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Has Great Fund of Mysterious Lore and Can Do Tricks That Appear to Be Great Feats of Occultism

KEEN steel gray eyes, a high forehead, a nose of the Grecian type, thin, firm lips, a lithe body and long, nervous fingers; a manner which impresses one from the very moment a person enters the room with him, such was Alfred Benzon, student, sage, pupil of the great Swami Vivekananda, deliver into things mysterious, traveler, author and thinker.

Few men who reside in the western hemisphere have passed as many years studying the things unseen and exploring the psychic wildernesses as Alfred Benzon. Of these few, none have journeyed the lengths he has gone, and today this unpretentious little man stands alone, the king of all those whose lives have been devoted to that most interesting of all studies or pastimes.

Alfred Benzon is not a peculiar appearing man; far from it. In fact, he is one of that class of men a person would pass on the street without noticing, and then turn around and gaze after, convinced that some undefined, unfathomable something is connected with him. For hours this feeling remains with any person who communicates with Alfred Benzon, and also the feeling that a person's innermost secrets are as open as a book to this sharp-eyed, clear-seeing man.

Newspaper Men Witness Feats

One day last week five men assembled in the apartments occupied by Mr. Benzon at 439 South Hope street. These men were all connected with the editorial staff of The Herald, and had gone to the house at the invitation of Mr. Benzon, there to witness some of the things which have astonished multitudes and held great audiences in all parts of the world entranced.

Only one of the party was acquainted with Mr. Benzon, while none of them knew the class of work he professed to do.

A few words were passed and then, at the request of the party Mr. Benzon agreed to exhibit several of his most cherished possessions.

Among them was a robe, such a robe as has seldom been seen in this country. Heavily lined with gold braid until it shines and glitters in the sunlight; with bright, sparkling stones and rich silver and gold braid forming an immense dragon reaching from the front across the shoulders and ending in a great, savage head in the center of the back, the effect is beautiful. With this robe is a pair of boots made of the same material and such as one would expect a sultan to wear.

Wears Old World Costume

This outfit was procured by Mr. Benzon in the old world, and, according to information he has received in regard to it, it took twenty long years to make. Other princely things were shown, articles of wearing apparel such as would attract attention in any court of the old world, and would drive a lover of fine garments green with envy. "I do not wear this flowing costume while doing any of my little acts," said Mr. Benzon. "Instead, I prefer to do them without sleeves of any kind, or simply these tight ones of my coat."

Uses Strange Methods

"One of these characters—no, not that—one of the persons portraying a character in this scene. It is not Marlowe, though it begins with an 'M.' Ah, I have it; it is 'M—'!" exclaimed Benzon, mentioning the name of an actress famous a generation ago and one who won renown by her wonderful portrayal of the part of Juliet.

Reads Invisible Name

Mr. Benzon then left the room and a card bearing the name of Haines W. Reed, a well known young business man of Los Angeles, was the one chosen by the members of the party. This card was placed in an envelope and Mr. Benzon was called. He entered, took the envelope which had been sealed, and stood immediately in front of the crowd.

A Tip for Fat Women

In a few years that excess fat of yours will become a bad habit—impossible to break. Better take time by the forelock and reduce now in a natural way if you would keep intact the youthful symmetry of 20 through the trying years of middle age. Go to the druggist and ask him for 1/2 ounce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Extract Cascaro Aromatic, and 3/4 ounces Syrup Simplex. Take a teaspoonful after meals and at bedtime. Mix them at home if you wish, but see that the Marmola comes to you in a sealed package.

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before. The middle name is William, but the first name is—Haines. Am I right?"

A murmur of assent passed through the members of the party and all sat watching the clear-eyed man. "The last name puzzles me—yet it is a common," said Mr. Benzon. "It impressed me that it is something which grows from the ground—not stalk; no, that is not the name; but it is something green—green—yes; yes, Reed—that is the name. Haines W. Reed! Is that correct?"

The envelope was then opened and the card found in the same position it had been placed in the envelope. During the experiment Mr. Benzon had not been more than two yards away from the spectators and the envelope had been in plain sight every instant.

Performs Great Card Trick

Then came a test which proved more remarkable than Benzon himself will know until he reads this account of it. A card which had been handed to the editor of The Herald by a casual caller four months previously was placed in an envelope which was sealed before Mr. Benzon entered the room. Holding the envelope in his hand, standing a few feet from the newspaper man, Mr. Benzon said:

"I am carried to the scene of the birth of this person. I see a room luxuriously furnished, and on the walls I see many pictures, some of them are of people famous in that day. I see a brie-a-brac and valuable curios gathered from different parts of the world. On one over the mantelpiece I see a picture of George Washington. This man was not named for Washington, at least not his second name. His first name is George, second initial H. for Herbert (the name Herbert was not printed on the card and was not confirmed until the next day). For the last name I am attracted toward this wall."

Mr. Benzon stepped toward the wall, which was covered with dozens of lithographs, such as are sometimes given out with Sunday newspapers. He paused before a picture of the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet."

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them bending over the table in amazement.

"It is a black card—the one you chose and placed on the bottom of the pack," the voice still hisses through close ground teeth and the breath is fairly dragged through the widely distended nostrils. The eyes flash with the intensity of a bloodhound on the trail.

"Give Unseen Card's Name" "It is the spades—the ten of spades." Then with a slight relaxing of the body, as a student after solving an intricate problem, he softens his voice and says to the man who originally chose the card.

Card "Thaws Out" to Another

That left hand passed over the face of the pack, the fingers being kept wide open, so that the eyes of the audience could watch easily what became of the top card. It did not pass to that empty left palm. But still the top card on the pack in the other hand had changed, melted, thawed, been transformed from the eight of spades to the king of hearts.

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