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A Warning
By ESTHER VANDEVEER

There are people who sneer at the efforts of societies for psychical research. I don't.

There are persons who are always having either dreams that contain revelations or see apparitions or are conscious of something about to happen that does happen. I have no confidence in these people. If I believed in them it would argue that in their makeup there is something especially amenable to some hidden law. But my own experience disproves this. I have had a manifestation—I know of no better name for it—of more consequence than any of these of which I have heard yet I have had but one in all my life.

And this experience of mine, having come but once to me, in addition to indicating that my being is not unusually susceptible to such influences, points to the fact that others, either living or dead, do interfere at times in the current of our lives.

But it is not my intention to deliver a lecture. I propose to tell a story. I am a bachelor. I live at a club, associate almost entirely with men and have no thought of marriage, and I may state here that I never expect to be married. I do expect, however, in another existence to be psychically united with one who will be to me my other self.

I was traveling and had been traveling for several days with but few and rather short stops. The season was summer, the time of day evening. My conveyance was a railroad train. I was sitting by an open window, looking out upon the fields flying by to the music of the car wheels dropping from the end of one rail and jumping on to another. A favorite occupation of mine on a train has always been to imagine some one swimming along beside the train through the fields of grain that often line the track. On this occasion we were passing numerous such fields, and my image of fancy was swimming along lustily. But as the twilight faded and objects were lost to view I dropped asleep, lulled by the rattle of the train.

When I awakened a train was beside the one I was on, moving in the same direction and going at the same rate of speed. Indeed, so exactly alike was the velocity of the two trains that I could see no gain or loss whatever to the train beside me. The window sashes of both trains were raised, and I could see the people of the other train, some reading, some lounging, some talking together.

But my attention was fixed on a lady who sat at the window opposite me. Her sash was up as well as mine, so that there was no obstacle, either transparent or opaque, between us. The distance between her and me I suppose was about three feet. She was looking at me with an expression on her face, especially in her eyes, that I never saw in any one before and have never seen since, but I can't describe it. While I looked she spoke to me.

"Leave the train at the next station and follow me," she said.

She put out her hand, but before I could grasp it the two trains separated, and in another moment the one in which the lady sat seemed to enter a tunnel, while mine went on in the open.

So vividly impressed was I that when a few minutes later we slowed up I took my grip and when the train stopped at a station I stepped out. After a moment's delay it went on and left me standing on the platform in a very singular mental condition.

"Will another train be along soon?" I asked of a station man.

"From the west?"

"No; from the east."

"No train from the east for four hours."

I was puzzled. I had been coming westward.

"Is this track double beyond the station?" I asked presently.

"No double track on this line."

"What?"

"Single track from here both ways all the way to the terminals."

An uncanny feeling came over me. I had seen a train on a track beside me, talked with a woman on that train and had obeyed her instructions. As soon as I could recover myself I walked in a half dazed condition into the station and sat down. I remember nothing but a clicking of a telegraph instrument. How long I sat there I don't know, but when I came to my usual consciousness it was at hearing the telegraph operator cry out to a man outside:

"Great heavens! No. 23 has been wrecked on the bridge above. Bridge let the whole train down, with a terrible loss of life!"

Here was more to intensify that feeling of awe that had taken possession of me. A phantom woman on a phantom train had warned me of a real railroad accident in which I should probably have been killed.

From that day to this I have treasured an image in my heart—the woman real, spiritual or creation of my own brain. I have a creation of who she is or was. When I was a child I played with a little girl who died. Did I discern anything in the features of the woman to remind me of the child? No. A grown woman bears little resemblance to a child. But would the spiritual child grow after death? Not bodily, yet, appearing to me, I might expect that she would show herself as she would have been had she lived.

Around the House

To freshen velvet and feathers place the articles in a corn popper and hold them over steam. They will freshen easily and quickly.

Ground glass—burned on top of the stove will remove the odor of cabbage and onions and will give a pleasant aroma to the room.

