STOUT SEERESS SMASHES TRADITION ANENT MYSTIC GIFT

INNOVATION IN THE OCCULT

Communion With Spooks Does Not of Necessity Diminish Flesh or Dignify Demeanor.

BY JAMES C. CRAWFORD.

So little suggestive of the spiritual was the personality of Mme. Annie Waltman, accused of practicing occultism without license in a Sixth-street chamber of mystery, that Prosecuting Attorney Harris audibly hoped the complaint was not a blunder. His misgiving was justified by the 250 pounds avoirdupois that filled the witness chair and bulged over its arms and the failure of a mammoth picture hat to diminish by contrast the amplitude of

a good-natured countenance embracing three chins.

"The seeress of tradition," remarked Mr. Harris to Police Judge Fritz, "is either an airy, fairy, fragile creature, conveying the impression of flesh being consumed by soul-fires, or a statuesque female of mien both serene and mystic. This defendant fills neither of these bills. If she's guilty of this charge she is also an innovation, physically and intellectually."

"Let's hear the testimony," said the Judge.

"Madam, can you reveal the future?" inquired the attorney.

"Young man," was the guttural response, "w'en you've lived as I've lived an' sperienced w'at I've sperienced you may be able to peek inter th' footer."

"You are accused of charging money for your revelations?"

"I don't charge nothin' ter nobuddy for my visions, an' them as says I do will answer for their lyin' to a mightier power than I be. If any pore creatur is in trouble an' wants a revelation I give it, an' if any grateful pusson sees fit to hand me money I take it. But I makes no charges."

"Then you are conducting an eleemosynary institution?"

"Nuthin' of th' kind," was the bridling rejoinder. "No matter what th' skiptics says, I'm a decent woman."

The case was continued till December 31 and the defendant was advised to abandon hobnobbing with the unseen for hire until that date.

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Max Cutter, who sold a gilded brick worth about $3 to Elkin Cohen for $1800 by representing it was worth $16,000, must answer in the Superior Court. His bail was fixed at $5000 by Judge Conlan.

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S. Watanaba bowed low before Judge Fritz, made a sweeping salaam to Clerk Duffy and almost prostrated himself in deference to Bailiff Conlon. When his genuflections had been summarily squelched it was ascertained that with a hammer he had tapped the skull of another gentleman of Japan so smartly as to inflict a deep wound, the attack being absolutely unprovoked. Suspicion as to the little man's sanity was not removed by the discovery that his pockets were stuffed with Nipponese literature relating to the campaign in Manchuria. Several compatriots testified that he evidently was war crazy. The Lunacy Commission will examine him.

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August Kolb, a blacksmith, came from Point Richmond to witness the Britt-Nelson battle, and so stirred was his innate truculence by the spectacle that he proceeded from the scene of conflict to wreak vengeance on Charles Moss, a fellow craftsman, for having alienated Mrs. Kolb's affections. Mr. Moss resided on Third street, and there he and his brother John were fiercely fighting Mr. Kolb when a policeman interrupted the combat and arrested the participants. The Moss brothers alleged that Mr. Kolb fired three shots from a revolver with intent to kill them, and Mr. Kolb averred that the Moss brothers would certainly have slaughtered him if the law guardian had not intervened. Judge Cabaniss expressed his lack of belief in either of the stories by discharging their authors.

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Patrolmen Kramer and Joy united in pronouncing Edward Clifford, alias "Toughey," the stellar bully and blackguard of the Barbary Coast, and hinted that his incarceration for a protracted period would contribute to their mental relief and conduce to the promotion of peace on their beat. They arrested him in accordance with Chief Wittman's proclaimed desire to have the city purged of masculine creatures who are dependent for livelihood upon the bounty of disreputable women, and they were heavily laden with proofs that he came fairly within the scope of the righteous ukase. They described as his "meal ticket" a female who queens it over her sisters in degradation by the same intimidatory violence that he exercises in maintenance of his position as the unholy terror of their degenerate consorts. The woman was hardly less muscular and cruel than the man, and he was credited with more clean knockouts than any half dozen professional pugilists in history. He had repeatedly been convicted of battery, but imprisonment seemed to have no restrictive effect upon his savagery. He recently completed a twelvemonth term, and came out of jail just as vicious as he went in. The court would make no mistake in sentencing him to the six-month limit for vagrancy.

