

GHOST IN NEGATIVE SPOILS ANGLO-INDIAN ROMANCE

How Pretty Miss Gladys Manning, of Southampton, England, Jilted Lieut. Gordon Waters Because He Appeared Mysteriously in All Her Photographs, Dagger in Hand, Threatening Her Life—Experiments in Psychic Photography by J. Traill Taylor.

[From the New York American.]

One of the weirdest phenomena in the history of photography has caused Miss Gladys Manning, a beautiful Southampton (England) girl, to break her engagement with Lieut. Gordon Waters, now on service in India. In every one of a dozen photographs the camera revealed a ghostly figure with dagger in hand hovering over her. She recognized the figure as her fiancé and immediately broke the engagement, believing that it was a warning of what would happen should she become his bride. The course of true love ran smooth to this couple until Lieut. Waters was called away to India. He expected to return to England on a furlough in a year and take his bride back to India with him for the remainder of his service. Letters were exchanged with regu-

larly during six months and the preparations for the wedding had been commenced. Then one day an old friend, an unsuccessful rival of the Indian officer, paid a parting call. He was on his way to America in a few days, and begged for a photograph. Miss Manning had no recent pictures and was easily persuaded to sit for new ones. The next day she found them during her shopping trip in London to call at a well-known photographer's studio.

Two days later, instead of the expected proofs, came a short letter of apology. Would she please make another appointment—an accident had ruined the plates. Her London trips were very frequent just then. She sat again without a murmur. Again a letter of apology instead of proofs. This time the letter was longer and spoke vaguely

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of strange action of the light. The photographer's request for a third sitting was granted with the mild expressed hope that nothing would happen this time. Several strangers were about the studio during the third attempt. Miss Manning observed with the well-trained periphery of a woman's eye that they were watching her with evident curiosity.

Though this espionage was annoying and intuition told her something was wrong, she showed no sign of displeasure even when one of the observers stole up and snapped her with a hand camera. Miss Manning's uneasiness was further increased when for the third time a letter of apology arrived instead of proofs. There was no explanation. The photographer begged her to come to his studio as soon as possible and bring some one with her. He would then, he said, endeavor to

"I hoped it might have been thought transference from your mind to the plate," he said. "I have heard of this happening often to other photographers, but it happened to me only once." Pressed for details of this one previous case, the photographer reluctantly gave them. They were far from reassuring.

A man just before his wedding had sat for his picture. The figure of a woman appeared on every plate. She, too, was sinister and had a revolver instead of a dagger in her hand. The man recognized her as one who believed she had a claim on his affection, and was much disturbed by the plates and insisted on destroying them. He was married, and soon after set out with his bride for Sydney, Australia.

"And what happened?" asked Miss Manning when the narrative paused at this point. "He committed suicide and was dead," he answered. "That is all I know."

But he did know more. There was doubt as to whether it was a case of suicide or murder. The woman who had appeared mysteriously on the plates had been a passenger on the

But her mental processes, whatever they were, resulted in speedy action. Not 24 hours after examining the plates a letter was on its way to Lieut. Waters notifying him that he might consider himself a free man. It is said that she frankly admitted the photographs were the cause.

Lieut. Waters has by no means given up the fight. He has sent far and wide for books on the subject and has written to eminent authorities. He is at present at a loss for an explanation, but is said to suspect his defunct rival of in some way tampering with the plates.

Lieut. Waters is endeavoring to obtain his furlough at once and to get to the bottom of the mystery when he reaches England. He hopes that his broken romance will interest scientific men to help solve the mystery and win back for him the girl he loves.

Psychic Phenomena, Not Spirits. The late Mr. J. Traill Taylor, former editor of the British Journal of Photography, made several most interesting tests of spirit photography before his death. One of Mr. Taylor's last works was a paper on this subject which was published after his death. Mr. Taylor calls the phenomena psychic photography, and he



steamer, and the young widow had stated that it was her opinion that she was implicated, even if she had not done the shooting herself.

The photographer, wishing to test the phenomena more thoroughly, had brought several witnesses to observe Miss Manning's third sitting. One of these witnesses had made a separate exposure simultaneously with one of the regular camera's pictures. This plate showed the ghostly visitor standing behind the girl, with the dagger above her head. The large camera revealed him in the same position, though in one case it was a front view and in the other a profile.

Miss Manning is not a student of psychology or metaphysics. If she has any theory for the explanation of her strange pictures it must be guessed at, for she will not discuss the subject.

