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HOW HE WAS CONVERTED

A SPIRITUALISTIC SKEPTIC JOINS THEIR RANKS.

By an Experience With a Medium who for Ten Dollars Brought His Sister from the Spirit Land-His Arguments in Favor of His New Belief.

I sometimes wonder with unbounded astonishment when I observe with what cold regard the great majority of so called intelligent persons look upon that which for want of a more fitting appellation we call the "supernatural." There are I think few persons who are not conscious of a certain degree of influence acting directly to be. My friend urged me not to condemn or indirectly upon their mental condition and drawn from a source which to them is incomprehensible and hence unintelligible.

We are now existing in an age not swayed by the bigoted and narrow minded opinions of religious enthusiasts but governed by the laws of common sense, plain dealing and the dictates of pure reason. give us a private seance. This on receipt There was a time when science and truth of ten dollars she willingly consented to do. lurked in the dens and caves of the earth and impiny and falsehood staggered and swaggered in the palaces thereof and ignor-

The term Spiritualism is, I think. person in a fit most alarming to hear; how- to be repeated the third time, but this time | epithets, original, expressive and pointed, then joined him in abusing the management ever, I soon realized that it was only a case with a more vicious probe. With a spring but not classical. He lit his tallow dip, of the steamer and so became quite friendly. understood by a large class of persons, to see no more, a proot such as I had had was sufficient to convince the most sceptic embracing those who are credited with the hurried into his clothes all the time running | Two hours later we were enjoying an oyster and an emphatic "Oh, h-ll," he jumped of first class snoring. It was a combinaover his vocabulary of epithets as stew together at Eastport, at his expense. a school boy committing his lessons to The joke I never dare reveal for fear of the that ever existed. We aroused the medium possession of highly intelligent and cultivation of fog horns, steam whistles and sirens, out of bed, lit a candle and commenced who asked if the manifestations were of a turning up the mattress, etc. with a pinch of donkey's bray thrown in to ted minds, and who denounce it simply besatisfactory order, I uttered some incoher-As if awakening from a sound sleep, I give it tone. Oh he was a terror-to listen heart. All his vengeance was directed consequences if we should meet again. cause they have not taken the trouble to ent reply and hurried my friend out into the street. I could go on relating a whole yawned and casually observed, "Why, against the bed room steward, the During the few hours' stay of the steamer to, as for sleep "nature's sweet restorer." investigate it and hence are utterly unstranger, you are an early riser; I did not | captain, owner and every one connected | at Eastport on this last trip I took a stroll Mark it off the programme whilst train of experiences posterior to the one I qualified to venture an opinion on the subwith her. Taking a strong dose of his through the town. On the sight of the old think it was daylight yet.' that excrutiating medley continued. have just related but consider this alone as anti dyspeptic remedy as it to give him wooden store where he once did business "Neither it is, somethin' has been I could ject, with them it stands in immediate What was to be done? sufficient for the fulfilment of my purpose, dutch courage, he bolted out the door leav- | there stands a neat brick structure, but no not possibly endure it. so sung out " hello biting me," he growled out. juxtaposition with ghosts, ghouls, hobviz., to impress on the mind of the indivistranger." "Waal, what is the matter?" "Fleap, I suppose ing in his train as it were a vapor flavored | sign bearing his name was to be seen anydual that it lies in the power of us all to goblins and all kinds of possible and imwith brimstone. I heard an altercation where. His anti-dyspeptic remedy still re-"Fleas! dang it, no ! a scorpion I guess. came from the berth above. I told him he witness the like manifestations, it we but possible beings who are supposed to popu-Do you think I would begrudge a little outside but did not return until morning. | mains unpatented though since then a new was breathing very heavily and it was danprosecute our search in the right direction, Had our state room neighbors known that remedy has somewhat run it hard-A flea a square meal." late the spiritualistic world. gerous for any one troubled with indigesinterrogate the unutterable laws which it was I to whom they were indebted for French preparation in bottles labeled with halt a nights sleep they doubtless would the symbolic sign of ** * * After a fruitless search he decided to tion to lie on his back, and he had better It is now my intention to relate in as govern what we call the supernatural, but try lying with his face downwards, "Danged turn in again, but before doing so he concise a manner as possible the incident what is in reality