

hundred miles or so, and hung up the picture in their hall, where the Man of Wisdom ought to hang. It happened that, shortly after Winnefred's return, the regular Lodge meeting occurred on a clear and beautiful day, and Winnefred insisted on being taken to the hall "just once more." There was no denial. And so, in the rich cloak and with the little watch hanging like a locket to her neck, she was placed by George Hildebrand's side in the East (the Lodge being at refreshment), and for an hour exchanged affectionate sentiments with her "brothers." While engaged in this, I have been assured of the truth of this story by one who saw the occurrence—the portrait of its own accord, detached itself off the hook from which it was suspended and fell to the floor. Probably it was a mere accident, but the fact made a great story through the neighborhood for a long time afterwards, and is told yet.

Why prolong my tale? The young creature has been eighteen years sleeping by her father's side. And, as I said at the opening, probably not a person is living in that vicinity who will recall the incidents I have related. But a whisper went out among the Mason's families, that *the shadow of this girl* was still seen at the Lodge meetings. Hackett Jinks, who was afterwards elected Tyler, never would go into the Lodge room after the rest came out, not even to put by the Volume of the Sacred Law, and he used to tell his wife that there were "speerits about that ante-room." But that strong-minded woman replied in words good enough in their sententiousness to be made axiomatic:

"Hackett, you jess let whiskey alone; them's the only speerits'll trouble you."

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GRAND FESTIVAL.

The Grand Festival of Ancient and Accepted Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemason's Tavern. Before the Festival, Grand Lodge was held at Freemason's Hall, for the appointment and investiture of the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. Grand Lodge was very numerously attended, there being about 600 of the brethren present. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, was not present, he having recently gone to the East for the benefit of his health. His place, however, was occupied by the Most Worshipful the Pro. Grand Master, the Right Hon. the Earl of Canarvon, who was supported on his right by the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, and on his left by Dr. Hamilton, the District Grand Master of Jamaica. The Grand Officers of the year were in their places, viz., the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore, S.G.W., the Hon. William Warren Vernon, J.G.W.; Rev. Robert Spencer Wigram, and Rev. Charles William Arnold, Grand Chaplains; Samuel Tompkins, Grand Treasurer; Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar; John B. Monckton, F.S.A., President of the Board of General Purposes; John Hervey, Grand Secretary; Ernest Emil Wendt, Grand Secretary for German Correspondence; Lieut.-Col. Thos. Birchall, and Thos. W. Boord, M.P., Senior Grand Deacons; Edward J. Barron, and J. March Case, Junior Grand Deacons; F. P. Cockerell, Grand Superintendent of Works; Sir Albert W. Woods, *Garter*, P.G.W., Grand Director of Ceremonies; William Rhys Williams, M.D., Asst. Grand Director of Ceremonies; W. Francis Nettleship, Grand Sword Bearer; Wilhelm Kuhe, Grand Organist; E. P. Albert, Grand Pursuivant; S. G. Foxall, Asst. Grand Pursuivant; and C. B. Payne, Tyler. Among the other brethren present were the Earl of Shrewsbury, Lord Tenterden, Lord De Tabley, Captain Platt, James Glashier, the