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A SPOILED TABLEAU.

BY JAMES KING HAND.

It was Pentecost in Washington; the Reverend T. DeWitt had decided on a sermon which he knew would make a hit on the subject of redemption, through an everlasting love, and he chose his text: "The Holy Ghost descended as a dove." So to make it more impressive, he had bribed one Pat Magee to hide behind the organ, where the people couldn't see. With a snow-white dove beside him, which Magee was told to throw over the congregation's head when Talmage first began to blow—and the signal to be given, so he wouldn't be perplexed. Was the sentence to be spoken as the Doctor read his text. The plate was passed, but lightly filled; the Pastor then arose, with wild gesticulation, as he pranced upon his toes. And he banged the pulpit Bible, and he whacked the pulpit rail. And he howled aloud invectives, till the sinners "gan to quail. Until finally exhausted, he in quiet accents read: "And the Holy Ghost descended as a dove"—my text," he said; Then glanced aloft where Pat was hid, awaiting for the cue. But the tableau failed to work; no bird appeared in view; Then once again he yelled his text in tones to wake the dead. That echoed and re-echoed in the rafters overhead. At last! he got a rise from Pat, awaiting in the loft. He leaped far out, and once or twice he then discreetly coughed, "The Tom he's ate the Howly Ghost," in solemn tones said Pat. "What shall I do, yer reverence? Will I throw down the cat?"

—[The Philistine.

The Messenger has a high appreciation of Major James K. Vardaman as a soldier, a citizen, a gentleman and a man of high moral as well as physical courage. Major Vardaman is an honest man in politics as in private life, and speaks right out from the shoulder. He tells the negroes plainly that it is the policy of the democratic party not only to deny to them the ballot, but to deny to them in future the benefit of free schools except such as the taxes they pay may afford.

Such talk from the stump is mainly if not politic, for it is the truth and strikes the grovelling pe-tv politician in counties like Carroll and Chickasaw square between the eyes. It is the purpose of the democratic party to so charge the school laws as to practically wipe out the negro schools, and yet a large number of the colored contingent in this county are being mastered by the official scoundrels into the democratic primary to help men to office, in order that they may have greater power to rob their children of the benefits of free schools. May be, these people will see their error before it is too late.—Chickasaw Messenger.

DOES INGERSOLL KNOW?

It has been a common remark since the death of the noted infidel and orator that "he now knows whether there is another life and a heaven and a hell." This remark recalls the ultimate conclusion of the "searcher after evidence" in Howell's strong novel, "The Undiscovered Country." After taking up with Spiritualism, and thoroughly believing in its "communications" from the other world, only to be sadly disillusioned, the old man turned, in his last sickness, to a patient study of the Scriptures, but was compelled to say as his last word on the subject: "If we wake we shall know, if we do not wake we shall not even know that we have not wakened."

It is probable that Col. Ingersoll, if alive, would say of another just died: "Does he know? Or does he only not know that he is done with knowing?" Col. Ingersoll—to do him justice—did not deny the immortality of the soul nor the existence of a Supreme Being. He was an infidel, not an atheist—an agnostic rather than a dogmatic denier of the future life. Religious men have called the doctrine of immortality "a Great Hope," and Ingersoll went as far as that. In one of his beautiful, brief funeral orations he said:

"If the grave ends all, if all was that our friend is dead, the world is better for the life he lived. Beyond the tomb we cannot see. We listen, but from the lips of mystery there comes no word, darkness and silence brooding over all. And yet because we live we hope."

And his last published verses conclude with these lines:

Is there beyond the silent night
An endless day?
Is death a door that leads to light?

We can not say.
The tongueless secret locked in fate
We do not know. We hope and wait.

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