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Time Card No. 22, taking effect Dec. 20, 1876.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	No 1	No 3	No 5
Fremont—Leave	9:20 AM	7:10 PM	9:00 AM
Brunson	9:30 "	7:25 "	
Burgoon	9:48 "	7:40 "	9:50 "
Kansas	9:57 "	7:49 "	10:02 "
Amsden	10:07 "	8:00 "	10:20 "
Fostoria	10:25 "	8:20 "	10:50 "
Arcadia	10:35 "	8:30 "	11:22 "
Davis	10:00 "	8:37 "	
Findlay	11:15 "	9:15 PM	1:30 PM
Willow Creek	11:24 "		1:42 "
Rawson	11:44 "		2:17 "
Mt. Cory	11:50 "		2:32 "
Bluffton	12:05 AM		2:57 "
Beaver Dam	12:25 "		3:26 "
Blue Lick	12:40 "		3:50 "
Lima—Arrive	12:55 "		4:10 "
Lima—Leave	1:25 AM		4:40
Shawnee	1:55 "		5:18 "
Buckland	2:08 "		5:30 "
Moulton	2:14 "		5:36 "
St. Mary's—Arrive	2:40 AM		6:20 PM

TRAINS GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	No 2	No 4	No 6
St. Mary's—Leave	11:55 AM	6:30 AM	
Moulton	12:08 PM	6:46 "	
Buckland	12:20 "	7:01 "	
Hume	12:25 "	7:05 "	
Lima—Arrive	12:55 "	8:00 "	
Lima—Leave	1:25 PM	8:30 AM	
Blue Lick	1:40 "	8:59 "	
Beaver Dam	1:55 "	9:14 "	
Bluffton	2:13 "	9:45 "	
Mt. Cory	2:32 "	10:15 "	
Rawson	2:46 "	10:32 "	
Willow Creek	2:49 "	10:37 "	
Findlay	3:06 "	12:15 PM	
Davis	3:36 "		
Arcadia	3:52 "	1:10 "	
Fostoria	4:14 "	2:10 "	
Amsden	4:34 "	2:40 "	
Kansas	4:45 "	2:56 "	
Burgoon	4:54 "	3:10 "	
Brunson	5:08 "	4:19 "	
Fremont—Arrive	7:25 "	5:00 "	4:00 "

Connections—
At Fremont trains on L. S. & M. S. Ry. go East, 2:22 A. M., 3:51 P. M.; 8:47 A. M. West, 9:13 A. M., 7:38 P. M., 10:42 P. M.
At Burgoon, Pennsylvania Co., trains pass East, 9:22 A. M., 10:50 A. M., 8:30 P. M.; West, 10:00 A. M.; 7:29 P. M.
At Fostoria, trains on B. & O. R. R. pass North, 10:10 A. M.; 2:50 A. M.; 2:41 P. M.; 6:41 P. M. West, 10:00 A. M.; 10:18 A. M.; 9:40 P. M.
At Lima, trains on D. & M. R. R., pass North, 12:10 A. M.; 4:40, 10:10 P. M.; North, 3:55 A. M.; 1:20 P. M., 8:40 P. M. P., Ft. W. & C. Ry., trains pass East, 1:20 A. M.; 3:55 A. M.; 8:55 A. M.; 1:20 P. M.; 8:05 P. M.; West, 1:05 A. M.; 7:45 A. M.; 10:45 A. M.; 8:35 P. M.
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ON and after Nov. 26, 1876, Trains will leave stations daily as follows, Sundays excepted:

GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Ex. Pass'gr.	Mail Pass'gr
Pittsburgh—Lv	9:00 A M	11:30 PM
Mansfield	5:06 PM	7:15 AM
Spring Mills	5:14 "	7:29 "
Toledo Junction	5:17 "	7:32 "
Vernon	5:32 "	7:49 "
Hines	5:40 "	7:55 "
DeKalb	5:59 "	8:07 "
New Washington	6:09 "	8:27 "
Carrothers	6:21 "	8:37 "
Bloomville	6:27 "	8:56 "
Rockaway	6:45 "	9:05 "
Swander	6:52 "	9:11 "
Tiffin—Arrive	7:00 "	9:24 "
Tiffin—Leave	7:07 "	9:25 "
Cromers	7:21 P M	9:40 "
Linden	7:26 "	9:46 "
Bettsville	7:33 "	9:54 "
Burgoon	7:39 "	9:60 "
Millersville	7:48 "	10:11 "
Helena	7:53 "	10:17 "
Gibsonburg	8:05 "	10:27 "
Woodville	8:17 "	10:42 "
Webbs	8:25 "	10:56 "
Wights	8:35 "	11:02 "
Latcha	8:40 "	11:06 "
Walbridge	8:51 "	11:18 "
S3 Mile Siding	8:57 "	11:24 "
East Toledo	9:02 "	11:28 "
Toledo—Arrive	9:15 "	11:40 "

