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A Voice from Spirit Land.

Should the ocean throw up its
long buried dead, the hidden caves
and mines of earth cast up their
treasures, we could not wonder
half so much as when words and
sounds come from Spirit Land, from
the dark shades of Eternity—that
"bourne whence no traveller re-
turns." We pause ere we write a
line on a subject not for mortal pen
to unravel, or a "blazon," not for
ears of flesh and blood. But since
the Amherst papers and the Mon-
ton Times have written this story of
the Eternal World, we too, now
with awe, give a brief recital:

The scene is between spirits and
mortals and opens in the house of
a Mr. Teed in Amherst. Spirits
infest the house, and seem to pay
particular attention to a girl named
Esther. In the still hours of night
when Nox throws a black cloak
over nature and an ordinary sized
cat with sparkling ee is turned
into a devil as large as an ox,
and while everybody about Mr.
Teed's house enjoy "nature's
sweet restorer, balmy sleep," sud-
den sounds awake the stillness.
The roof of the house is pounded
as if 56 pound weights were being
thrown upon it, tappings are heard
on the ceiling and under the bed
though no one can be seen. Trans-
fixed with terror the inmates re-
garded the noises. No explana-
tion could be given, none could
trace it to other than supernatural
causes. A wise son of Esculapins
was called in and he too heard the
noises. He stood in the room and
listened.

The sounds resembled—
a drumming on a board with the
fingers and nails of a person's hand.
It was first heard on the slats under
the bed, on the wall and around the
bed posts. To an unpracticed ear it is
suggestive of telegraphy, but it is not
and is more like the tippy-tap of an
idle and impatient boy.

It haunts Esther and seems to be
on some such mission to this ter-
rene as was the "Royal Dane."

"For when she goes into the cellar it
sounds as if

A COLLOSSAL FIST
were pounding on the beams with the
fury of a demon. In order to test
Esther's good faith, her hands have
been tied behind her back and she has
been sent into the cellar but the
pounding was as instantaneous and as
loud as before. Other persons have
accompanied her and have satisfied
themselves that the noise was made
by no human hand or by any agency
visible to mortal eye. Sometimes the
pounding is in one room and some-
times in another. It is as heavy as
the blows of an axe would be, but
has more of a dull sound as if it
were a flesh covered fist. One night
while Esther was lying in bed and
Dr. Carriette was in the room, this
terrible pounding commenced on the
roof, directly over the Doctor's head.
So convinced was he that it was on
the roof, that he at once ran out to
see if any person could be up there.
It was a brilliant moonlight night,
and every portion of the roof could be
seen. Not a person was in sight, but
the pounding continued, so loud as to
be audible blocks away.

So long as Esther is present, it
taps and raps upon everything.
One night as the doctor watched,
and the lamp in Esther and Jane's
chamber burned, Jane cried out:

"Oh, Doctor, it has got hold of me!"
The doctor at once ran to the bed and
discovered that some invisible agency
had ripped open the front of her
garments and had left on her chest
marks as if a red hot hand had passed
over it. The marks were the colour
of a scratch two or three days old, but
there was no abrasion of the skin.
Soon after Jane cried out that it was
taking hold of her again, and this
time it pressed violently on both of
her sides, compressing the chest and
causing much pain. At another time
Esther's shoulder was grasped with
great force, and she describes the feel-
ing as precisely that of a powerful
hand.

But the strange spirit dumb to
all but Esther, gives greater terror
to the simple folks than it did to
satraps and princes at Balthazar's
banquet. It leaves handwriting
on the wall, and Esther's hand when
she has a pencil it is drawn forcibly
thither and forced by some
strange power made to write things
of which she has not the remotest

thought. Some of the sentences
are very wicked and horribly pro-
fane. It is evidently no good
spirit but a "Goblin damned—and
it must bring the "blasts from
hell" else it would not burn its
victim."

The spelling is atrocious, one of
the sentences reading thus:—"I
ded rit to her Cister." Parties,
strangers in the house, have had
their names scratched on the wall
by the great unknown with a pin.

