Select Story.

A Ghostly Warning.

I CALL it ghostly warning because though it came not in the night-watches, in far-away tones, from the thin lips of a filmy apparation, it did come to me in the name of a dear friend long since gone to the Unknown Land.

In the spring of 1875 I visited New York, and, wishing to be entirely free or the business which necessiated my presence there, instead of going to the house of a relative, engaged board in a convenient locality under the same roof with an acquaintance. Excepting this lady, one friend and a cousin, no one to whom I was known was, during the first week, aware that I was in the city.

This cousin, a very favorite one, then chanced to be in America for a few weeks, having left his wife and family temporarily alone in the their home at Paris.

As G ——'s evenings hung rather heavily on his hands while away from his family, to which he was always devoted, he was good enough to enliven by his welcome presence many of mine, which otherwise would have been as dull as evenings in a boarding house full of strangers must always be.

One morning, perhaps the third or fourth after my arrival, came the warning, delivered in a very straightforward, prosaic, unghostly way by the letter carrier. One always examines the outside of a letter to see whom it is from, probably for the same reason that leads one to listen to what other people say about one's friends before hearing what these have to say for themselves. I looked at this letter curiously. It was post-marked in the city at five o'clock of the previous afternoon, yet it was directed in a hand I had never expected to see again save when I looked with tearful eyes over a bundle of yellow old letters tied up carefully in a corner of my desk at home. It was curious, I thought, that this rather peculiar chirography should be duplicated. Then I observed, with a start, that the middle name in the direction was not that which belongs to me, but one which I had adopted for two or three years of my childhood, preferring it to the family name which my parents gave me. I had outgrown this whim and returned to my baptismal name; the friend referred to, always took a sort of pleasure in reminding me of this and several other childish fancies which we had held in common.

No one now living, so far as I was aware, so much as knew that I had ever signed the name I now saw before me.

So my curiosity was well awake before I opened the envelope.

Owing to the circumstances which will be related further on, the letter is not now in my possession, but it ran very nearly, if not quite, as follows:

'Dearest E——: It has sometimes permitted to us who have already stepped into the light to give words of comfort or of warning to those who still wander in darkness. My word to you is one of warning.

'One who is very dear to you is about to trust his life to the treacherous deep. If he does so he will be lost. Upon you rests the responsibility. Prevent him from recrossing the ocean if you value his life.

'I am now, as of yore, ever lovingly yours, ANNIE M. H——.

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I don't think I am naturally superstitious, but it would be difficult to describe the effect of this letter upon my mind. It was not merely the nature of the communication, but its entire unexpectedness, that made it impressive. I read and reread it carefully. The handwriting, if not precisely the same as that of my friend, certainly resembled it very strongly, and though I had with me none of the actual writing to compare with it I felt reasonably sure that my memory, on this point was trustworthy. After thinking carefully over my list of acquaintances, I felt certain that there was no one of them who would be willing to play a practical joke of such a nature, and I knew of no one in the city who had ever heard Annie's name. Then, too, there was the middle name of childish fancy which I had never signed since the days when Annie was my sole correspondent.

I put the letter into the bureau drawer and turned the key upon it. Putting this in my pocket, I went out, as usual, for the day, resolved not to let the matter trouble me.

The business of the busy day totally drove it out of my mind, until, as I entered the house at dusk, the memory came back to me with a slight shock, such as an unwelcome memory frequently produces. This was repeated and intensified when, upon entering my room, I found the letter lying upon the top of the bureau. I felt in my pocket; there was the key. I laughed at myself, and said, 'I must have locked the stable door, leaving the horse outside. I'll see that it's in now, any way.'

So I put the letter in the drawer, and turning the key, placed it my pocket before going down to dinner.

Soon after dinner my cousin came in, and we passed the evening in the pleasant parlour of my only acquaintance in the house, whom I will call Mrs. Murray.

