

**JULIAN HAWTHORN'S TOWN**

**Salem, Mass., Witchcraft Has Been Revived.**

**Miss Carrie Peabody Bly Is The Modern Witch Who Sees and Does Strange Things.**

Witchcraft has been revived in Salem, Mass. Miss Carrie Peabody Bly, the modern "Witch of Salem," is 27 years old, but is slight and girlish looking. She has a dark complexion, large lustrous brown eyes and a wealth of chestnut hair, which she arranges primarily in a Psyche knot. She is educated, intelligent and pleasing in her manner.

"Perhaps it was only natural that the witches should come back to their old home," she explained to a correspondent of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. "They found me here, and they liked me. One day when I was alone in the garret of what people call the witch-house I felt myself going into a trance. All at once I saw a kind, benevolent looking gentleman standing in the doorway. He was a stranger to me, but the moment he spoke I knew it was Hawthorne.

"You must be patient, my child," he said, and his voice was soft and clear. "You are to do great things. You may not wish to do them all, but remember your duty and you will be rewarded. Do them as Hester Prynne did her duty, as she patiently wore the scarlet letter on her breast." Since then he has been with me every day.

"I said in the trance for two weeks. My mind seemed to be suspended above my body. I could not speak. A light, a big blue flame, burned in the region of my heart. I was conscious, and yet seemed to be part of another world and to hold communion with departed spirits. I knew everything that went on around me. I saw the doctors come and go. I felt that they could not help

me. Then some one sent for James F. Nicholman, a spirit medium of Marblehead. He breathed into my mouth just as the flame about my heart was dying, and all at once I awoke. I was in my right mind. I remembered everything that had happened.

"You will think it strange, no doubt, but the day before Charles H. Hoyt was set free from the insane asylum in Connecticut I saw the spirit of his dead wife. She gave me a message to send her husband. I had never heard the name of Hoyt, but I saw him all at once as distinctly as if I had known him for years. She told me that she would not be happy until the judge released her husband, that he was not insane and a great wrong had been done him. Then the beautiful spirit faded away.

"This strange life has come upon me suddenly. Only a few months ago I was a lighthearted girl, caring only for amusement and utterly devoid of superstition. After leaving the high school I worked in a Salem dry goods store, and my time was so full that I had no leisure to spend with witches, even if I had known they were still lurking in this old house. After awhile I decided to go to Cambridge and open up a millinery store of my own. I had a nice place on Massachusetts avenue and did well. That sounds as if I am practical and not a foolish dreamer, does it not?"

"About a year ago I fell ill. Since then I have lived in two worlds. One I find when I go up in the garret of the musty old witchhouse, where the dusty beams and rafters reeking with age are alive with the memories of other days. Here on certain nights come 'ye ancient dames' to hold high carnival. The shutters and windows rattle. Yellow and blue lights fit about in all the dark corners. I see strange sights and hear strange things that are not meant for human eyes and ears.

"At first I did not mind so many people coming here to see me. If it pleased them, I did not care. But it has got to be a nuisance to have strangers coming here to stare at me, and ask me all kinds of foolish questions, and now I see no one.

"The report spread that I was a witch, and everybody wanted to get a look at me. It was no wonder that I learned to like spirits, who were at least always polite, better than these impertinent strangers. Now I keep the shutter closed and the door bolted and live my life in my own way. If there were ever witches, why should they not still be on earth?"

**A Remarkable Discovery.**

One of the most remarkable discoveries in the history of the north was recently made by John Nestor, a Cape Nome hotel man. While out prospecting he got into an unknown country, swampy, and full of lakes. In the center of one of these a great lava bed was found extending about 60 miles in length and with not a thing appearing on its shining surface. Speaking of the discovery Nestor said: "I traveled through the Golden Gate, Bunker Hill, Big Four, Casa de Pogra and Bonanza districts. The first two are really part of the Kougrook district now. I went down the Pilgrim river to the main Neuluck and up its right fork to its

source, then over a high divide onto an unknown stream. We went down this for a day and then turned back, crossed a low range west and got into a country 80 miles in extent. It was swampy and full of lakes. We prospected on nearly all the creeks, and only found colors on one. The country is a granite wash.

"There we found one of the most curious things to be met with in the whole world. It was a great lava bed, 60 miles long, in the center of a lake. There were cracks in the lava 20 feet wide. Not a thing grows on the lava from one end to the other. The lava island lies directly east of the Bunker Hill mining district.

"Coming on out we struck the left fork of the Neuluck and proceeded back to the Pilgrim river. I saw \$54 in gold that was reported to have come from the left fork of Iron creek. It was also reported that a four-horse team had got to Iron creek with sluice lumber from Nome. The country is pretty generally staked till the swampy country is reached. Gold was reported found on Quartz, a tributary of Copper, and on Copper, a tributary of the Kougrook, also on Garfield creek, a tributary of the Koussaqueene."—Victoria Times.

**Not a Savage Indian.**

As an illustration of that sort of salutary reproof which is sometimes administered by an "inferior," our Dumb Animals prints an incident communicated by a South Dakota minister.

The clergyman had been asked to receive an Indian boy into his family for a few weeks, and had consented to keep the lad if he did not prove to be "too much of a savage." He turned out to be a pretty good boy, so much so that one day, as a great treat, the minister gave him a gun and told him to take a holiday and go hunting.

The Indian shook his head. "No," he said quietly. "Me belong to band of mercy. Me not shoot birds or animals, only rattlesnake."

The minister had been very fond of using that gun, but he says he does not care much for it now.

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