Here is the solution given to this
most extraordinary story: A
young man once loved Esther. He
told her his vows, but she turned
the deaf ear. He then said dread-
ful things and sought another part
of the province, whence he now
by the magnetic force of will
transfers action and word to her
who had jilted him. He has,
perhaps, a wire put up, and it
may be his work in accord with
Edison. If this view be not taken
then it falls on either that Doctor,
the Editor of the Borderer, or Mr.
Teed himself.

One more feature of this spiritual
phenomenon ere we wish the spirit
the Requiescat in pace.

On one occasion, when twelve per-
sons were in the room, Esther lay
in bed with her hands out side of
the coverlid. The bed clothes were violent-
ly agitated, but the pillow was as literally
"POSSESSED OF A DEVIL."

World leap toward Esther's head,
strike her and bound back, and this it
continued to do several times. Two
persons they took hold of the corner of
it and stood several feet away from
the bed. The pillow straightened itself
out horizontally in the direction of
Esther, and those who held it declare
that a weight of twenty-five or thirty
pounds seemed pulling against them.
When it could not get away it elongated
itself to its utmost capacity just as a
piece of elastic rubber would do, and
wriggled and squirmed like a leech in a
jar of water. A bat placed on the bed
stood on the edge of its feet and pin-
ned and danced around as if sus-
pended by a string. This was witnessed by
at least a dozen persons, several of
them being ladies of high respectability.
A marvellous story, and one which Dr.
Carriette can verify on oath, is yet to
be told. One evening, the girls were
lying in bed, while the Doctor, in order
to rest matter, sat outside the bed-
room door.

Mr. Teed was also in the hall. The
bed was in plain sight from the door,
though in a wide recess and the Doctor
could see the girl's face as she lay
with her arms crossed outside of the quilt.
Suddenly one of the girls called out,
"Look, Doctor, the clothes are mov-
ing!" He looked and saw that they
were moving as if they had often moved
before. He took his eyes off of them
for a second, as he intended to call Mr.
Teed's attention, and as he did so,
there was a loud noise in the room and
the girls began to press against his
feet as if some one was pushing it.
He looked at it and was astonished to
find that a pile of bed clothes had come
across the room in a heap and was
pressing against the door.

The girl has been advised by the
spirit to leave the house. She has
done so. We may hear of a
marriage between her and the
spirit soon. Peace to the Troubled
One's ashes!

Afghanistan.

Thousands of Afghans rally to the
Ameer's standard. The plain and
the mountain send down their
hordes, expert at the lance as the
Mamelukes, that fell like angels of
destruction on Napoleon's army,
agile and dexterous on horse back as
Cossack or Zouave. In the green
glens where smile an almost
eternal summer between the hills
that wear the year round their
garlands of snow, the Afghans
rally. To think that these
men will not fight bravely
or yield even to England's
polished steel or royal red is to
aug a delusive phantom. Ten
thousand strong the native soldiers
assemble and away from the north
joins the Russian with secret aid
and words of encouragement.
The poor Afghan welcomes him.
He sees not both sides of the
picture. England he sees bring-
ing her forces that he thinks will
compel him to annexation. Russia
he sees not the designs of who
only opposes England's advance
that she herself may in time get
possession. Afghanistan is a covet-
ed bone,—for it, no doubt, England
would lose blood as well as Russia.
Against England the Afghan will
fight and sink all petty animosities
to join in a common cause. Hear
what an Afghan prince says in
England:

"I am the nephew of Shere
Ali, who cast me into a dungeon
and loaded me with chains, and I
have lived in this country and
learnt to admire its institutions
and its freedom; but I tell you
frankly, and I believe I speak the
sentiments of every Afghan, if you
send your troops to Quetta, every
Afghan, and I myself, who hate my
uncle, would take up arms against

you. We, Afghans, have read
your history in India, we have seen
how you progressed. Troops on
the frontier. Then frontier ques-
tions. Lastly, annexation. Now,
we Afghans don't want to be an-
nexed."

Little faith have they in Eng-
land. Her treaties they say are
written in ice. England will meet
with stout resistance, and backed
by Russia the Afghans might be a
formidable foe. And this, however
impossible it may seem, seems now
the outlook.