in perfect harmony with Of course, we have to keep all We are prepared for the twenty Once in a while somebody Reefers are nice, comfortable, han-ABOUT CLOTHES. different-minded men with the twendy; easy to keep the boys in, and ansizes and styles, and makes too. Some comes in and says: "You've ty different sized pocket-books, with swer all ordinary overcoat purposes. are English and German makes: underwear to fit body and mind BUT ONLY some very nice stuff here: but Double-breasted only; blue serges, and pocket-book too. some Canadian. meltons and naps. \$2.50 to \$8. then you ready-made folks We'd like to see a boy so stout that All wool underwear \$1.00, \$1.50 It wouldn't be long, (if you kept THE GOOD SORTS. per suit. Scotch lamb's wool underwe can't fit him in a suit, overcoat or can't fit me." That man has reading our ads. regular) till you wear \$1.75 per suit. Finer \$4.00 to reefer. We are especially proud of had hard luck; he's been to \$7.50 per suit. knew lots of little points about the our success with chubby lads. Any-Here are all the trinkets you business you'd never dreamt of some small ready-made store, want. Things to keep your necktie down, things to keep your stockbefore. or a big one where they don't The best of ready-made cloings up, all the little knicknacks The news columns of a paper keep keep sizes enough or the sizes. for collars, cuffs, and bosoms. All the thing is not extravagant. You little necessaries to make dressing you posted about things transpiring right, easy, and comfortable, found in don't fit. need it. The trifle it costs beour Haberdashery. in the newsy world. Our ads. keep Neat black cashmere and wool yond the price of cheap stuff Hose as well as the thick country you posted about the clothing world. It's different here. Our sizes will come back to you many knit sox worn by many men in win Changes, what are and will be, little fit and there are always plenty ter time. times over in personal satisfac-If one sort would suit every man knicks and corners that will save of patterns to choose from. tion, social respect, and, most you money and make you wear more We have no trouble in fitting boys of all, perhaps, in your business comfortable clothes. Blue cheviots \$11 and \$14, of all shapes-stout, slim or average; Many a man (who is able to pay or professional standing. So tweeds \$7 to \$15. we hear of difficulty elsewhere. whatever his tailor asks) would pock don't buy cheap clothing ; you Extra Knickerbockers, to match et the difference if he knew the Plenty of good warm overalmost any suit, 75c., \$1.00 to \$1.40. are safe only with the clothier greatness and goodness of our ul-Dear little Kilt suits, tweeds and coats and reefers. All you want or tailor who makes nothing serges, (not dear either,) \$3.75 to sters. The difference, \$10 or thereand your money back if you but good clothes; and gives \$5.50 way, there's no risk to you in trying abouts. want it. Sailor suits for lads just going into or buying; send back and get your you back your money if you money for what isn't just according pants, serges, different trimmings, Our ulster is like this: High want it. to your liking. white, black and gilt, from around We keep everything that boys about \$2.00 to \$4.50. collar, double-breasted, very Whatever a man or boy wear-that's why it is so handy for Jersey suits, with tight blouse and mothers to come to our store, or to long, side hand - warmers, wears we have it. Take your pants, blue, \$2.00 to \$4.50. write for what they want. friezes and tweeds. The \$6.75 There's a dozen different ways you time and get suited and fitted. Our underwear-your name is can dress that little boy and yet have we would not bother keeping a doz-Next day or next week if you legion. ulster is the working man's driven or so kinds, would we ? him well dressed. What in the world did we want to It seems absurd for us to say that change your mind (or somebody All sorts of tweeds in pleated suits ing ulster. The \$11 and \$14 get so many different styles and qualour furnishings are as good as money for lads from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 years of age. ities of underwear for? Are men so can buy; for how could anything else changes it) and you want ulsters are for driving or walkvastly unlike, that, for one man that | but the best go with our clothing ? \$2 to \$6. your money back, here it is. The makers have got up so many Then there's the plain, double- comes the next twenty all want a ing, but are rather too good for styles of collars to fit different shapbreasted suit for boys the same age. totally different grade of stuff. ed necks and styles or shirts and to Do you want a suit ? over-Yes; and the pocket-book has rough work; although they'll About \$4 to \$6. wear with some certain tie that the coat? reefer? ulster? under-What an odd boy it would be that something to do with it too, a great average man of today hardly knows stand it if put to it, what is good for him to have. wear that fits? we couldn't please, body and mind. deal. Oak Hall, & CO., SCOVIL, FRASER Oak Hall, King St., King St., Corner Corner · ST. JOHN, N. B. Cermain. **Cermain**.