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Mail Pass'gr.	Ex. Pass'gr
Pittsburgh—Ar	7:55 P M	2:20 AM
Mansfield	12:35 "	7:20 PM
Spring Mills	11:56 "	7:06 "
Toledo Junction	11:53 "	7:03 "
Vernon	11:37 "	6:45 "
Hines	11:29 "	6:38 "
DeKalb	11:18 "	6:27 "
New Washington	10:59 "	6:09 "
Carrothers	10:47 "	5:58 "
Bloomville	10:38 "	5:40 "
Rockaway	10:19 "	5:31 "
Swander	10:11 "	5:24 "
Tiffin—Leave	9:56 "	5:16 "
Tiffin—Arrive	9:55 "	5:09 "
Cromers	9:40 "	4:54 "
Linden	9:34 "	4:48 "
Bettsville	9:27 "	4:41 "
Burgoon	9:22 "	4:36 "
Millersville	9:11 "	4:26 "
Helena	9:05 "	4:20 "
Gibsonburg	8:55 "	4:10 "
Woodville	8:43 "	3:54 "
Webbs	8:28 "	3:38 "
Wights	8:21 "	3:34 "
Latcha	8:20 "	3:31 "
Walbridge	8:09 "	3:20 "
S3 Mile Siding	8:03 "	3:14 "
East Toledo	8:00 "	3:10 "
Toledo—Leave	7:50 A M	3:00 "

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Time Card in effect June 13, 1877.

GOING EAST.

STATIONS.	Ex.	Ex.	Mixed Accom
Chicago—Lv	8:50 AM	9:40 PM	
South Chic	10:51		6:20 AM
Alida	11:37	12:26	9:35 AM
Wellsboro	11:52	12:41	10:13
Walkerton Jc	12:04 PM	1:14	11:22
Bremen	1:01	1:59	1:01 PM
Milford Jc	1:15	2:04	2:07
Elkhart	1:55	2:35	3:00
Cromwell	2:10	2:50	3:35
Albion	2:31	3:10	4:15
Avilla	2:50	3:30	4:55
Garrett	3:20	3:55	6:00 AM
Auburn Jc	3:37	4:02 AM	6:17
Hicksville	4:07	4:42	7:42
Defiance	4:54	5:27	9:10
Deshler	5:27	11:25	10:05
Fostoria	6:47	7:23	2:14 PM
Tiffin	7:15	7:54	2:50
Republic	7:38	8:19	3:14
Sandusky	7:10	7:45	10:45 AM
Monroeville	7:55	8:30	12:10 PM
Orlo Jc	8:10	9:30	1:30
Plymouth	8:56	9:46	2:30
Shelby Jc	9:06	10:06	2:51
Mansfield	9:41	10:49	4:28
Belleville	10:19	11:11	5:41
Fredericktown	10:53	11:47	7:00
Mt Vernon	11:13	12:00 PM	7:41
Newark—Ar	12:15 AM	1:10	9:45
Columbus	2:00	3:00	
" —Lv	10:45 PM	12:40	
Shawnee	11:27	12:25 AM	
Lima	12:30	1:05	Camb'd Accom.
Somerset	5:57	11:22	
Newark	12:30 AM	3:05 PM	5:55 AM
Zanesville	1:25	3:10	7:10
Cambridge	2:36	4:10	8:14
Barnesville	3:20	5:10	9:21
Bellaire—Ar	4:50	6:20	10:40
Wheeling	6:00	7:20	11:55
Washington	7:20 PM	8:50 AM	
Baltimore	8:30	9:00	
Philadelphia	3:28 AM	1:15 PM	
New York	6:40	5:05	

Zanesville Accommodation will leave Columbus daily except Sunday at 5:25 P. M., and arrive at Zanesville at 8:15 P. M., stopping at all stations.

GOING WEST.

