

lings wasn't dead, I asked the showman to fetch Josh's spirit up "from below."

"Hish!" says the medium, "we never talk of below. From the "spirit world" is the proper phrase."

"Oh! very good," says I, "have Josh up out of anywhere you like."

Presently all the chairs, and the table and sofa began to dance, a dog barked, and I felt a feeling of a spiritual pin in the calf of my right leg.

The medium said that all these put together, signified "Josh" was "around." Then he asked me for \$5, without which no spirit could ever be got to "communicate." I paid the money, and presently the tables, chairs, and



sofas executed another waltz, a neighbouring cat mewed, and a second pin went into my other calf. The medium said everything was now properly fixed, and produced a slate with which he went into a corner, and I heard a sort of scratching, which he told me was "Josh" writing.

When he showed me the slate I remarked that the handwriting was not at all like Josh's earthly penmanship. On this the table gave sixteen loud raps which intimated

(the medium said) that Josh had re-modelled his caligraphy under a spiritual instructor. I accepted the explanation and the medium allowed me to copy from the slate the following

"REMARKS"

Solomon, when I arrived in the spirit world, told me he greatly envied me the parentage of the "maxim" in my Book, that "the fools do more harm than the rascals."

The lavish young fellow who is often heard contemptuously saying: "Pooh! what's a dollar!" will end by saying sadly: "Oh, where's a dollar!"

Anacreon will apostrophise his host: "Thou art a hospitable, cordial soul, and lovest a full goblet, but if thou would'st have me right royally enjoy myself, leave me to fill and drink as I list."

When I was on earth I used to note that the man who was ahead at billiards never found fault with his cue; whereas the other man's cue was too heavy, too light, too short, too long, or had a bad top. Thus in general life, 'tis never men who are in fault, but always the means, or instruments, or else the "luck" is against them.