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And Most of the Balance Goes to London—A Complaint Has Been Made by the United States.

[Washington Star.] Some startling facts are revealed in the report of the director of the mint just issued by the treasury department, for 1904. First is the disconcerting knowledge that the English flag floats over the countries contributing 53 per cent of the total gold production of \$346,000,000 for 1904, while the United States must be satisfied with 23 per cent. Secondly, English capital is shown to be mostly active in the United States, Mexico, South America and Russia, and is gathering the profits there from the best mines to swell the total of 13 per cent of the total gold production of the world, owned by the people of the United Kingdom. Thirdly, it indicates that the financial sorcery of our government, and of our moneyed men, is responsible for a goodly part of this discrepancy.

No other product of nature has so fired the imagination, stimulated the energies of man, without regard to race, color or climate, as the search of gold. Almost universally distributed, no nation or race is ignorant of its value. Unlike any other product, it is money per se, and the fixed exchangeable medium of exchange and measure of value, for everything bought, sold, or bartered in the markets of the world. It has never become, where ever found, at once a permanent, not temporary, addition to the world's wealth. However it may chance its form, it still remains the fixed unit of value. While 16 per cent goes into industrial use, much of that returns to the melting pot to become again primary money.

The story of gold is the story of conquest of war, of peace, of government of civilization. Its production, therefore, becomes a serious question to our national life and an economic factor to be studied by our statesmen and publicists, as well as of practical suggestion to our moneyed men.

This report of the treasury is approximately accurate for a period corresponding to that of our national existence—1792-1904. It is not necessary here, however, to go further back than 1792. From that date until 1872—twelve years—the gross gold production of the world was \$1,628,000,000. This vast sum is exceeded by the production for the years 1899-1904—\$1,791,000,000—the year 1904 reaching \$346,000,000, of which, as before stated, 53 per cent comes from British territory, and the remaining 42 per cent goes largely into London because of English capital being the greatest factor in development of both the new and old gold fields.

What is the explanation in English supremacy in gold production, in other words, of primary money? And why this indifference of our Government, and our moneyed class, to this vital industry that is becoming more profitable each year through advanced metallurgical knowledge of the reduction of ores?

London is today the best market on earth for the sale of meritorious mining property, wherever located. The absorption of such shares seems without limit. This condition of things does not obtain in New York, Chicago, or elsewhere in the United States. Why? May it not be due to the stricter accountability exercised by parliament over the corporations, and corporate acts, thus precluding the frenzied over-capitalization of companies, which in many of our states is not only allowed, but brazenly encouraged through the grant of wide-open charters to "gold holders" liability? These "free ranging" holders are a disgrace to our people, and a just criticism of our Government itself.

Are such charters other than legal licenses to chicanery and fraud and a stimulus to speculation, as reckless that otherwise profitable industries are wrecked to satisfy a gambler's day? Is not this stricter accountability by the one government and the greater disregard by another government (to name) responsible for the difference in character and intentions of the two people—considered as investors—nationally considered.

The English public, protected by laws enforcing obedience by corporations, are investors, wanting only reasonable interest and a return of principal at long periods—conditions that contribute to economy, increasing wealth and personal responsibility. The American buyer of shares in any institution is rarely an investor. He buys for speculation. He knows that his minor interest has no protection against a major interest, and that success in careful building up is too slow for any speculative clique that would not hesitate at anything to "bull" or "bear" his shares, even to "closing down."

This has been the history of our industrial development. The same disregard of common honesty that killed the "golden goose" of life insurance, is keeping our industries, including mining, from becoming, as Judge Grosscup says, "peopleized" and is fast turning over our mineral wealth to

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The point I wish to emphasize is that American money ought to dominate the mining industry far more than it does, especially in the United States, and that closer reciprocal trade relations with Mexico (thought by many well informed to be the "treasure house of the world") would give us there the untold advantages in trade that are ours for the asking, and by an intelligent application of good business judgment and enterprise.

What is true of Mexico applies equally to Central and South America. There is no influence so potent for peace as intimate trade relations between nations. We should think of this more when the Panama Canal will so emphasize our self-imposed suzerainty over these southern republics.

Passing of Rail Fence. Country youths today, says a Plainfield (Ind.) letter, have no rail-splitting records to boast of. Rail-making is an industry of the past, except in a few remote sections of central-western states, where occasional new stretches of wire fence are raised.

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