STATIONS.	Ex.	Express	Accom
New York-Lv	8:45 AM	8:25 PM	
Phila.	12:15 PM	11:20	
Baltimore	4:30	6:15 AM	
Washington	5:45	7:55	
Wheeling	8:00 AM	10 05 PM	4 30 PM
Bellaire	9:30	11:30	5:60
Barnesville	9:45	11 46	6 16
Cambridge	10:40	1 00 AM	7 30
Zanesville	11:55	2 10	8 40
Newark—Ar	1:00 P M	3 15	10 00
Columbus	2:00	5 00	
Somerset	8:23	9:03	
Junction City	3:50	9:30	
Shawnee	4:30	10:10	
Columbus Lv	12:40	10:45 PM	Pa. & Ft.
Newark	2:00	3:30 AM	4:20 PM
Mt Vernon	4:55	6 25	7 05
Frederick	5 18	6 57	7 46
Belleville	5:33	5 36	8 17
Mansfield	6:28	6 15	10 00
Shelby	6:51	6 47	11 35
Plymouth	5 11	7 08	12 15 AM
Monroeville	6:01	8:25	2 05
Sandusky-Ar	6:55	9 10	3 35
Ohio Jc-Lv	6:00	7 45	2:55
Republic	6 47	8 19	3 30
Tiffin	7:15	8:29	10 10
Fostoria	7:40	9:10	11 40
Deshler	8:50	10:05	1 50 PM
Defiance	9:32	11:00	3 50
Hicksville	10:41	11 51	6 13
Auburn Je	11:22	12:30 PM	7 50
Garrett {Ar	11:40	1:05	8 00 AM
Garrett {Lv			
Avilla	11 55	1 24	8 24
Albion	12 17 AM	1 47	9 04
Cromwell	12:38	2 10	9 44
Syracuse	12 56	2 30	10 14
Milford Je	1 48	3 27	11 32
Bremen	1 56	3 11	11 40
Walkerton	2:33	3:55	1:05 PM
Wolcsboro	2:49	4 28	2 17
Alida	3 25	5 41	3 53
South Chic	5:05	6 00	5 48
Chicago—Ar	5:40	6:30	

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MATERIALIZATION A HUMBUG.

What a "Times" Reporter Found in the Cellar of Bliss House—Spirits Who Come Not From Above, But From the Cellar Through a Trap-Door.

That spiritualism is a humbug is a proposition that the mass of skeptical mankind requires no proof of, but the many intelligent, respectable believers who find in the tomfoolery of the seance and the claptrap rigmarole of the test circle evidence of visitations from the spirit world upon which to found a creed if not a religion, require something more than ridicule or common sense argument to turn them away from the "big Injuns" and the "mysterious nuns" and the other peculiar occupants of the cabinet. They ask for actual, visible proof that the wonderful spiritual manifestations are nothing more than trickery and fraud. The proof can now be furnished them. Until late years the mediums—those long-haired controllers of the spirit world—were satisfied with table rappings and the playing of heavenly instruments in a dark room—spirits dread the light and so do the mediums. These petty manifestations were, however, almost forgotten when an enterprising medium a few years since announced that he possessed the power of materialization; that he could induce the spirits of the departed to resume their earthly form, dress themselves up in the costumes that perhaps some of their relatives imagined they themselves were wearing, and appear before human eyes and talk and shake hands and do other things equally as wonderful. Katie King was the *avant courier* of materialized spirits. Robert Dale Owen and Dr. Child, both eminent men, saw the beautiful Katie in her dress resplendant with heavenly light—silver-threaded tarlatan—and they almost bowed down and worshiped her. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes, the managers of the seances, made fame and money until a little quarrel with their spirit caused Katie King to step in Dr. Child's parlor one day, after first ringing the door bell, and explained to the bewildered gentleman that she herself was the beautiful Katie, employed at a regular salary, to step from a convenient window into the cabinet and wave her arms and whisper and act generally as a first-class spirit should act.

THE KATIE KING EXPOSURE.

