

SPIRIT WRITING CLEVER TRICK, SAYS JASTROW

No Mystery, He Asserts, but
'Manifestations' Due to
Subconscious Mind.

SCIENCE 'HOODWINKED'

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—It is a singular fact, as Prof. Joseph Jastrow, psychologist of the University of Wisconsin, points out, that the most eminent converts to belief in spiritism have been scientists used to dealing with distinct phenomena—Sir Oliver Lodge, a great physicist and chemist; Sir Conan Doyle, a physician long before he became a writer of tales, to mention only a few. Men of science, who deal only with phenomena which can be weighed, measured, felt, seen or heard or were leaders in the worldwide revival in the belief that the spirits of men dwell in another world and do communicate with the living.

As for Dr. Jastrow, himself of eminence in the psychological field of science, he will have none of it. Lecturing in Genealogical hall, he confessed to a kind of puzzlement over the tendency of some fellow scientists to accept a belief, which, he asserts, certainly has not been proved. He thinks that Sir Oliver Lodge does not bring to the solution of the spiritualism problem that sort of his brain he uses for physical problems.

OUTSIDE REAL OF SCIENCE.

Among the interesting speculations offered by Dr. Jastrow in his lecture, "The Revival of Belief in Spiritualism," is his opinion that belief in after life is a product of individual faith, something that lies outside of the realm of science, something which is not prepared to affirm or dispute. Converted scientists, he holds, have allowed only a "reserve" area of their brain to become convinced, and to discredit, scientifically, such cult accessories as the ouija board, the crystal ball, the planchette, automatic writing, spirit photography and the like. He maintained that, aside from fraud, psychological manifestations are explainable from a few recognized principles, and that the "mystery" which seems to envelop the whole subject is no mystery at all.

"Spirit manifestations," said Dr. Jastrow, "are traceable to reactions of the subconscious mind in highly keyed and nervous personalities. The underlying cause of so-called 'dues' personality trances, spirit writing is the same, the singular operation of the subconscious mind."

"One of the reasons so many persons come to believe in spiritism is their personal nature of the communications they believe they receive from departed loved ones. But they do not understand the subtleties often employed by mediums, the 'dabbling' carried on by means of cleverly disguised leading questions, the keen observation employed and perhaps by means of little understood, ingenuous processes of mind which seem supernatural."

JASTROW CALLS

TALKING INTRIGUE.

"But so persons actually are more extraordinary power of communication than has any other person. Some persons are more sensitively, nervously constructed than others. They are not subject to trances and forms of hysteria and hallucinations. We know that some persons faint easily while others never surrender consciousness except normally. It is a matter of a highly geared, highly sensitized nervous system and of the curious workings of the subconscious mind. I have watched a good many mediums that have gone into trances, but I have never seen the slightest proof of spirit control. The mediums in trances babble and mumble just as people talk in their sleep."

"So far as automatic writing goes and the denial of persons having the faculty that they are ever conscious of what they write, or that they understand anything about it except that it occurs is simply a hallucination. I doubt not that these persons are quite sincere as a rule, but they merely put upon paper ideas from their subconscious mind."

"That part of the mind which dictates such writing does not function except under certain conditions, and under these peculiar conditions they can do things they are not conscious of being able to do. It is exactly like the familiar circumstance of being unable at sudden need to recall the name of a person or place, yet having the elusive name pop out of the mind subsequently in some absolutely unrelated situation or trend of thought."

"Dual personality, as it is termed, is just children's pretending. We all know how children like to pretend they are somebody or something in their play. Children mostly outgrow this instinct to pretend. But persons with the so-called dual personality (when it is not actually a fraud) not only do not outgrow the impulse, they develop it to become a dominating delusion. They are as much deluded as are others."

TOSSES SHOWER

OF GOLD AWAY

Factory Owner, in Talk to Men,
Illustrates Waste.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Feb. 24.—Silver and gold were thrown away to illustrate a talk on the waste represented by carelessness among factory workers of the McCallum Hosiery Company. George E. McCallum, treasurer of the company, told the operatives that in a week 11,700 needles, worth 1 1/2 cents each, had been lost. The effect was the same, he said, as if \$147 were thrown from the shop into a window, whereupon the treasurer took from his desk a pile of 147 silver dollars and tossed them out of the window.

Silk scattered under foot was as much destroyed as if thrown away, he added. Estimating the amount of loss from this cause last week at \$50, he tossed a shower of gold coins among the workers. Some listened to the treasurer's later remarks, others scrambled for the gold, and many rushed out of doors to search for the silver in the snow.

Banker Pinched for

Exhibiting Flask

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—A "rule of reason" should apply to prosecutions of persons guilty of carrying "hip liquor," in the opinion of Federal District Attorney Charles Clyne. He held that Charles Nell Thomas, president of the Commonwealth Trust and Securities Company, did not stay within the "rule of reason" when he proudly exhibited a handsome flask containing 100-proof Scotch whisky in a restaurant here. The banker was arrested.

