

MINDREADING FEATS.

Extraordinary Display of the Mysterious Power Possessed by

A YOUNG MAN FROM NEWARK, O.

Blindfolded, He Reads, Writes and Copies Pictures From a Book.

WASHINGTON I. BISHOP ECLIPSED

New York, May 18.—All the way from Newark, O., comes an aspirant for honors in the field lately occupied by Washington Irving Bishop, the mind reader, in the person of Mr. Chansey Palmer, and if the sight and hearing is to be believed, Mr. Palmer's claim for distinction must be credited. One day last week, says a local newspaper man, I received a note saying that a mind reader from the West would give an exhibition at a friend's house, and an acceptance of the invitation was urged on the ground that he would do some very interesting things. My friend's claims for the mind reader were sparse of the truth, for Mr. Palmer's performance or "tests," as he called them, that evening were little short of wonderful.

Anticipating collusion between some of those to be present, I asked an artist friend to accompany me, and on the way to the house where we were to be present we agreed upon a plan of detecting and defeating any cooperation between the mind reader and a colleague. Just here it is pertinent to say that there is a well defined bond in the minds of most people as to what mind reading really is.

WIDELY DIFFERENT VIEWS. The disciples of theosophy say "that the mind can be read by one person whose physical condition is such that he can put himself in harmony with the astral body of the person whose ideas are to be shown." Others insist that mind readers are really "hypnotic subjects" and that it is only another form of hypnotism.

Doctors and scientists claim that the so-called mind readers are really men of good brains for a hospital and medicine treatment than for public exhibition; that they are, in other words, "cataleptics." In proof of this they urge that Mr. Bishop, the most famous of those who made it a profession, died at an early age a physical wreck in a cataleptic trance, and was for years subject to morphia and other stimulants.

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He is in appearance a man about 35 years old, with flashing black eyes and dark hair streaked with gray at the temples and sides of the head, hands thin almost to attenuation, and a very sensitive nervous system. He impressed me at once as being a man out of the ordinary, and on closer acquaintance I noticed that his individuality was not of a high order.

WHAT THE TESTS WERE. The exhibition was given in a private residence, on West Thirty-fourth street, and although there were but a dozen present all were in a way professional people. A doctor, a lawyer, a sea captain, journalists, an artist, a theologian, an actor, a musician, a noted barytone and soprano of an equally noted church choir. After we were all seated in the parlor Mr. Palmer, before starting on his exhibition, read the names of a little circle with a list of the "tests" which he claimed he could perform, written on its following:

First—Trying a team of horses through the city. Second—Reproducing tableaux of three or more persons. Third—Finding on calendar the day and month on which any person was born. Fourth—Following exact route over which any person may have traveled.

Fifth—Writing on blackboard name or word thought of by any person. Sixth—The famous Mack murder test of Bishop. Seventh—Reproducing simultaneously gestures made by any person several feet away. Mr. Palmer's back being in front of the room.

Eighth—Writing on a word or sentence thought of, the only connection between Mr. Palmer and subject being a silk string or wire. Ninth—Finding a pin, or needle, or secret in any part of the city. Tenth—Finding on piano a note or chord thought of.

Eleventh—Writing on mirror any word or sentence in any language, written on paper and sealed in envelope, the only connection between subject and Mr. Palmer being a wire or silk string. Twelfth—Finding a word selected from a book and writing same on paper, the only connection being laid on Mr. Palmer's head being the only connection.

Thirteenth—The finding of three articles selected by three different persons, then tied in handkerchiefs and scattered. The handkerchiefs will be returned to their proper places to the fraction of an inch. Note—All the tests are performed while Mr. Palmer is thoroughly blindfolded.

A REMARKABLE FEAT. "I will commence the evening's performance by a few of the most simple tests, such as finding three secreted articles. First, kindly appoint a committee."

The doctor, the artist, and I volunteered and were appointed, and the artist and I blindfolded Mr. Palmer into a back room and carefully blindfolded him. While he was absent from the room three of the party took respectively a knife, a coin from the pocket of the cabinet and a bonbonniere from a table, tied them in a handkerchief and secreted the handkerchiefs on the top of a bedstead on the third floor. The mind reader then took the hand of the gentleman who secreted the articles and commenced a search for the missing handkerchiefs. Around the room, down at his knees looking under sofas, chairs and the piano, he dragged the committee man, and finally, like a sprinter, ran for the door and darted up the stairs straight to the room on the third floor and then to the bed where, after a minute's hesitation, he placed the hand he was holding on the linen.

The conclusion of the test was more remarkable than the first part. Taking separately each article Palmer replaced them in their identical positions to the fraction of an inch, running down the stairs and avoiding the furniture in the rooms quite as well as if his eyes were not darkened.