It was a severe blow to Robert Dale Owen, and he recently ended his days in a mad-house. But it was not a complete exposure. The Holmeses denounced Dr. Child and the girl who had come to him as impostors. The window, to be sure, was by the cabinet, as the girl said, but that was merely an accident. There was no direct evidence, except in the woman's story, that there was any humbug about the materialization, and, in fact, after a while Katie King appeared at the aperture as before, and the Holmes' seances were still attended by honest believers in spiritualism. Materializing mediums then sprang up in various parts of the country, but probably none of them have gained more renown than Mr. and Mrs. James Bliss. A brief history of the former's career, obtained from some of his most intimate friends, may probably serve to show of what stuff mediums are made. Bliss' mother was a school teacher in South Boston. When her son was about fifteen years of age he became so unruly that she placed him aboard a school-ship. Bliss wanted to gain his freedom. He accordingly originated a plot among a number of the bad youngsters aboard to murder the captain and the crew and manage the vessel themselves. Bliss then informed the captain what the boys proposed doing, and as a reward for his fidelity he was discharged. Later on, he married in Boston and had three children, who still reside there with their mother. While Mrs. Bliss was sick her husband, it is said, transferred his affections to his wife's sister, who was then a cripple. He subsequently came to Philadelphia that woman followed him, and was known as Mrs. Bliss. He first started in the spirit business in 1874, in a house on Vienna street, above Richmond. In 1875 he began conducting seances in Circle Hall, 403 Vine street, which is still a spiritualistic headquarters. Here he managed test circles and private sittings and developing circles, the latter affording a chance for any one present to display mediumistic power, and thus be enabled to enter the business as a regular medium.

BLUE FLOWER, THE INDIAN MAIDEN.

Subsequently Mr. and Mrs. Bliss moved to No. 1,027 Ogden street, where they now reside, and here, in the spring of 1876, they began materializing seances. They began on one spirit. It was named Blue Flower, the Indian Maiden. In the flesh she was known as Mrs. Bliss. As the spirit became more expert it was finally induced to walk among the audience. Then other spirits appeared, but only at the aperture in the cabinet. Blue Flower alone walked out, and she never talked, except in low whispers, as the present Mrs. Bliss has a very decided Spanish accent. But these manifestations were not extraordinary to the spiritualists, by this time well acquainted with materialization. Mediums throughout the country all had their Indian maidens. Bliss must do better, and he did.

What now follows is stated upon the best of authority—that of the persons mentioned by name as having been the accomplices of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, and who themselves personated the spirits, and who did not make clean breasts of the affair until the *Times'* representative and another gentleman discovered the fraud, as will be seen hereafter, and charged them with being concerned in a swindling show.

Shortly after Mrs. Bliss began the materialization of Blue Flower, Thomas Evans, formerly a spirit-photographer at 403 Vine street, approached Mr. Bliss and proposed to him to enter into the materializing business on a large scale. He said that his wife and his daughter were accomplished "spirits," and that he could secure the services of another man, a bright mechanician, who could construct suitable apparatus and manage the seances secretly. After agreeing upon money matters, Bliss accepted the proposition. Evans' friend then constructed the cabinet and the other necessary accompaniments. The cabinet was built in the northeastern corner of the parlor in Bliss' house, and so accordingly he is much larger than such structures generally are, and besides a door, it had two apertures—one more than is generally provided—as the new departure contemplated having spirits in the room at the same time that faces appeared at both openings. The sides of the cabinet reach from floor to ceiling. Within, in the northeastern corner, is a small sub-apartment, built of frame-work, covered with mosquito-netting. It is provided with a door, and within sits the medium, Mrs. Bliss, upon a chair, the door having been locked upon her. There is nothing else to be seen but the solid floor, the solid walls and the solid ceiling.

SPIRITS BY THE WHOLESALE.

The cabinet constructed, the Blisses began materialization on a large scale, Mrs. Bliss, Mr. Evans and the latter's wife and daughter personating the spirits. Bliss and Evans quarreled, however, and in consequence the Evans family left the Ogden street house, but their places were soon filled, and from that time until the present the spirits who form part of the tablishment consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Bliss, Evans' old friend, a young lady who plays the organ and who prides herself upon her curls and her long flowing hair, a young woman who attends to the domestic arrangements of the house, and a young lady who represents a multitude of spirits. This latter is Bliss' main support. She is smart and quick and a wonderful mimic. The performances that this combination gave were really wonderful, and seemingly gave convincing proof of the truth of the spiritualist's doctrine. The Bliss seances were heard of all over the country, and such intelligent and spectable people, as Henry Seybert, who presented the State House bell to the city; Jonathan Roberts, of Burlington; Mr. Kirby, who resides on Spruce street; Col. Kase and wife, of Fifteenth and Oxford; Mrs. Sleeper, Lloyd P. Smith, librarian of the Philadelphia Library, all frequently attended the Bliss seances. The circle was always presided over by Bliss. He never materialized. The audience having assembled he would command every one to stand up, in order, he said, "to see how your magnetism is." He would then select the most ardent spiritualists and place them upon the front row of chairs, ladies and gentlemen alternately. Mrs. Bliss would then be locked within the framework apartment in the cabinet, which is perfectly dark, and, the lights in the parlor having been lowered, the spirits would begin to put in an appearance. The performers so thoroughly understood their business, the paraphernalia was so perfect in all its details, that even skeptics, who had let their imaginations heated with spiritualistic doctrines, were frequently awe-struck. Many converts were made and Bliss was making money. The number and variety of spirits to be seen at the Bliss seances are really wonderful.

