a period of nearly two years our globe has been subjected to violent perturbations, such as have not before occurred for many centuries.

These perturbations have been generally over the surface of the planet. Storms, typhoons, volcanoes, earthquakes, intense cold and scorching winds have alternately spent their fury upon the denizens of every hemisphere. By careful observations, astronomers have found that in a period of about eleven years the sun turns toward us a remarkably spotted disc; and it has also been observed that any sudden changes of light and shade upon the sun during this spotted period, instantly affect terrestrial magnets. It is well known that in the autumn of 1859 one of these sun spot perturbations was immediately followed by one of the most brilliant aurora borealis ever witnessed in the northern hemisphere; and still more surprising the magnetic effect of the aurora was so great that messages were freely sent over telegraphic lines without connection with the batteries, and by means of auroral current alone.

Many additional facts, showing the connection of celestial with terrestrial magnetism, might be given, but I have neither the time nor room at present. Suffice it to say, that as the earth's magnetic forces are now and for many months have been greatly disturbed by cosmic influences; and as we have recently made our annual transit through the nebulous belt; and as the sun's surface is in this moment disfigured by an unusual number of spots, and as the moon on the 7th instant passed between us and the sun, thereby causing an additional magnetic disturbance upon the earth; and as we on the Pacific Coast are now experiencing an unusually protracted dry season, the inevitable precursor of tempests in this part of the world, for the foregoing and many other potent reasons, I predict a heavy earthquake to take place early next autumn, as soon as moist clouds float into the dry, vaporless atmosphere."

**Death of a Modern Samson.**  
Capt. John W. Russell died in Franklin county Kentucky, last week, aged 75 years. The *Louisville Courier-Journal* says: "He was famous among western pioneers for his strength and intrepidity. He served in the war of 1812, was a member of the state senate and an intimate, personal and partisan friend of Henry Clay. He was for many years a Mississippi steamboat captain. The incidents of his force of will and power of command would fill a volume. On one occasion, in New Orleans, he had a personal encounter with the pirate Lafitte, and, unarmed, whipped him, and ejected him from a ball-room.

On another, while landed at Natchez, a passenger of his boat was robbed by a gang which then infested the portion of the town bordering on the river, and known as 'Natchez under the hill.' By surrounding with his crew the house in which the robbers took refuge he passed a cable around it, and under threat of pulling it, with the inmates into the river, he compelled restitution of the money, and made himself a terror to the thieves and gamblers who then infested the country towns. Of his great strength, persons who knew him only too well in latter years, when enfeebled by age, would have had but little conception, though when in his prime it was known from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, that he had lifted a shaft weighing 1,617 pounds, and that he had carried entirely across the deck of the boat an anchor of 1,242 pounds weight."

The radical papers find nothing significant in the results of the California elections. They are like the drunken fellow who tumbled down stairs: "You jes' let me alone," said he, "I want none o' yer slobberin' over me. I allus come down stairs that way!"

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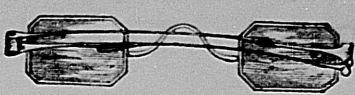
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