Judge Mogan inspected his records and found that they corroborated the policemen's allegations as to "Toughey's" character. Then the case was taken under advisement till January 5, the defendant being remanded to custody until that date.

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Tom Cole, chronic vagabond, was wearing an overcoat of up-to-date style and costly material when a policeman arrested him on suspicion of having stolen the garment.

"I got it from a lady in Sausaleeter," said Tom to Judge Conlan. "She's an ole frien' of mine, an' handed it to me as a Christmas present."

It looked like acquittal for him until he voluntarily adduced the information that he rode to Sausalito from Suisun on a street car. He will be sentenced for defective geography.

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Harry Crouch, a neatly clad young negro, denied that he disturbed the peace of Joe King's dance hall, as alleged in the complaint against him before Judge Mogan.

"Nuffin' ob de sort, Jedge, Ise 'suah yah," he said. "Et wuz dis way, yo' Honnah: Ah crosses de bay fr'm Oakland, whah Ah libs en wuks, to visit er lady fr'en' ob mine w'at wuks in dis yah dance hall."

"Miss Anastatia Johnson, I presume," ventured the court.

"No, sah; en Ah ain't a gwine te gib de lady's name in dis yah co't, 'kase Ah doan kinsidah et's propah te do so. Well, on de way obah Ah meets mah fr'en' Billy Woods, de prize fightah, en as he hez jest win er scrap at Stockton en hez plenty ob cush he 'cided he'll go wif me. Ez we're a gwine up 'Cific street de tip goes out dat Billy Woods is in town wif money ter blow, en afore we gits ter de dance hall dere's a big crowd ob cullud pussons a-follerin' us an' a-starin' at Bill. Dey follers us inter de dance hall, en Bill is bein' pestered so much by dem fool coons dat Ah 'cides ter pertect him. Den in comes dis yah cop en picks me up for shoolin' de crowd erway. Dat's de fac's ob it, en Ah isn't guilty."

Corroborative testimony obtained Mr. Crouch's dismissal.

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"He's a capper for a quack," was the policeman's introductory speech as John Brown, emaciated and sallow, was arraigned before Judge Mogan on the charge of vagrancy.

Then the officer went on to explain

that the defendant's "capping" consisted of falsely representing himself as one who had been plucked from the grave's edge by a certain putative healer of physical ailments and thus inducing unsophisticated invalids to visit said practitioner, by whom he was paid a percentage of whatever money was obtained from them. John's plan of operation was to loiter in hotel corridors and other places where men congregate until he saw a person seemingly in need of medical attention, whom he would engage in conversation. After adroitly ascertaining the nature of the stranger's disease John would tell in tones indicative of gratitude of how he was completely cured of that very ill after he had given up all hopes of recovery and was resignedly awaiting the grim reaper's summons.

"Go to my doctor at once," John would say with enthusiasm. "He won't charge you a cent for consultation."

Then away John would hurry to describe to his ajly the symptoms which had been described to him by their owner, and when the latter visited the "doctor" he would be astonished at the knowledge of his case shown by that person.

"I'm too weak to work, and you don't want me to starve, do you?" said John to the Judge.

"Then jail's the best place for you," was the response.

"But my family—what's to become of them if I go to jail?"

"Can you find no other means of earning a living than by preying on the fear and credulity of sick folk?"

"Well, I could play the races if I had money."

He was dismissed with a caution to "cap" no more.

BELDEN PLACE WOMEN WANT POLICE ENJOINED

Suit for Damages and Injunction Filed, but Temporary Order Is Denied by Judge Kerrigan.

The proprietresses of the eight houses on Belden place which were raided by the police Wednesday night decided yesterday to seek the customary relief in injunction, but at the hour of adjourning the Superior courts the relief had not been granted. A complaint directed against Chief of Police Wittman for injunction and $10,000 damages was filed during the afternoon by Attorney C. G. Nagle. The case was assigned to Department 4, but Judge Hebbard was not in and Nagle applied to Judge Kerrigan for a temporary restraining order to prevent a repetition of the raid during the trial of the suit. Judge Kerrigan declined to grant it.