OLD MOTHER M'CARTY.

The greatest favorite is Mrs. Mollie McCarty, better known as Old Mother McCarty. She is a little old Irish woman, dressed in black. She is at young lady represents her, making her figure appear shorter and broader by stooping down. She walks among the audience and talks to them. She carries red-hot coals in her hands, but this is a trick the young lady can perform at any time. When she retires to the cabinet she is seen to fade away into thin air. This is done by her gradually stooping down, and finally Evans' old friend, who is nearly always posted in a corner of the cabinet, throws a black shawl over her, making it appear as though she had melted into the darkness of the cabinet. Mrs. Bliss still represents Blue Flower, her original character. Of course she is supposed to be locked up in the framework apartment, but as soon as the lights are lowered Evans' old friend switches the door, and Mrs. Bliss, leaving a pile of clothing on the chair to represent her, takes a hand in the game. She has added to her reportoire the Persian Princess, an airy-looking spirit, who dances before the audience. She only talks, in a whisper, so that Mrs. Bliss cannot get rid of her Spanish accent. She also weaves a beautiful Persian shawl out of the very air, in the presence of the audience. This is also managed by Evans' old friend, who, when the Princess glides near the cabinet door, slips the shawl under her arm. The Parsee Priest, who worships the sun, but who in the seances must satisfy himself with the feeble flashes from almost extinguished gaslights, is also Mrs. Bliss. Billy, the boot-black, is a great favorite. He walks among the audience and picks up quarters and half dollars from his admirers. Mrs. Bliss is Billy. He only talks when he has retired to the cabinet, and he does not talk then, for Evans' old friend speaks up for him, as Mrs. Bliss could not talk in a bootblack for all the spirits in the country. Sister Agatha, a sister of charity, is personified by the smart young lady, who recites a prayer in Latin. The Quakeress, the spirit of a young lady who died in New Jersey, is also materialized by the smart young lady. The Silent Doctor is also her work. This mysterious spirit has been fully recognized by Mrs. Sleeper as the shade of her departed spouse, who died about a year ago. This spirit speaks exactly like her wife, and then only in subdued whispers.

HAIR FROM SPIRIT-LAND.

Lizzie Delarue is an exceedingly tall, beautiful young lady spirit, with long, waving hair, a present by nature to the smart young lady. She walks among the audience and allows them to cut off small locks of her beautiful tresses, which they may keep as mementoes of spirit-land. One night a prominent visitor cut off a lock of the spirit's hair fully one foot long, and when the smart young lady retired to the cabinet she muttered terrible imprecations in the most spirited manner. Miss Clara Wolff, although the smart young lady knows better, is supposed to be the spirit of the sister of Emanuel Wolff, a young Hebrew spiritualist. Miss Wolff died seven years ago, when quite young, and her increased stature is explained on the ground that she has grown up in the spirit land. Emanuel Wolff fully identifies her as his sister. Katie Rublee, the spirit daughter of a former United States Minister to Switzerland, is also managed by the smart young lady. She played an important part when Bliss was presented with a little son some time since. He determined to have a spirit christening, and Kate Rublee was selected as the spirit godmother. Mr. Seybert and Mr. York, it is said, sent quantities of wine to the christening, and it is also charged that Mr. Bliss, in consequence, enjoyed himself royally. The child, as a mark of respect to Mr. Jonathan Roberts, was named James Jonathan Roberts Bliss. "Big Injun," Swift Water, is a formidable looking spirit-warrior, seven feet high. The smart young lady can walk around a room on her toes and a bunch of tall feathers in her hand makes her fully seven feet high. When he retires, his squaw, Bright Eye, emerges from the cabinet, the smart young lady making the change very rapidly.