To clean crocheted articles place in a deep pan and rub well with flour. Shake flour out and rub in a fresh supply, continuing the process until the article is perfectly clean.

The best manure solution is made by putting a tablespoonful of lemon juice in a cupful of hot water. It removes stains from the fingers and nails and softens the cuticle about the nails in a satisfactory way.

In the dining room be especially careful to obviate the slightest suggestion of stuffiness from too heavy or too many hangings.

To clean silver put a gallon of water and a quarter of a cupful of any one of the common brands of washing powder into an aluminum-kettle, boil and immerse silver for about five minutes.

Fruites cooked without adding sugar are more wholesome and better flavored.

Feed Young Chickens Apart From Older Fowl

When chicks have reached the age of a month and are hunting something to do they must be kept busy or they are apt to start some bad habits, says the Country Gentleman. Such a favorite pastime as pecking the toe of some weak chick until it bleeds is frequently indulged in. Broods of chicks sometimes get so vicious that they will kill one of their number and tear it to pieces. This habit can generally be stopped by hanging up one or two pieces of tough lean beef every day or so for them to pick and pull at.

The increased activity of the chicks at one month of age calls for liberal yard space for exercise and foraging. If possible the yard should be increased to three or four times its present size and a little higher wire used to keep the chicks from flying over.

When the chicks are about a month old it is a common practice to feed them where the older fowls have free access to their feed. This is a bad practice, to say the least, but if conditions are such that it cannot be helped the chicks can be protected from the older birds by constructing a wire covered, slat sided runway, in which the chicks may be fed. Have the slats just far enough apart for the young chicks to enter; then the other chickens cannot get at their food.

Smartly Said

Nothing succeeds like a failure that is profitable.

To write modern poetry one should first cultivate a foolish feeling.

The man with a muscle usually hates to develop it by manual labor.

You can often learn things by listening—if the right person is talking.

Some smart kids often wonder why pa and ma can be so modest after raising them.

A peep into the future might spoil a lot of promising matrimonial prospects of today.

In this game of life the big fish always eat the smaller ones, so do not be a small fish. Swim out among the big ones.

Light as Chaff

Near the Mark.
The minister of a Scottish village being away on holidays, a young deputy took over his duties.

During his long journey north he had caught cold and arrived at the village late on Saturday night with a huskiness which threatened to spoil his preaching powers next morning.

After being shown to his room he suddenly decided to have a glass of hot lemonade and rang the bell, which sounded rather undecidedly. When the servant appeared he remarked pleasantly:

"That bell seems to be like myself—a bit hoarse."

"Aye," replied the girl calmly, "it's cracked."—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Monster.

A gentleman in Cincinnati employs two negroes to work in his rather extensive gardens, which he personally oversees. One morning Sam did not appear.

"Where is Sam, George?" he asked.

"In de hospital, sah."

"In the hospital? Why, how in the world did that happen?"

"Well, Sam, he been a-tellin' me ev'ry mornin' for ten years he gwine to lick his wife 'cause o' her naggin'."

"Well, yistiddy she done overhauled him. Dat's all."

In the Arena of Sports

Cutshaw of the Brooklyn

George Cutshaw, capable second sacker of the champion Brooklyn of the National league, is considered one of the most dangerous batters in a pinch in that team of sluggers. Most pitchers would rather face either



Photo by American Press Association.

Wheat or Daubert when a hit is badly needed, although both are stronger batters than Cutshaw. The second baseman seems able to arise to the needs of the occasion when a hit is needed and has won many games by his timeliness with the stick. Cutshaw is also a good and dependable fielder, although not so brilliant as some others in the league.

Cardinals Stronger.
Huggins in spite of many troubles before Mrs. Britton sold the Cardinals managed to gather material which now has been welded together so cleverly that the team is much stronger than a year ago. The only veterans are Jack Miller, the first baseman, and Bob Beecher, who is playing nicely in left field. Hornsby, a star, is the big man in the infield. He is covering shortstop in brilliant fashion, and is the clean up hitter. Bessel, the second baseman, is not much larger than Huggins, but he is playing the bag as well as the Cardinals manager ever did, which is saying a lot.