ism. Although I do not expect that it will be met with credence by all who may peruse it, yet I trust it will remain undenounced and uncontradicted by all who have not made a thoroughly scientific and

unprejudiced scrutiny into the subject under discussion. Not long since while on a visit to a triend in Boston he invited me to go with him to the house of a well known temale medium and there put spiritualism to the test. I at first excused myself on the ground of fixed scepticism, at the same time remarking that I had no wish to associate, or have my name associated with a belief so antagonistic to manifest truth and the teachings of modern science, as I then believed spiritualism before investigating, so that I finally yielded to his persuasive powers and went with him to the house of what he called the medium, and what I at that time termed a lying imposter. On reaching our destination we were at once shown into her presence and as it was not one of her regular reception days, as we had understood it to be, we requested her, or rather my friend did, to There was no mystery of cabinet or curtains, no darkened room with subdued and uncertain lights. The medium sat for a few moments motionless and presently was

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until rock bottom was struck. Suddenly appeared to increase. No one in hearing the night but it may have been imagination. feelings with which I was possessed? I murmured her name in a scarcely audible voice and with an ethereal smile she whispered "though you know it not I am ever with you," then she was gone, where or how I know not. I waited things, which to a superficial observer might appear non-important. but from which the careful and scientific enquirer may deduce many cardinal truths.

which first made me a convert to spiritual- the cause-and-effect process which we observe from day to day going on throughout that vast complex machine which we call nature

> What unbiased individual is there who will postively assert that the existence of mind independent of matter is an impossibility. After having contemplated the two greatest creations of God viz -Time and space, and after having formed a conception he it ever so imperfect of what is contained therein it is manifestly absurd to denounce as non-extant all phenomena for which we cannot account. Therefore it is not impossible that we are surrounded by spiritual forms, who remain imperceptible. to us owing to the fact that we have not as yet developed the sixth sense necessary for their perception. Would it not be comth ir perception. Would it not be com-paratively easy for the intelligence which NCW laid the foundations of the universe to create an active, thought generating mind independent of a physical organism. In conclusion let me again urge upon my readers not to condemn spiritualism until they have made a critical examination of its mysteries which cease to be mystical to those who will but investigate the proper A CONVERT. sources.

HOW TO CURE A SNORER.

A Correspondent Relates His Experience on an International Line Boat.

moments he was back to a still higher good swig by word of mouth and then a piece of plate as a testimony. Having just completed a trip from Bosin a deep sleep or trance as I afterwards ance and superstition waxed fat. Now pressure of steam. At times he would let bite of raw onion. He then passed the The next morning as I ascended to the ton to St. John, by steamer, I am reminded of a certain trip I made over the same | up on snoring and grit his teeth-oh, hor- bottle to me-not caring to refuse I nearly deck I saw "Rum & Onions" comfortlearned it to be. Suddenly a faint odor thanks to the undaunted and untiring energy resembling that which hangs in the atmosror of horrors ! that was worse still, it set strangled at one mouthful. It was patent, ably seated in a chair admiring the rockroute about 40 years ago, when I encountof such men as Newton, Bacon, Gallileo phere "of a death chamber" arose and bound shores of the town of Lu-bec. I approached with fear and a guilty my whole nervous system on edge as it will proof and unwatered. filled the apartment. They are coming said and, in our own time, Doctor Street of Bosered the greatest snorer of modern times. now. At that age I was more forbearing The atmosphere of the close, ill-venmy triend in a low excited voice. I waited The night portion of the voyage was be- than I am at present but even then the tilated state-room, redolent with the fumes conscience. I was soon set at ease, tor I ton, Professor Wallace and many others I breathless with expectation when suddenly, gritting of ones teeth while asleep was my of rum, onions and smoke from a greasy discovered that he hadn't the slighest susneed not name who have reached an epoch tween Portland and Eastport as at present. forth issued from the immaterial air belimit of endurance. The time had now tallow candle, (which he said he always picion of what it was that had disturbed his where freedom of thought is not restricted When bed time arrived I concluded to tore me a form at first indistinct in its outslumbers.-he still held to the scorpion arrived when something must be done-he | carried when travelling) was over-powerand a man may hold his own opinions and "turn in." My stateroom companion was line but rapidly assuming human shape, or I will have to vacate the premises. Just | ing and conducive to sleep,-but no, sleep | theory, "But where did you sleep; why the features and limbs developing with exbeliefs whether rational or the reverse withthen a happy thought struck me-yes, I no more; " rum and onions doth murder did you not come back to bed again?" I long. lean, typical down-easter. and traordinary rapidity before my very eyes, belonged to Eastport. He was known have it. It was the fashion in those days sleep," for he at once settled right down asked. "No, dang it." said he, "I would out danger of being submitted to the torthen like a flash back rolled upon my memrather sleep (snore and grit his teeth) on to wear long breast pins. I had one in the to strict attention to business. I felt sure tures of the rack, thumb-screw, or pillory. there by a nickname as "Rum and Onions," ory the image which fifteen years of mental extreme of fashion, over four inches in | that the occupants of adjoining state rooms a clean, hard wooden bench with my boots toil had well nigh ob.iterated and I beheld my sister who had died from my arms long years ago, and who was I believed lost in All new theories and doctrines are now from a habit he had of drinking rum and length. I knew where to put my hand on were wishing he would choke to death for a pillow, than on one of those pesky subjected to an unprejudiced and scientific it in the dark. Now for the experiment. when in one of those gurgling spasms. I scorpion charged matresses made out of sea eating raw onions as a cure for indiges-Feeling the way between the slats, I soon | would have had I been in another room. | weed by niggers down South." I agreed inspection so that we ourselves are to a tion, so he said. He selected the hit the yielding mattress, and then upwards As the night wore on his powers of torture with him that I felt something through certain degree responsible for rejecting Who can describe the rush of mingled upper berth and I took the lower, a lucky



if I do," was his only reply. In a few pulled out his bottle of rum, and took a bave presented me with an address and a