The Afghans are not barbarians
without a sense of morality. Hear
what an Afghan popular poet
sings:

Should thou bestow but a drop of water on the
thirsty,
It will become an ocean between thee and
the fire of hell;
Shouldst thou give but a grain of corn to the
hungry,
Verily, it will be hereafter thy provision in
eternity.

This would do credit to more
christian and more civilized nations.

What will come to Pass?

Colos that is to the Muscovite
what the Times is to England, says
that Russia cannot comply with
the terms of the treaty of Berlin.
May next, is fixed for the final
compliance. If Russia refuse there
seems to be naught for the powers
but to compel her with the sword.
Something there must be, behind
the scenes that inspires the phan-
tom-haunted Czar with courage.
Probably Shere Ali with his semi-
savage thousands is the power be-
hind the throne.

Then Uncle Sam, who, according
to stipulation, is to pay his five
millions, and odd the 24th of this
month, for a paltry excuse, says he
will not hand over. Because New-
foundlanders in compliance with
their local laws would not tolerate
the Yankee fishermen to violate
the Lord's day, the objection is
dressed in a garb of Yankee justifi-
cation. It is not an offset, nor
will it be regarded as such. If
the Americans refuse to pay, at
least it will be a blot upon their
national honor.

Earl Dufferin.

Lord Lytton the popular author
and poet is now Governor General
of India. It is a trying time,—
when all the ability and the cour-
age of a Clive might well be requir-
ed. England's minister, Lord Law-
rence, Sir Henry Havelock, and
others murmur loudly against
Indian rule under Lord Lytton,
and to set matters right, Earl
Dufferin is spoken of as his suc-
cessor. To our mind India now
has as good a ruler as she would
get by the change. Both it seems
to us are better calculated to rule
in peace than in war. The nature
of the poet and the philosopher
seems to enter more largely into
their composition than that of the
soldier or even the Statesman.
Yet in both we may be mistaken.

Hon. Peter Mitchell.

It is rumored, semi-officially, in
Montreal, that Mr. Mitchell is to be
appointed general superintendent
of the Government Railways for
the present, and that in time a
Railway department is to be formed
of which Mr. Mitchell will be
Minister.

New Advertisements.

WANTED.

1,000 PAIR PAIRTRIDGES, at
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Nov. 9, 1878.—lin.

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GILMORE, SMITH & Co.,
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THE LADIES OF THE

St. Dunstan's Church

Fredericton, intend holding a Bazaar in

ST. DUNSTON'S TEMPERANCE HALL.

The proceeds to be applied towards paying off
the debt on said Hall.
Full particulars will be given in a subsequent
notice.
Contributions will be thankfully received by
any of the undersigned:—

Mrs. J. McDonald, Miss Hudson,
Major O'Malley, Donnelly,
S. Neill, Martin,
W. Jennings, Elliott,
F. McPeake, Sharkey,
P. Dever, Kirin,
J. Meagher, Seery,
P. McPeake, LaForest,
Miss Hennessy, Barker,
Broderick, Peters.
MRS. P. McPEAKE,
Nov 24—Rep Agr Secretary.

New Advertisements.

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There is no place like home!"

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It is one of the most complete establishments
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For proof, call and see his work.

Also supplied with a first-class
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No expense or exertion have been
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Fredericton; and I look with confidence for
the support of those people in Fredericton
who are anxious to see the place built up—
to see our manufactures increase, to see our
people kept employed, and to see it my duty
to reward enterprise among our people.

H. A. CROPLEY,

Manufacturing Stationer, Printer,
Book-binder, Bookseller, &c.
Fredericton, Nov. 3, 1878.

FALL STOCK

OF
Furniture, &c.

NOW ON HAND
AND TO ARRIVE IN A FEW DAYS.

1,400 Chairs in great variety; 450 Bedsteads;
80 Tables; 16 Extension Dining Tables; 50
Bureaus and Toilet Tables; 40 Bureaus
and Sinks; 9 Hat Racks; 36 Sofas and
Lounges; 26 Easy Chairs and Rockers; 10
Wharfedales; 24 Fancy Chairs; 26 Chamber
Sets, in Walnut, Chestnut and Painted; 26
Centre Tables; 35 Cribs; 16 Parlour Suits, in
Hair Cloth, Reps, Terry and Fancy coverings;
10 Sideboards; 23 Iron Bedsteads; 45 Mat-
trasses; in Excelsior Husk, Tow Top, Wool
and Hair; 46 Pillows and Bolsters; 400 Look-
ing Glasses, in great variety; 300 Pictures
and Chromos; 8,000 feet Picture Mouldings,
in 42 different patterns; 475 Picture Frames,
round oval, and square; besides a large assort-
ment of Fancy Furniture, too numerous to
enumerate.