Vegetables to Plant In the Late Garden

Don't be afraid to plant a garden because it is growing late in the season, advises a recent bulletin from the National Emergency Food Garden Commission of Washington.

This year particularly, when a late cold spring has held back the season, new gardens will be planted well along into the summer. In most localities successful gardens may be planted as late as July 15.

The only thing to avoid in late gardens is the planting of crops which mature best in cool weather. Lettuce and spinach, for instance, do not like hot weather. But fortunately these plants are the ones which usually produce vegetables which will store well. The most valuable war gardens will be those which do yield storable food.

The late garden will miss only a few things. While it should not contain leaf or head lettuce, it will grow the satisfactory substitute, romaine lettuce, especially with heading. It will not produce good spinach, but the substitutes Swiss chard or collards will do well in hot weather.

Suitable vegetables for late gardens are late cabbage and cauliflower, beans, carrots, vegetable oyster, parsley, radishes, onions for storage, leeks, potatoes, Swiss chard, beans, corn, okra, muskmelons and all vine crops, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers and sweet potatoes, the last four named requiring transplanting.

DR. JOHNSON'S RULES FOR A VACATION.

Turn all care out of your head as soon as you mount the chaise. Do not think about frugality. Your health is worth more than it can cost. Do not continue any day's journey to fatigue. Take now and then a day's rest. Get a smart seasickness if you can. Cast away all anxiety and keep your mind easy. This last direction is the principal. With an unquiet mind neither exercise nor diet nor physic can be of much use.

Inspirations Miscellany

On Having Initiative

Matthew C. Brazil was once a Chicago newspaper boy. Today he is the president of the Boston Elevated railway. In an article by Alfred Grambs, in the American Magazine we read:

"The qualities that stand out the strongest in his own amazing career are the qualities which Matt Brazil made most emphatically in his career."

"What can an employee do to attract your attention the most quickly and surely?" I asked him.

"Show initiative," he replied instantly. "Without initiative any one will have a rocky, uphill road, with poor pickings all along. One of the greatest of all handicaps is the fact that it is easier to let other men do for you than to think for yourself."

"One of our crane operators," he went on, "was a very fine fellow, but one evening when a five-ton pile was piled on the track from a high-rise truck. The driver blocked the track completely and that was that."

"Now, this man was of duty. He couldn't have been blamed. It was said to him: 'This is your business. I've done my day's work and I'm through. Let the night men attend to it.'"

"Instead," he called up the night manager of the surface bus, "he told me what had happened and asked permission to get a crane from the yard and clean up the obstruction. In an hour this man had cleared the track, which as if he had gone on home it would have taken three or four hours to do it. Having initiative, doing things that is what clears the road to success."

Self History.

Remember that in life you ought to behave as at a banquet. Success is something to be carried round and not to be put on a table. Strive not to get into a position and take a period with decency. It is not that it passes by you. Do not detain it. Suppose that it is in your hands. Do not wait until it is gone. Do not wait until it is gone. Do not wait until it is gone. Do not wait until it is gone.

Profit in Opposition

I love a strong and manly opponent in conversation, friendship, sports or in the struggle and victory of communication. It is not respect for the person, but for the quality of the mind. It is not respect for the person, but for the quality of the mind. It is not respect for the person, but for the quality of the mind.

Abnuy.

Enterprise naturally begins with ability in turn begins with energy. In fact, there is no such thing as ability which one may acquire without effort. It is the brain and muscles that develop it. It has been well said that the man with brains can do anything. He makes up his mind to do and then he does it. He makes up his mind to do and then he does it.

IF I HAD KNOWN.

If I had seen that home from which he came, I should have had more than I have now. If I had known his yearnings for the good, I should have known his yearnings for the good. If I had known his yearnings for the good, I should have known his yearnings for the good.