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SPIRITS AND SHERLOCK.

"I have learned the truth," says Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, "and Sherlock Holmes, however interesting and valuable as a friend, has no place in my life now."

Sir Arthur has just come to the United States to give a series of lectures on spiritualism. By spiritualism he does not mean silver or crystal globes, cards, ouija boards, weirdly moving tables or any of the clap-trap usually employed by fake or would-be mediums. This stuff he regards as valueless. What he means by spiritualism is the survival on a higher plane of the spirits of those who have lived on earth. There is to him no mystery about it.

The so-called dead, he believes, go to a plane many times happier than this, and go on developing. The change of state often creates a sort of bewilderment, which passes after the soul becomes accustomed to its new environment, perhaps similar to boyhood on this plane. Those who have developed spiritually here are further advanced than the others. The man who has been "an unsavory individual" goes to "a sort of hospital. It is a gray and unhappy sort of place. There he must remain until his own voluntary acts show him fit for the other plane." After 30 or 40 years they move on to still higher places.

There is a sort of reasonableness in some of the beliefs of the more intelligent spiritualists which is very appealing. The most that can be said one way or the other up to the present is that nothing is settled. Most so-called communications with the dead cannot be proved by any standard satisfactory to practical people. Yet the impossibility of such communication also remains to be proved. One of the most interesting of the books on the subject is "The Seven Purposes" by Margaret Cameron.

It is noteworthy that strong and intelligent minds, in dealing with this subject, disregard wholly the utterances of the ordinary medium, believing that a communication necessary or advisable can always be made in some more direct way, without dim lights and paraphernalia.

WORKING TO EARN REST.

"How do you suppose a man is going to enjoy his time off unless he has some work to keep him busy most of his time?" is a question asked by Rosewell Miller, son-in-law of the late Andrew Carnegie, and a young man with sufficient means at his command to give him as much time off as he wishes. It is a timely question just now when the trout are biting, the summer vacation is in the offing and the long, hard road, the sunshine and the golf course are all calling their loudest. What's the use of working, anyhow?

Young Mr. Miller practically answered his own question when he took up a job at New York University and has been working at it ever since as hard as any other teacher in the institution. This will give him a genuine relish for the vacation which will come in June, when the clock stops its call to recreations. The man who never knew the clouds and storms cannot appreciate the sunshine at its full value. He who was never tired from labor misses the real pleasure of rest, and he who is always surfeited with food never has the appetite that hunger brings.

The man who retires from business and has nothing to do generally finds himself thoroughly disappointed. Lazing through the days is not what he dreamed it. The retired manufacturer who, when told that thoroughly retired men made poor insurance risks, said he believed it—they bored themselves to death. The man who retired at fifty from the job he had been working at most of his life to take up another and harder one to have the promise of a happier future.

Mr. Miller expresses a bit of sound philosophy when he says, "Get a job—a job in which you will be happy. Most of the wise men of the world have said the same thing. Work, if it does nothing else, 'guards one against one's self.' The person who has earned it by work, work so good that he will not have to worry about finding his job waiting for him when he gets back."

BALFOUR OF WHITTINGHAM.

In raising Sir Arthur Balfour to an orator, the British Government has not honored the recipient of the title as much as it has honored the title. A dignity which has been bestowed so freely upon politicians, of magazines and newspapers, and even upon the most insignificant of men, has been bestowed upon a man who has been a statesman for half a century.

Balfour, in whose veins there already runs a strain which is not dependent upon titles for its public honor, whose social position is not perceptibly raised by it—a man, moreover, who has not only served the British Empire in the most distinguished and effective way, but whose services to literature are scarcely less marked.

Not alone in the Washington Conference, from which he brought back in reality much more of advantage to Great Britain than Darnell brought back from Berlin, but in many other fields, Balfour has served his country with unexampled effectiveness as well as distinction. Nor has his public service been a matter of "noblesse oblige." There has been no element of condescension in it. He began his career as private secretary to his near kinsman, Lord Salisbury, one of England's great Foreign Ministers. He continued it in ways that were always useful, and always in a manner and quality not of service to a class or an interest, but of solid helpfulness to the nation.

With this ideal firmly in his mind and soul, it may be truly said that at the same time Arthur Balfour touched no incidental matter that he did not adorn. Whether he wrote of Philosophy, Doubt, of the Foundations of Religion, or of the New Theory of Matter, of fiscal reform or of aesthetics, he illuminated the subject.

