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Judge Neilson—I am not reflecting upon him; and I don't know that any comparison has been made, except that made by Mr. Shearman, in relation to Mr. Tilton.

Mr. Evans—But some comments have been made upon the witness's manner of testimony.

Judge Neilson—The only comment that I made was that the witness, against the objection of counsel, brought in certain statements of third parties which cannot go into evidence; undoubtedly this was not intentional on his part.

Mr. Evans—I understand from your Honor that those imperfect remarks are not in evidence. All I can do is to offer to prove by the witness what has passed between Franklin Woodhull and himself on this subject.

Judge Neilson—And that I rule out.

Mr. Evans—We offer it as bearing hereupon any evidence of what was said at this conversation. And we except.

Mr. Beach—At the conversation of which you have just spoken with Mr. Franklin Woodhull, was Mr. Moulton present? A. I don't recollect that he was.

A NEW LETTER PUT IN EVIDENCE. At this time a man in the back part of the court room became ill, and was removed by the officers in a falling condition.

Wright, whether the term "Woodhull & Claflin" was used, or "A. I. Know that it was."

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RE-CROSS EXAMINATION OF MR. WRIGHT. Mr. Shearman—Had you ever heard of any lecture, Mr. Wright, on the subject? A. I had not.

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TESTIMONY OF EDWARD J. WRIGHT. Edward J. Wright was called and sworn on behalf of the defendant.

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Age that you became acquainted with Mr. Tilton at Mrs. Woodhull's office? A. It was before.

Mr. Shearman—That date, it is agreed, was the 4th of March, 1871. [To the witness.] About how long before that date do you feel at all positive that you saw Mr. Tilton at that office? A. Either the last of January or the first of February.

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Q. Every time? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Then are you able to be positive in saying that he was not engaged in looking over the rooms to see whether they were furnished or empty? A. He was not, at the time I saw him.

Q. What was Mr. Tilton's manner toward Mrs. Woodhull; what degree of familiarity existed between them during that period? A. His manner was always very affectionate toward each other.

Q. How did they address each other? A. "Vicky" and "Theodore."

Q. State what, if any, familiarities existed between them during that period? A. I could not swear to seeing them kiss each other.

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Q. Did you see her come in? A. I did.

Q. State under what circumstances you saw her come in, and who was with her. A. I was standing at the window and looking out, when a carriage drove up, and Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Woodhull and Miss Claflin got out of the carriage and came into the room.

CROSS-EXAMINATION OF MRS. PALMER. Mr. Beach—Madam, what year was it you stated you were married to Mr. Daniels. A. 1859.

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Q. You are a spiritual medium, then—proves to be? A. That depends entirely upon what you mean by spiritual medium.

Q. Well, what you mean? A. I am not called upon to describe the term.

Q. Oh, yes, you certainly are called upon. I call upon you. A. I am not very good at description, and shall not be able to give you any description.

Q. Madam, I differ with you in regard to your capacity to describe; I thought your descriptive faculty was excellent. A. If you will tell me what you mean by a spiritual medium, then I will answer your question to the very best of my ability. I don't understand you.

Q. Don't you understand what the term means in common parlance? A. I understand a good many meanings to the word "spiritual medium."

Q. Well, in any of its meanings do you profess to be one? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. And you were called upon in that capacity to aid your husband in detecting the disease of patients that applied to him? A. I was called upon, at times, to make clairvoyant examinations of the patients of my husband.

Q. When did you say you were married to Dr. Palmer? A. On the 19th day of March of 1874.

Q. That was just before the termination of your lease? A. Yes, Sir.

MR. TILTON DENIES MRS. WOODHULL'S CHARGES. Q. Do you recollect any conversation between Mrs. Woodhull and Mr. Tilton on the subject of a scandal about Mr. Beecher, prior to the publication of the card of May 22, 1871? A. I don't understand your question.

Q. You remember there was a card published by Mrs. Woodhull on the 22d of May, 1871? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Did you not see that card? A. Mrs. Woodhull read the card to me before it was published.

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PROOFS OF THE SCANDAL SHOWN THE WITNESS. Q. Do you recollect an occurrence in the early part of 1872, a considerable time prior to the publication of what is known as the "Woodhull Scandal," when any proofs were exhibited to you? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Who was present on the occasion? A. Mrs. Woodhull and Theodore Tilton; there might have been somebody else in the room, but I don't remember.

Q. Now, will you state what occurred on that occasion, as far as Mrs. Woodhull and Mr. Tilton were concerned? A. Mrs. Woodhull and Mr. Tilton came in hastily to the private office, where I was engaged on my stocking suspenders and Mrs. Woodhull says, "I have something to show you."

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STRANGE REVELATIONS ABOUT A CLAIRVOYANT'S GIFTS. Q. Did you suppose this spiritual power enabled you to detect other secrets or invisible conditions than those in the human frame? A. Yes, Sir; even when I am in my normal, or seem to be in my normal state—that I can answer to as having knowledge concerning. It is more than belief.