The action is in behalf of Elysa Malenoire and seven other women, who aver that they hold lodging-house licenses and are engaged in renting their premises for lodging purposes. They declare that the action of the police is unwarranted and has interfered with their rights and the conduct of their business, hence the damages alleged in the amount sued for.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NAME THEIR OFFICERS

Councils Will Be Established Shortly at Watsonville, Sacramento and Stockton.

California Council No. 668, Knights of Columbus, held its first annual election of officers on Wednesday night at Balboa Hall, Native Sons' building. Philip J. Fay was elected grand knight, and James M. Hanley deputy grand knight. The following officers were also elected to serve for one year: Chancellor, Theodore J. Savage; lecturer, J. Dockweiler; warden, Sidney P. Robertson; advocate, William F. Humphrey; inside guard, George W. Duffield Jr.; outside guard, Edward Murphy, and trustee for unexpired term, James J. Gilmartin.

Councils of the Knights of Columbus will soon be instituted at Sacramento, Stockton and Watsonville.

WILLIAM ADAMS FALLS DEAD.—William Adams, a railroad employe from Nevada, died suddenly at the ferry building at 8 o'clock yesterday morning of heart disease. He had just arrived in the city.

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ARMY ATHLETICS ARE A SUCCESS

Corporal Hunt Distinguishes Himself in Artillery Field Sports at the Presidio

JUDGE ADVOCATE BACK

Major Morrow Returns to His Post From Attending Court Martial of Paymaster Rees

The regular monthly field day of the Field and Coast Artillery took place yesterday at the Presidio. The games were largely attended. They were a great success. Corporal Hunt of the Sixty-fifth Field Artillery carried off the large majority of the honors. He proved himself a first-class all round athlete.

The winners of the different events were as follows:

Half-mile run—First, Corporal Goad, Oone Hundred and Fifth Company, coast artillery, 2 minutes 9 seconds; second, Private Chase, Twenty-fourth Field Battery.

220-yard run—First, Corporal Fachman, Sixty-fifth Company, 24 3-5 seconds; second, Corporal Hunt, Sixty-fifth Company, coast artillery; third, Private Stephens, Twenty-fourth Field Battery.

120-yard hurdle—First, Corporal Hunt, Sixty-fifth Company, coast artillery, in 19 4-5 seconds; second, Corporal Jones, Sixty-fifth Company, coast artillery.

Three-legged race—Hunt and Jones of the Sixty-fifth Company, in 15 2-5 seconds; second, Pirtle and Goad, One Hundred and Fifth Company, coast artillery.

The relay race was won by the Twenty-fourth Field Battery in 3 minutes 48 2-5 seconds; second, Sixty-fifth Company, and third, the team from the Sixty-sixth Company, consisting of Private White, Corporal Sloat, Private Kingsbury and Private West.

The referee was Lieutenant C. E. Brighan, artillery corps, and the officer in charge of the sports Colonel R. H. Patterson. The judges were Captain H. T. Patton, Captain L. V. Coleman and Captain F. C. Jewell, and the timekeepers Lieutenant R. F. McMillan and Lieutenant L. C. Edwards.

The inquiry board ordered to act upon the case of Lieutenant G. S. Richards Jr. met again yesterday in the Phelan building and perfected organization.

The case will not be taken up again until after the holidays.

Judge Advocate Henry M. Morrow returned yesterday from Vancouver Barracks, Wash., where he has been for the last seven weeks on the court-martial case of Paymaster Harry L. Rees. He also visited Seattle. It was the first time that Major Morrow has been back to Vancouver since he left there twenty years ago, where his father, Colonel Morrow, was at that time the commanding officer of the Twenty-first Infantry. Major Morrow resumed his duties yesterday as judge advocate of this department.