Such a man needs no "handle" to his name.

THE GENOA CONFERENCE.

The Genoa Conference called to take measures for the rehabilitation of Europe was confronted with the disarmament problem at the very outset. Chicherin, the Russian Soviet Foreign Minister, proposed a reduction of land forces on the Continent and was met with a peremptory refusal from M. Barthou, the French representative, to discuss this subject.

The episode almost wrecked the Conference on the eve of its deliberations and it was only the tact of Lloyd George that saved it.

The incident was smoothed over for the time being, but certainly must come up again to trouble the conference. The key to the rehabilitation of Europe is the reduction of the great armies that several of the countries are supporting. Until that is done, budgets will continue to go unbalanced, the printing presses will be kept busy running off paper money and the governments will be pushed nearer and nearer to the precipice of bankruptcy and ruin.

This is plain and certain as that two and two make four. Of course cutting down armies will not solve the whole problem, but it is a step that must be taken before anything else can be done.

When land disarmament was proposed, the plan met with the same prompt refusal from France that it encountered at Genoa. In Washington France said it could not disarm because of fear of Russia. In Genoa it says it does not want to talk about the subject. If this decision be irrevocable, Lloyd George cannot save the Conference. He may postpone the obsequies but even with his great powers as a conciliator he can do no more.

COCK ROBIN'S ORCHESTRA.

Those who are awake at the peep of dawn these spring mornings have a fine opportunity in rural surroundings of noting the talent for leadership displayed by the robin.

At the first faint coloring of the eastern sky Cock Robin is alert. His first note is a short, not unmelodious summons to his orchestra. Thereupon his companions in trees and shrub assume their voices in preparation for the full throated chorus which soon fills the air.

It is a pity that the robin is silent during his travels in southern lands in winter. At certain periods of his migrations he was considered a game bird in parts of the South and his red breast was conspicuous in the markets of New Orleans, where he was bought and sold just as the quail and jacksnipe are.

A valiant fighter, a sweet singer and as full of the joy of life as any living creature, Cock Robin is a delight to every lover of nature.

If all the fish that will be caught in clubs and oceans during the next fortnight should be brought to net during the summer there'd be nothing but horripant and clam left in New Brunswick waters.

New York reports a shortage of trained nurses, a condition which suggests that there are still people who can not get the education that trained nurses demand.

It is expected to be the greatest year in history for the straw hat industry and consequently for the Greek brethren who clean 'em while you wait.

Someone asked Lloyd George why the rehabilitation conference met in Genoa. "Well, Genoa's better place," replied the British statesman with his wonted playfulness.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. has to be guarded when he goes to church. A good many men wouldn't attend church at all if they had to go to all that bother.

A doctor says that it is unhealthy to leap out of bed the minute you awake. We very rarely hear of anyone doing it before that.

When you make the street a public garage, the traffic cop will get you if you don't watch out.

WHAT OTHERS SAY

Bright Days for the Artist.

(London Times.)
It is a common belief that the future of the artist who undertakes commercial work will not be restricted to poster and showcard. Already there are magazines and periodicals illustrating the full color, while the beautiful lithograph, process, still in its infancy, presents infinite possibilities. It is safe to predict that the time is not far distant when the newspapers will regularly make use of color, and the advertiser of the future will then have the advantage of being able to combine the "attention value" of color and design with the reasoned appeal which only a well-written Press advertisement can make.

Women's "Place."

(London Daily Mail.)
Independence in the home and opportunity in the world define the place of women in modern society. Both are natural human rights. Women can ask no more, men can give no less. Anybody's "place" should be whatever he or she is best fitted for, whether in the home, in politics, or in any other vocation. Every citizen has only one equal duties and equal services. Of that society is the final court of appeal. The cloud on the horizon is not women's emergence in politics, however, but their competition in industry. There is a world of warning in a single fact: A woman who takes a man's job usually has only herself to provide for. The man displaced usually has or will have a wife and children to support.

Lessons of the Strike.