MOVING ABOUT BLINDFOLDED. The next test was somewhat on the same order, one of the ladies present leaving the room and on her return stating she had secreted an article and asked Mr. Palmer to find it in the same way. A brief effort resulted in finding the pin, which had been stuck in the tip of a gas burner in the back room. Then tableaux a la Bishop were reproduced in endless variety, and the simpler tricks of the programme, such as finding chords on the piano thought of, the finding of scars and blemishes on the body and the instant going to a point desired while blindfolded, were indulged in for a short while. It will be remembered that the Bishop, just before he expired at the Lamb's Club dinner, tried the difficult feat of tracing a word while blindfolded that some one present had thought of, and he did it by holding the subject's hands in his. Mr. Bishop accomplished what he tried to do, but the effort sent him into a cataleptic fit from which he never recovered.

After a brief rest, Mr. Palmer announced that he would try to do the word-writing trick in the improved form, and asked one of the ladies to select a word for him.

READING WHEN BLINDFOLDED. A page of a daily paper was spread on a table and very nearly in the center of the page the word "classes" was chosen. Taking her hand in his and placing a hat pin between her fingers he gently moved the point of the pen about the page for a moment and then suddenly jabbed the point deep into the paper.

"This is the word," he said, and it was. "Please give me a pencil and blank paper," was his next request. They were

furnished, and then a request for Mrs. K. to put her hand on his head was complied with. Taking the pencil, Mr. Palmer slowly traced the word.

I was not quite satisfied, but that perhaps Palmer might have seen in some way the word, or that womanlike Mrs. K. had breathily intimated to the reader and his quick ear had caught it. Although it looked as if he had fully done as he appeared to do, I asked him to try it with me.

Taking this time that same bit of the artist with me knew what it was. I purposely selected the small word "But" in a letter, because the mental strain on a mind reader was intense, and the larger the word the greater the effort. When Palmer took my hand I used all my will power to let my hand lie passive in his, so that the muscles would not guide him. As before he poised the hands over the page like a bird for a few minutes, and then swiftly alighted on the word. And again insisted "that is it." Palmer was right.

MYSTERIOUS WRITING. At Mr. Palmer's request I wrote a sentence on a piece of paper and put it away in my pocket, and then taking the silk string in his hand he reproduced the sentence I had written. To make this more difficult I chose the Latin phrase *facilis est decensu ornari*. The test was not accomplished easily. Palmer made three or four attempts before he succeeded in writing the sentence, and was forced to rest between each effort. In this case no one had seen the written sentence on the paper until its reproduction on the mirror, when it was taken out and compared.

"Do you understand Latin, Mr. Palmer?" I asked. "I never studied that or any other language but the English," he replied. Comment is hardly necessary on this feat, and it would seem that the same mind reading science had been reached. But it had not, for the subsequent efforts on Palmer's part cast his previous attempts far in the shade.

"Mr. Palmer," said the artist present, "I am interested in pictures, and if you can interest me and write a word or sentence that has no meaning at all, can you not draw and draw a portion of a picture in the same manner?"

"That was a poser for the mind reader, but after a moment's thought he said: "I will try anything like that or heard of anyone else who had, and I cannot say that I will succeed, but I will do the best I can."

A FEAT IN DRAWING. The small assemblage had by this time been sitting with the fact that there was hardly anything in the way of reproducing what was in the minds of other persons and no test was too difficult for Mr. Palmer, and they one and all believed he would succeed. Opposite to the artist, Mr. Palmer, and Jean, by Guy de Maupassant, is a picture of a girl in yachting costume. The girl's hat and head were the subjects chosen.

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DIED. BOYD—May 18, 1890, at 8:15 P. M., at her residence, No. 32 Fairhill street, ISABELLA BOYD, in the 71st year of her age, relict of the late John Boyd, deceased.

BENNETT—On Thursday, May 15, at 11:25 P. M., JANE wife of the late John Bennett, aged 75 years and 3 months.

FAIRLEY—At her parents' residence, Parkview avenue, Sundry Hill, Allegheny, on Sunday, May 18, 1890, at 5:30 A. M., ETHEL, daughter of James and Anne Fairley, aged 4 years 11 months and 1 day.

GRIERSON—On Saturday, May 17, 1890, at 11:45 A. M., WILLIAM GRIERSON, aged 67 years. Funeral services at the family residence, No. 403 Lincoln avenue, Twenty-first ward, city, on TUESDAY, 20th inst., at 1:30 P. M. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

GREER—At New Castle, Del., May 18, at 8 P. M., IDA MAGGOLLA GREER, wife of William Greer and daughter of William and Elizabeth Figley.

KNACK—On Saturday morning, May 17, at 10:45 o'clock, HERMAN J. KNACK, in his 61st year.

LAWLER—On Sunday, May 18, 1890, at 2:15 P. M., MARY LAWLER, relict of J. K. and Mary Lawler, aged 72 years.

LOPINK—On Sunday, May 18, 1890, at 5:15 A. M., JOSEPH LOPINK, Sr., at his residence, No. 1000 Market street, Allegheny City, aged 75 years.

MORRIS—On Saturday morning, May 17, 1890, at 6:30 A. M., JOHN MORRIS, aged 47 years, 10 months and seven days.

MCDONALD—At West Bridgewater, Beaver county, Pa., on Sunday, May 18, 1890, Mrs. TILLIE MCDONALD, wife of Captain James McDonald, and daughter of William and Josephine Darragh.

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