THE BOYS IN THE OTHER CAR



NOSE FOR BOOZE TRACES GIN JUG

Police Chief Runs Down Distillery Stock.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Probably not even a wife has more sensitive nostrils when it comes to sniffing whisky and gin, than has Chief of Police Gargan of Pelham Manor. After taking deep inhalations while talking to two men in a stalled auto in front of the Huguenot Memorial church the chief peeped into gasoline cans and a jug in the auto.

He found what he said were a dozen cans filled with whisky and a ten-gallon jug crammed full of gin.

Gargan took the two men to the police station. One was William Flandreau, chauffeur, and the other was John J. Tyrrell, a saloon keeper. They were turned over to revenue agents.

Chief Gargan said Tyrrell confessed he had been selling booze two months, that he got it from a manufacturer in Yonkers, and that many saloon keepers were selling it in Westchester county. The chief said the auto bore license and engine numbers not correspondingly registered.

He had hoped his nose had put him on the trail of big moonshiners.

British Tourist Travel Ban Off

Trick Beats Law and Cargoes Slip Away.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Tourists travel to the United Kingdom, which has been under ban, is now permitted, it is announced by Capt. M. Jeffes, passport control officer of the British consulate. Previous regulations, in effect since 1914, permitted of passports only to England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland on business or for emergency purposes. The lifting of the restrictions will simplify the passport work. Notice of from three to ten days was required to get passports issued but they can be used now in a few minutes if properly made out.

'Ether Highball'

Popular in Chicago

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Federal operatives are investigating the "ether highball," a strange new drink mysteriously circulated and highly popular among laborers in the stockyards district here. One whiff of it is enough to cause the blind staggers while a drink will cause the imbiber to climb a tree and chatter like a chimpanzee, it is reported. One quarter ran into his house, seized the family dinner and fed it to the alley cats.

The drink smells strongly of ether, but its general composition is a mystery.

LIQUOR SHIPPERS FOOL DRY 'HAWKS'

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Hunting for loopholes in the prohibition enforcement regulations has been a favorite occupation since Jan. 17. Prohibition Commissioner Kramer told how ship operators had worked inside the law to get around the regulation requiring all liquor for export to be outside the three-mile limit by midnight on Jan. 16.

On a request for a ruling it was held that vessels taking on part of their cargo at a foreign port, could enter an American port with liquor on board, and take additional cargo without fear that the liquor would be seized. During the export rush just prior to Jan. 17, some ship operators hastily loaded their liquor and left for Canada, or Cuba, where some semblance of loading a portion of a cargo was made.

When ships with American liquor for export began dropping into American ports to pick up the rest of a cargo, the prohibition enforcement officers had to admit the law had not been violated.

BRITISH DRYS PINNING HOPE UPON WOMEN

More Feminine Beer and
Whisky Drinkers Come to
Light, However.

FAVOR STATE CONTROL

LONDON, Feb. 24.—If the British drys are right, then John Bull in the near future is to have the cup that cheers snatched from his lips as effectively as was done a short time ago to his cousin, Uncle Samuel. The drys here believe it will be the women who will sentence John Barleycorn to death in these isles, but there seems to be a wide difference of opinion among the women on this subject. Even the temperance enthusiasts bemoan the largely increased average of drinking among women, not of cocktails in palatial homes, but of ordinary beer—very ordinary, as most Britons consider it, because it is too weak and whisky in saloons.

During the war thousands of munition workers of the fair sex acquired an accustomed taste for alcoholic beverages. That taste has not departed with peace. More women are seen in wine bars, more women between the ages of 20 and 30, than in pre-war years.

The World has tried to ascertain from some representative Englishwomen their views as to whether or not women should sentence John Barleycorn to the scaffold, as the male drys insist.

The marchioness of Townsend said: "Prohibition is an infringement of human liberty which I do not approve."

The countess of Warwick said: "I believe in the deliberate control of drink as the labor party program, and no longer the source of private property, as the only sane solution."

Dr. Mary Scharlett, one of the most prominent women physicians in England, said: "Women voters are likely to accelerate prohibition in the United Kingdom, but probably not in the immediate future. If the country became temperate through other means, prohibition would become unnecessary, or at any rate would be indefinitely postponed."

Mrs. Philip Snowden, on the other hand, believes the women of Britain will put John Barleycorn out of the British isles. "The women voters," she said, "will eventually establish prohibition in Great Britain. I have just returned from Scotland, where evidence of this is very strong. The Scottish independent labor party is also committed to prohibition."

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Lady Frances Balfour, writer, when asked her opinion, said: "Prohibition is not my gift."

Lady Astor at present is campaigning for state ownership of the nation's booze. She doesn't look for a dry Britain.

"I hate the word prohibition," she told a Liverpool audience. "I have just so much of the devil in me that the word itself is a temptation. I want to do it, but I don't let us play into the hands of the trade, but go in for state purchase."

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