During these hours I did not think of the letter, having determined that I would not think of it; but when I went into my room for the night, after turning up the gas and stirring the fire, I went to the bureau to lay off my bracelets. There, stuck in the frame of the looking-glass, was the letter. The drawers were all locked; not a thing in them had been disturbed. A brooch, a little money, a finger ring, some laces, and many little things that might have tempted a thief or a pilfering housemaid, where all just as I had left them in the same drawer, where the letter had been. There could be no mistake about the matter this time. I had locked that letter in the drawer just before dinner, and had not since entered the room. Yet there the thing was staring me in the face, with the old, well-remembered hand-writing and the long-discussed middle name, defying me to doubt the reality of its presence in a place where I had not put it.

Holding it in my hand, and sitting in a low chair by the fire, I thought over the subject of the letter.

It has never seemed to me to be unreasonable to believe that if there is a life beyond the present, the spirits of those who have reached it before us may sometimes possess the inclination and the power to communicate with us. But I was not at all inclined to accept this communication as coming from the Spirit Land simply because it purported to do so. I had seen one or two professed 'mediums,' and these by accident, but they had given me no desire to see more of their sort. It was a strange argument against the genuineness of this communication that it professed to come through the hands of the 'medium.' Still, I would grant to myself, for the moment, that this letter undoubtedly was from my dear old friend. What, in that case could—what ought I to do? Of course, the person referred to as in danger could only be my cousin G——, for, as far as I knew, no one else who was dear to me was then thinking of crossing the Atlantic or any other ocean.

But it is nonsense to say that if he were lost the responsibility of his loss would rest upon me. If any particular vessel had been mentioned in w was said it would be dangerous to sail, or if any special week or month had been named, I would, to have satisfied my conscience, have faced my cousin's certain ridicule, and used my best powers of persuasion to induce him to take passage on another vessel or at a different time. But there was no such mention. He did not even know by what steamer he should leave New York, as all depended upon his business arrangements. As it was, how could I do or say anything to prevent his going where both his domestic and his business interests called him?

Thinking about it as a real communication from a present but unseen friend, I at last said aloud, as to one within hearing, 'No, Annie, I can do nothing, and I will burn this letter, so it shall not trouble me any more.'

A distinct whisper, apparently just by my ear, answered, 'You'll be sorry if you do.'

Startled, I looked all about the room—behind the sofa, under the bed, back of the window-curtains—though I knew as well before as I did afterward that there was no one in the room. The occupants of the room next to mine had been snoring for the last hour, and the halls had long been perpectly quiet.

Heedless of the whispered warning, I persisted in my purpose. The grate fire was nearly out, but there were lively coals enough to light the paper, and I watched it while it was consumed to ashes.

The next morning I went out, as usual, spending the day in tedious details of business that would not arrange itself satisfactorily, and happily forgetting the burned letter until it was recalled, as I entered the house late in the afternoon, by the sight of the mail-crrrier's latest budget waiting its several claimants on the shelf of the hat-rack. Three letters were for me, and one of them was directed in the strange-familiar hand, and mailed in the city that morning. In the evening my cousin was to take Mrs. Murray and me to the Academy of Design; so I put the letter unopened, into my pocket, and resolutely forgot it until I had locked myself into my room for the night. Then I opened it. The contents were the same as before, only that this time the missive opened with a tender reproach for my unbelief, and the address of the 'medium' was placed below his name.

Again I sat down and thought it all over, coming to the same conclusion as before. Even supposing, I reasoned, that this is a genuine communication from Annie, she is mistaken in imagining that I can do anything to save G——'s life upon such vague information as this. If she knows as much of the future as she here professes to do, she must know much more than has here been told; and if she could write what she has written, she can write more. If that 'medium' thinks I'm going to him to make inquiries, he's mistaken. The communication either is or is not from Annie. If it is, she must remember that I have always detested hints and oracular utterances, and know that I shall wait till she gives me proof of her powers to foretell future events. If it is not from herself, the whole thing is a depicable trick, unworthy of a thought. But who, I reasoned again, could have either the information necessary to enable him even so far to personate Annie, or the motive to induce him to do it? Certainly, no one that I knew.

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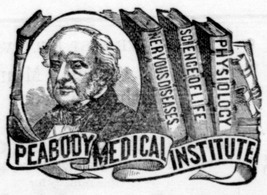

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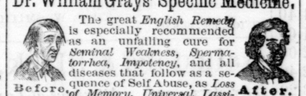

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