Q. That is, when you are in what you consider a perfectly natural, normal condition, you can see secrets, conditions, invisible to other persons who have not the particular faculty which you possess? A. Yes, Sir, when I am in the peculiar spiritual or magnetic state, and yet I am perfectly unconscious. It enables me to read the secrets of people to a very great degree.

Q. That is, you can read the secrets of their minds, or the operations of their minds or hearts? A. I don't think it is the operation of their mind, but I am enabled to see the acts of people, that they have committed during their life, because they are all photographed upon the soul of the man or the woman, and in this clairvoyant state where I am perfectly conscious, apparently, I am enabled to read as clearly what is written on the soul of a man or woman, all their past acts, as you are enabled to read the pages of a written book. [Sensation.]

Q. How does this mysterious power supervene, Mrs. Palmer? How do you feel the communication of the approach of this clairvoyant condition? A. I feel, in the first place, a strange sensation in my eyes and head, and my vision seems to be turned within, so to speak, and I seem to see not with my eyes, but from the forehead rather than the eyes. I don't hardly know how to answer your question. I am perfectly willing to answer your question.

Q. Oh, I have no doubt, madam. A. But I don't hardly know what you want; I don't hardly understand your question.

Q. Well, the purpose of my question—it was perhaps obscurely conveyed—was to learn whether this clairvoyant condition was voluntary, or whether it came on insensibly and unconsciously? A. I am sometimes without any control on my part. I have nothing whatever to do with it any more than I have. I have no power to compel it to come to me, no power of entering into such a state. When this power comes to me, and takes possession of me, or overcomes me, or affects me, it comes without any consciousness on my part. For instance, I may be thrown into a peculiar, half-conscious state, and lose the consciousness of all persons around me, and yet be perfectly conscious of that which is right before me, as you are now. Perhaps my hand will be taken and affected, then the hand and the arm, and a poem written through my hand, or some remarkable revelation of prophecy, or something of that kind, will come through my hand; and again I am thrown into a state where I become totally unconscious—that is, I am told that I am—and through my lips are poured hymns, and revelations, and poems, from the old poets, and men and women, who lived long ago, giving unmistakable evidence that they still live, that they are not dead, and that they still live, giving unmistakable evidence of their presence; but I have no power to ask them to come to me, if that is what you want to know.

Q. No, no. A. They come of their own free will, whenever the wisest power that is guiding all that is, or the hand that surrounds me, comes to open the door, because that human being, is a band of spirits that take up their abode around them when the child is born, and that band protect the child, or the man, or the woman wherever they go, and no other spirit has any power or any right to approach you, or to approach me, or to approach anybody else, only as the hand opens and allows them to come in for some wise purpose, which God Himself governs and controls and administers.

Q. Well, you suppose this band of spirits which surrounds every human soul at its birth into the world is a band of benignant and good spirits, don't you? A. Always.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION. The Court met at 2 p. m., pursuant to adjournment.

Elizabeth La Pierre Palmer was recalled and the direct examination resumed.

Mr. Shearman—Mrs. Palmer, I was asking you before the recess as to an interview which took place between Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Woodhull concerning the "Life of Mrs. Woodhull." I ask you now whether you were present at any interview between them on that subject? A. Not until after it was published.

Q. After it was published, I mean. A. After it was published, I mean. A. After it was published, I mean.

Q. Where you present at any interview when anything was done in regard to sending out the book? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. State what passed between Mr. Tilton and Mrs. Woodhull on that subject? A. Mr. Tilton looked over the list of names where the "Life" was to be sent, and on one occasion he brought in some tracts of the Golden Age, or tracts that belonged to him, which he wished sent to particular individuals with the "Life"—with some of the books of the "Life"—a few of them. He seemed to superintend the sending away.

Mr. Beach—Never mind, madam!

Mr. Shearman—That is not quite the proper shape in which to put it; you must tell what acts he did, Mrs. Palmer, and not what he seemed to do; any act, that he did, or any words that he said, or the substance of the words, if there is anything further. A. I think I have told you all I remember.

Q. Now, madam, do you recollect the Sunday on which the famous Commune procession took place? A. Yes, Sir.

Q. Can you tell how you spent that day yourself? A. I spent the day with my friends in Madison-ave.—the greater part of the day. In the latter part of the afternoon I went in to Mrs. Woodhull's, and was there for a while.

Q. Where did your friends live? What friends were you stopping with? A. William B. Hatch's, No. 210 Madison-ave.

Q. How long did you stay there? A. I was there about six months.

Q. About what time of the day did you go down to Mrs. Woodhull's? A. In the afternoon.

Q. Did you that afternoon—Oh! one moment. Did you yourself take any part in the Commune procession? A. No, Sir.

Q. When you went down to Mrs. Woodhull's was Mrs. Woodhull at home? A. No, Sir.

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