

## 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 spiritualism have been scientists used to dealing with distinct phenomenon—Sir Oliver Lodge, a great physicist, long before he became a seller 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 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's belief is the solution of the spiritualism problem that part of his brain he uses for physical problems.

### OUTSIDE REAL OF SCIENCE

Among the interesting speculations offered by Dr. Jastrow, himself in his lecture, "The Revival of Belief in Spiritualism," is his opinion that belief in after life is a matter of individual faith, something that lies outside 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.

Dr. Jastrow, however, is not too sceptical the other side of belief in the occult, and to discredit, scientifically, such cult accessories as the ouija board, the crystal ball, the planchette, automatic writing, spirit photography and the like. He maintains that, aside from fraud, spiritual manifestations are explicable 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 unconscious cause of so-called dual personality, spirit writing is the same, the singular operation of the subconscious mind."

"One of the reasons so many persons come to believe in spiritualism is the personal nature of the communications they believe they receive from departed loved ones, and they are under the impression that these are often employed by mediums, the 'fishing' carried on by means of cleverly disguised leading questions, the keen observation employed and perhaps by means of little understood, intangible processes of mind which seem supernatural."

### FAIR CALLS

"But no person has actually any more extraordinary power of communication than has any other person. Some persons are more sensitively, nervously constructed than others. They are more subject to trances and forms of hysteria than others. 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 lighted proof of automatic writing. The mediums in trances babble and murmur 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 the so-called 'spirit' that they are, I think it 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."

"Doubt personal, 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 'spirit' faculty, when it is not actually a fraud, not only do not outgrow the impulse they permit it to become a dominating delusion. They are as mad as others are."

Dr. Jastrow said that after life can not be proved or disproved by science. Science knows no proof as yet of the supernatural. He warned against fraud and denounced spirit writing as a clever piece of trickery.

### 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 B. McCallum, treasurer of the company, told the operatives that in a week 11,700 needles, worth 1 1/4 cents each, had been lost. The effect was the same as when 15 \$1 bills were thrown from the shop windows. When 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 scammed for the gold, while many rushed out of doors to search for the silver in the snow.

### Banker Pinched for Exhibiting Flask

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—A "cruel, remorseless" 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 than come to sniffing whisky and gin, than the Chief of Police, George L. Glavin, of the Bronx. After taking down information 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, a porter, 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

### LIQUOR SHIPPERS FOOL DRY 'HAWKS'

Trick Beats Law and Cargoes Slip Away.

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 operators had loaded a portion of a cargo with rum and left for Canada, or Cuba, where some semblance of landing 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 DRY'S 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 ordinary beer in inns.

The World has tried to ascertain from some representative Englishwomen their views as to whether or not women will send John Barleycorn to the scaffold, as the 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 democratic control of drink as the labor party program, and no longer the source of private property, as the only sane solution."

Dr. Mary Scharlier, one of the most prominent physicians in England, said: "Women voters are likely to celebrate 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."

Miss 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."

There are many well-known women here, particularly some of those in public life, who are not willing to go into print and therefore declined to state their views.

Lady Frances Balfour, writer, when asked her opinion, said: "Prophecy is not always fulfilled."

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 moment any one prohibits anything, that is the very thing I want to do. Do not let us play into the hands of the trade, but go in for state purchase."

**'WHY?'**

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MARSHMALLOWS, for icings, fruits, sauces, etc., jar ..... 12½¢

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VINEGAR, pure apple cider, full pint bottle ..... 17½¢

CORN, Wisconsin extra sweet evergreen (dozen, \$1.95), can ..... 17c

MACKEREL, small fat shore, for breakfast, each ..... 12½¢

OLD DUTCH CLEANSER ..... 2 cans for 17¢

—Fifth Floor.

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