Lieutenant C. W. Tillotson, battalion quartermaster and commissary, Nineteenth Infantry, from Vancouver Barracks, registered at department headquarters yesterday. Lieutenant Tillotson brought prisoners from Vancouver for Alcatraz Island.

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FRENCH PERJURERS FREED BY COURT OF APPEALS

Men Who Gave False Testimony Concerning Death of Charles Fair and Wife Released.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The Court of Criminal Appeals has reversed the lower court's decision condemning Masse and Moranne to three years' imprisonment for perjury in the Fair will case. The Appellate Court sustained the prisoners' plea that as the Fair case was compromised without trial in the United States their alleged false testimony was not used in the American courts and therefore worked no injury.

Masse and Moranne testified that they saw Mr. and Mrs. Fair thrown from their automobile. Other testimony showed that they were not present, but that they so represented themselves, hoping to get a trip to America. They were sentenced to three years' imprisonment each.

ENDEAVORS TO SEE CHILDREN

Former Wife of King Frederick Augustus Pays Unexpected Visit to Palace

REFUSED ADMITTANCE

Princess Escorted to the Depot in Dresden by Cheering Crowd of Sympathizers

DRESDEN, Dec. 22.—The former Crown Princess Louise arrived here unexpectedly to-day. Accompanied by a lawyer, she proceeded to Taschenberg Palace and asked to be permitted to see her children. Permission, however, was peremptorily refused, and the Princess announced her intention of leaving Dresden this afternoon. King Frederick Augustus, who is on a shooting excursion, has been informed of the arrival of his former wife.

The Princess voluntarily left the city this afternoon for Leipsic. An immense cheering crowd escorted her to the railroad station. The Princess, who had written to the King that unless he granted her oft-repeated request to see her children she would attempt to see them without his permission, arrived here unexpectedly from Vienna last night with a woman companion.

The police were informed and then the ministry sent a telegram to the King at Pillnitz, who directed that she should on no account be admitted to the palace, but that she should not be arrested unless she became violent. The Princess went alone to one of the entrances of the Palace, on Theater square, at 9 o'clock in the morning, dressed in mourning. A lieutenant of police saluted the Princess and told her quietly that it would be impossible for her to enter the palace.

The former Crown Princess stood on the steps trembling and a few guards and policemen who surrounded her thought she was about to fall. The Princess recovered herself somewhat and said three or four times: "Please let me see my children."

The lieutenant replied that his orders were peremptory and offered to walk with her to the Hotel Bellevue.

She returned to her hotel, received no one and lunched in her room. In the meantime many hundreds of persons collected in the neighborhood of the hotel. Dr. Sexme, the attorney of the former Crown Princess, called and together they drove to the railroad station and took a train for Leipsic, designing to return to Vienna.

Public sympathy runs in favor of the request of the Princess to see her children once a year, as the German law provides in the case of mothers divorced for the most flagrant offenses.

The ministry was much disturbed over the possibility of popular disturbances and assembled at mid-day to consider the measures that might be necessary. The police were directed to notify the Princess that she must leave the city by 4 p. m. and that she would not be allowed to communicate with any one except her attorney. The Princess sent a letter to the Court Marshal asking if she could visit her children and after receiving an answer in the negative she left Dresden on the next train.

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NEW TURBINE STEAMSHIP IS LAUNCHED AT GLASGOW

Vessel Is Sister Ship of the Victorian and Is Nearly 500 Feet Long.

GLASGOW, Dec. 22.—The new Allan line turbine steamship Virginian was launched here to-day. She is a sister ship of the Victorian.

The Victorian was launched at Belfast on August 25. She is of about 12,000 tons gross, of about 10,000 horsepower and is upward of 500 feet long.

GIRL'S IDENTITY STILL UNKNOWN

Officers Fail in Their Efforts to Solve the Cutler Mountain Murder Mystery

POISON VIAL IS FOUND

Bottle Bearing Partially Destroyed Label Picked Up Near Scene of the Crime

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 22.—Several clews were run down by the officers to-day without establishing the identity of the young woman murdered on Cutler Mountain. Mrs. Mamie Swift, who disappeared from this city four weeks ago, was located to-day at the home of her brother in Victor. Mrs. Sadie Durant of Pueblo is still missing, but the officers do not believe she was the murdered woman. City Marshal Cree of Manitou reported to-day the disappearance of a young woman, an invalid, who, prior to three weeks ago, was living in a tent on the outskirts of that town.