"BIG INJUN" SCALPING BLISS.

Bliss pretends to have a mortal fear of "Big Injun," as that feminine warrior drags him around the room by the hair of his head. In all masculine characters, neither of the female performers utter a word aloud when before the audience. When they retire to the cabinet, Evans' old friend speaks for them. The favorite spirit of Colonel Kase and his wife is a colonel who was killed, after losing an arm, in the rebellion. He is said to a relative of Col. Kase and is fully identified by that gentleman. The smart young lady does this. Captain Hodges is the leader of all the spirit bands in the world above. He never appears before the audience, but only at the apertures. By standing on a block of wood, Mrs. Bliss makes the captain appear to be fully seven feet high. He appears in his own light—spirit light. This Evans' old friend manages by throwing the concentrating rays of a dark-lantern upon him and causing the light to flash by alternately placing a handkerchief in front of the light and then removing it. The smart young lady again adds to the spirit list by the shade of Captain Davis, a privateer in the war of 1812, and the same able person, it is related, also personates the spirit of the daughter of Mr. Roberts. Mr. Seybert, it is said, also recognizes his sister's spirit, when the smart young lady fixes herself up properly in the cabinet. Some time since a brother of one of the circle, after attending a Bliss seance, said it was "wonderful if true," and accordingly he induced his brother to ask that he be permitted to take a look in the cellar beneath the cabinet. When this request was made Bliss went under control, and Captain Hodges, the leader of the spirit bands, then spoke through him. He upbraided the man, for his little faith and bade him good-bye forever. Billy, the boot-black, and "Big Injun," and all of the guardian angels followed suit, and tearfully bade him farewell. The worthy gentleman could not withstand all this pressure and he accordingly begged the spirits pardon and promised never to doubt them again. On another occasion the same gentleman presented "Big Injun" with a fine red Mackinaw blanket.

EXPERT INVESTIGATORS BLINDED.

Some time since a Mr. Piggott, representing the spiritualists of New Orleans, came to this city for the purpose of investigating the Bliss seances. He was granted a private sitting. He saw and was convinced that everything was right and wonderful. His departed wife came to him and even called him by the pet names he was accustomed to. The smart young lady was so smart on this occasion that she succeeded in making Mr. Piggott himself mention the pet names, and then by repeating them made him imagine that they originated with her. A lawyer named Evans, of this city, a scientist, it is said, after a private sitting pronounced the Bliss materialization the greatest of all spiritual manifestations. Together with his wife he had a private sitting, and it is said he fully recognized his mother, his mother-in-law and other departed relatives. After all seances, it must be understood, the audience is permitted to thoroughly examine the cabinet, and upon no occasion has anything been found wrong, and soundings upon walls, floor and ceiling only served to show that they were as solid and firm as could be.

Bliss was making money rather rapidly. His tri-weekly circles netted him from $10 to $35 per night. For private sittings he charges $10, although it is said Mr. Seibert and Mr. York paid him $100 for one sitting. For seances in one's private parlor he charges $20, although the only outside spirit visible on such occasions is Blue Flower. Beside he has received, or rather the spirits have received costly presents. One gentleman presented a fine music-box to the spirits and elegant bouquets were being almost constantly received.

Mr. Phillip Diesinger, a commission merchant and hardware dealer doing business on Sixth street, above Market, attended a Bliss seance about three months since, and although he detected no trickery, yet he was thoroughly convinced that a fraud was being perpetrated upon many credulous people, and he resolved to ferret it out. Since that time he has almost constantly attended the seances and grew so rapidly in favor that he was appointed a director of the spiritualist camp-meeting that ended on Sunday last. A *Times* representative also started out to solve the mystery, and worked with Mr. Diesinger with that end in view. Although the cabinet floor was apparently solid, the cellar was evidently the first place to be looked after, as it is a singular fact that, when Bliss holds seances in Circle Hall, there he has no cellar handy, Blue Flower alone comes out of the cabinet.

TRYING TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY.

A time, too, must be selected when Mr. and Mrs. Bliss were absent from home. The opportunity came on Saturday, when the two started for the camp meeting, intending not to return until late evening or the morning. Evans' old friend and the housekeeper were left in charge of the dwelling. It was accidentally learned that Bliss' landlady, a Mrs. Smiley, in order to drain the adjoining property desired to run a pipe through the cellar of Bli