

She Appeared Only to a Child

By F. A. MITCHEL

We in America who have outgrown a belief in the supernatural are not impressed by those legends that are still in vogue among primitive peoples...

While traveling in Spain I stopped for a few days in the province of La Mancha. The peasants of the region are much given to legends and beliefs in ghosts...

"Near by or from a distance?" "From a distance. They are shy of us mortals."

"Don't you think what you say you have seen were rays of moonlight coming through the branches of the trees?" "Oh, no, senior," he replied. "They are really the dead. But it is of no use to try to get near them, for as soon as mortals approach they become invisible."

"The only persons I have ever known them to appear to in their human shapes are children. There is one person buried here—a woman—who will always manifest herself to a child."

"The children who have seen her say that as they approach she fades away and when they get to the tomb there is no one there."

"Do the children only see her when they are here alone?" "Children are never here alone. They are not admitted when alone. If they come it is under the care of older persons."

"And do the older persons see this spirit?" "No, senior; they do not."

"I cannot believe your story, but I admit there is something about it that appeals to me."

"Why did you go to that tomb?" "Because I saw a lady sitting on it who beckoned me to come to her. But when I got to the tomb she wasn't there."

THE OPEN MOUTH

Causes That Induce It When We Are Intently Listening.

Why do we open our mouths when intently listening? There are three causes, entirely independent of one another...

In concentrated attention the mind is fully engrossed in the one subject, and it loses control over voluntary muscles that are not directly affected by the subject or the process involved in the motor activity...

DIG THEIR OWN GRAVES.

English Army Methods in the Execution of Condemned Spies. The ceremony of disposing of a condemned spy in the English army always follows a definite precedent.

The unfortunate man is surrounded by a detachment of infantry, and after he is provided with a pick and shovel he is marched off to a selected spot and ordered to dig his own grave.

These men, having stacked their own rifles, are led to where twelve other rifles are awaiting them, six of which are loaded with blank cartridges.

Carlyle's Bluntness. THOMAS CARLYLE once took Lord Houghton (Richard Milnes) to task in regard to the proposed pension for Lord Tennyson.

Vulcan. Vulcan, the god of ancient blacksmiths and metal workers, was lame in consequence of a pretty hard fall he had in his early days.

Beloved of the Gods. Miss Mary Anderson (Mrs. Navarro) in the play of "Pygmalion and Galatea" once turned with outstretched arms toward the audience.

A Belt and a Bull. Sergeant—Now, then, Murphy, what's the trouble? Murphy—I'm looking for me belt, sarnt. Sergeant—Well, man, you've got it on! Murphy—Thankee, sarnt. If you hadn't told me I would have gone out without it!—London Answers.

Of No Value. Bailiff (in article's hat)—H'm, nothing worth much here. What's in the studio? Servant—Linn still—nothing but pictures.—Pittsburgh Courier.

AN OLD WOMAN'S WILL

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Her proper name was Miss Craig, but she was always referred to in the village of Howland as old Mrs. Craig.

The arrival of a stranger in a village of 1,200 inhabitants, and that stranger a woman and a widow, is bound to stir up things.

Several ladies called on Mrs. Craig in a neighborly way. They wanted to let her know that, although she was a stranger within their gates, she could at once begin to lend and borrow sugar and coffee the same as an old resident.

Elder Haslett was her neighbor on the right. He kept chickens the same as all other residents. Among them was a Shanghai rooster, who could crow like a two-year-old bull.

It was shortly after this that Mrs. Craig was found dead in her bed. She had said that she had no relatives, and the courts took charge.

Provided that," continued, "old Squar Billings rolls the length of the mudhole on Main street three times a day for ten successive days."

Mrs. Rayburn had helped to prepare the old woman for burial, and at the reading of the paragraph she was heard to murmur that she wished the body had been thrown into the river.

"To the village of Howland the sum of \$5,000 for the grading and paving of its main street and putting in sewers, provided Deacon Darius Black of the Methodist church stands on his head in front of the postoffice for five minutes on five consecutive days."

The deacon was told he would be considered the meanest man ever if he bent the town out of that bequest, but he got mad about it and offered to lick any man that would step outdoors with him.

There were numerous other bequests just as strange, and the windup was the strangest of all. The sum of \$40,000, which was found in the house in cash and bonds, was left to a widow in the village to whom Mrs. Craig had never spoken.

A CHANCERY ROMANCE

Notions of a Grand, Unconquered Past—The Past in the Present.

Perhaps there is no more curious chapter in the history of the chancery courts than that of two Philadelphia men. The first had a claim to a certain estate, but he did not have the money to pay the claim.

That was a man of fortune who thrust upon a man, Lewis Blake, the name of Harper's Weekly.

JOB FOR THE INDIGENT.

Swiss Method of Solving the Problem of the Unemployed.

In Switzerland the people act upon the theory that a man who is unemployed is, if left to himself, liable to become a waste by being a subject of charity and a tax upon the community.

If an unemployed person does not make a serious effort to find work, the authorities will find it for him, and he is compelled to perform it.

My dear, you mustn't be so sharp with strange young men. You know you may give them a wrong impression.

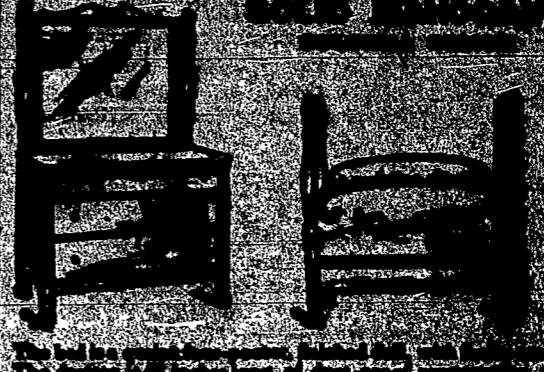
Why Bruises Become Black and Blue. The color of blood is due chiefly to iron in the little blood cells.

His Painful Debt. "I shall not easily forget my debt," Sir Charles Wyndham said on one occasion.

Riches and Contentment. "Contentment is better than riches," said the ready-made philosopher.

Alike, Yet Different. Mrs. Youngbride—My husband is very determined. He never gives up. Mrs. Black—(sighing)—Neither does mine.—Boston Globe.

You can do in a second what it takes years to get over regretting.—New York Press.



Old Dressing Room in 1818. H.B. GRAVES

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