OUR STOCK OF FANCY GOODS
is being constantly added to, by goods
purchased by Mr. Wm. Lemont,
who is still in Europe.

Call and examine at
LEMONT'S
VARIETY STORE.

Fredericton, Oct. 31.

ESTATE NOTICE.

LETTERS Testamentary upon the last will
of THOMAS R. ROBERTSON, late of the
City of Fredericton, deceased, have been
granted in due form of law, to the undersigned,
and all persons having claims against the
Estate are requested to present the same duly
attested, without delay, and all persons in-
debted to the estate are required to make im-
mediate payment to the undersigned.
MARY ANN ROBERTSON,
Executrix.

November 5, 1878.—3ins.

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OF
CARRIAGES.

EDGECOMBE & SONS

Will sell balance of stock of
CARRIAGES,
At their Warerooms, at a Sacrifice, to
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Oct. 28, 1870.—lf

New Advertisements.

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—AT—

GEO. H. DAVIS',

Drug Store, cor. Queen & Regent Sts.
F'ron, Oct. 31—w

FREDERICTON RAILWAY!

CHANGE OF TIME.
FALL ARRANGEMENT.

On and after MONDAY, 4th November,
Trains will run as follows on Fredericton
Railway:—

6.40 A. M. Through express
Fredericton for Saint John.

7.45 A. M. Express Train will
leave St. John for
Fredericton and all western points.

9.15 A. M. Train leaves Freder-
icton, connecting there with trains for
the West.

3.00 P. M. Train leaves Fred-
ericton for F'ron
Junction and Saint John.

4.00 P. M. Train leaves Saint
John for Frederic-
ton, no change of cars.

4.20 P. M. Train leaves F'ron
Junction, for Fred-
ericton, after connecting with Train
from the West. Trains are due at
Fredericton from St. John, 11.45 a. m.
and 7.55 p. m., and from all Western
points, 5.30 p. m.,
Oct. 31, 1878.

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NEW GOODS!
NEW PRICES!

RICHARDS' BUILDING,
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Goods will be retailed in this Store at
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Terms Cash.

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Nov. 5, 1878.

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Call and see them.
Oct. 28, 1878.

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Latest New York Styles, Colors
DRAB, BLACK,
BROWN and BLUE.

P. McPEAKE.

Oct. 24—Rep. Ag.—lf.

NEW CIGARS.

JUST RECEIVED,
5000 MORE
VERY PRIME
HAVANA CIGARS,

—AT—
GEO. H. DAVIS'

Drug Store, Cor. Queen and Regent Streets.
F'ron, Oct. 28, 1878.—lf.

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8 Hhds. Dark and Pale Brandy, very old,
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3 Hhds. and 2 Barrels W. F. L. Old Rye
Whiskey;
3 Barrels "Gooderham & Worts" and
Walkers Old Rye Whiskey;
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60 Cases Brandy, "Henney," "Martel"
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and other Brands.
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"Kirkleton," "Glenlivet," "Bullock Lade,"
"Loch Katrine," "Domville," "Wards" and
other Brands.
10 Cases Old Tom Gin, quarts and pints,
25 Cases "Kewneys," old Jamaica Rum,
30 Barrels Gunners Stout and Bass Ale,
quarts and pints,
Baskets, Paper, Heidick & Co., Cham-
pagne, quarts and pints.
Cases Sparkling Moussele;
Cases Hock; Cases Claret;
2 Chests and 16 Half Chest Tea; also,
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Tobacco, Pickles, Sauces, Biscuit and all
other Groceries usually found in a first-class
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1 Second Hand Coffee Mill;
1 Second Hand Counter Scale;
1-2 Dozen Japanned Tea Cansisters;
1 Tobacco Cutter;
1 Platform Scale; 1 Liquor Pump.

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