This afternoon men began dragging in the Portland mill reservoir in the hope of finding the murdered woman's clothing. This work was undertaken because a strip of blood-stained muslin had been found in the reservoir.

A statement made to-day by J. M. Davis, keeper of the toll gate at Cheyenne Canyon, raises a strong presumption that the murder was committed about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 18.

"I remember distinctly hearing a shot fired on the other side of the cliff in front of the toll gate about that hour," said Davis. "The reason I noticed it was because it is against the law to shoot in the canyon."

City Detective McReynolds has discovered the first real clew in the murder mystery that the officers have had to work on since the discovery of the body of the unknown woman. The clew consists of a one-ounce bottle labeled poison, which was found within fifty feet of the spot where the body of the murdered girl was discovered. The label, though partially destroyed, is believed to be sufficient to lead the detectives to the druggist who sold the poison and may eventually lead to the capture of the murderer.

In the immediate vicinity of the bottle was found a linen handkerchief of ordinary size, hemstitched, and bearing in the corner the laundry mark "D. I. C."

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RIGHT OF JEWS TO HAVE PLURAL WIVES INVOLVED

Hebrew Convicted of Polygamy Appeals on Ground That the Talmud Authorizes Practice.

ODESSA, Dec. 22.—The question whether Jews are prohibited by their religion from contracting plural marriages has been raised in the case of a man named Cronstein, convicted of polygamy, owing to his taking advantage of the Russian law, which recognized the legality of plural marriages where the religion of the contracting party authorizes it.

Cronstein appealed, alleging that although the practice was discontinued in Western countries, the Jews were following the teaching of Gershon, as authorized by the Talmud, and the patriarchs, David, Solomon, etc., and that the practice was now being followed by the Israelites in the mountains of the Caucausus. The court allowed the appeal and summoned a rabbi to give expert testimony.

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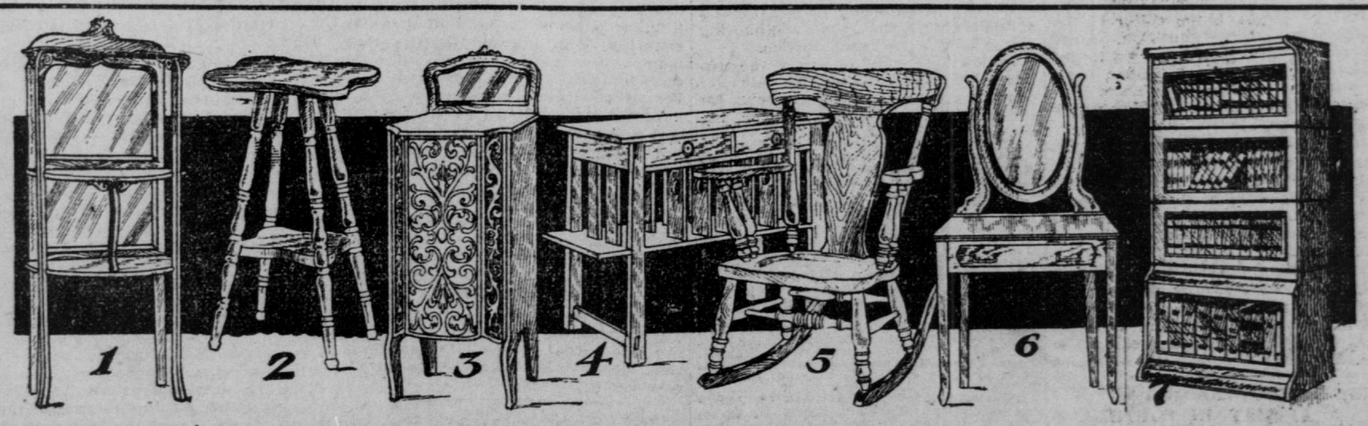

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