(Los Angeles Times.)
The price of coal must fall in this country, along with the cost of other basic products; and that reduction cannot be made without a reduction in the wages of the coal miners. There is no doubt that the coal miners are free to think for themselves, have recognized this truth, and 1,600 mines operated on the American plan are still open. It is significant that these are the mines in which the majority of the workers are American born. The miners' union is strongest in the district where the percentage of foreign-born miners is highest. It is very possible that the lesson of the failure of the strike, which is inevitable, will not be lost upon the foreign workers. It is perhaps a part of the process of Americanization.

Lloyd George's Triumph.

(New Orleans Times-Picayune.)
Lloyd George was there to hold his assembly and to win it. Perhaps better than anyone else the Premier knew the nature, capacities and whims of that parliamentary assembly. Therefore he, possessing the oratory of the formal kind, abandoned it to make his appeal in other ways. He found the occasion no time to "say it with flow." Using humor, argument—clear-cut and unanswerable—bringing to bear the remarkable personal magnetism that is his and suppressing every trace of political arrogance, he humored andajoiled and tempted his assembly into the exact frame of mind he desired and then struck home the blows that were the blows of a fighter. The kind that wins admiration and respect even from one's opponents. His victory was complete, as the vote, that was a vote of confidence, showed. Three hundred and seventy-two to 94, it was indeed a signal triumph!

Religion and the Child.

(Kansas City Star.)
The nation-wide effort being made to promote a more general interest in the religious education of children has gained in strength since its inception four years ago. It is the feeling that instruction in the fundamentals of morality and religious truth has declined to a regretful degree in recent years that is the basis of the International Sunday School Association, which sponsors the movement, that several million children less than 15 years old in this country are without religious training. A commendable feature of the present work is the absence of anything of a denominational or sectarian character. In many cases the effort will be made to reach the parents through the children. The idea is not only to get the children into Sunday school, but to encourage religious training generally. The welfare of the nation as a whole will be promoted by effort of this kind.

Arbor Day's Jubilee.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
We have this year, then, the golden jubilee of an event which has meant much to America, which might have meant more had its spirit been better obeyed and which in the years to come will mean increasingly more if Americans are true to their continental heritage. Morton's happy thought of fifty years ago and Nebraska's quick adoption of it started a course of popular education in forestry conservation that generations of people will turn to the glory of their country. Nor does Arbor Day concern itself alone with forests, with great timber stretches or the wide open spaces. It is interested in the development of home sites, urban premises, in making one's own neighborhood, no matter how small or ungenial, a better place in which to live. Whether a conservation program takes a million trees or a

Benny's Note Book

BY LEE PAPE

THE PARK AVE. NEWS.

Weather. Grate.
Sports. Sid Hunt challenged Sam Cross to a hair pulling contest last Saturday to see who could leave their hair be pulled the hardest without yelling, and Sam Cross accepted the challenge and then went and had his hair cut so short nobody could grab a hold of it, not doing him any good however on account of Sid Hunt saying it was a foul and taking back the challenge.

Intriguing Facts About Intriguing People: Sam Cross was not allowed out after supper last Wednesday on account of thoughtlessly saying his baby sister Udeen looks like his father when she cries.

Pome by Skinny Martin.
YOU NEVER CAN TELL.
Altho my collection of pencil stamps is the largest one in school, I always get the worst possible marks for penmanship as a rule.

Business and Financial. Pats Stinkins lost a nickel 2 weeks ago and acts as if he's never going to stop talking about it and looking at people suspiciously.

Why not be amused while standing there doing nothing leaving your dressmaker stick pins around you? We will set there and tell you jokes for 20 cents a hour. The Ld Wer-nick and Lew Davis Amusement Co. (Advertisement.)

HEART WOULD BEAT LIKE A TRIP HAMMER

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Flimsy Excuse.
A woman asked a jeweler to estimate the cost of repairing a valuable watch. "All right," she said after the piece had been named. "I'll bring it back when it gets warmer, I'd take cold if I took it off now."

Ho-Hum!
At 3 p.m. the pastor will speak on the topic: "Robbers." This will be a helpful sermon to all who come.—Havre De Grace Republican.

His Ideas.
Youth—"I sent you some suggestions telling you how to make your paper more interesting. Have you carried out any of my ideas?"
Editor—"Did you meet the office boy with the waste paper basket as you came upstairs?"
Youth—"Yes, I did."
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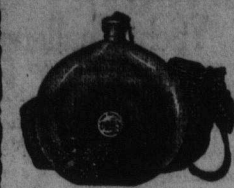
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