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#### REFORM YOUR HABITS.

Come ye, with garments here and seedy, Ye bach'lors, wido'ers and husbands too, If, in the outward man you'r needy, We som can make you as good as new

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he will commence in this place, on the 8th of April next, the TAILORING BUSINESS

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low Weaver's Hotel. JACOB O. BECK.

## Sunbury, March 30, 1850 .- 6m

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## SELECT POETRY.

From Godey's Lady's Book. "I HEAR THE WINDS WHISTLE." BY A. T. LEE, CAPTAIN U. S. A.\* I HEAR the winds whistle, I hear the lone

grave! The eyes that are sunken, the brows that are cold, The lips that are faded, the shroud and the

The fagot burns brightly, but deep in my Dwells a spirit of darkness that will not de Ere the grim robber, Death, cast his shade at

When his dark shadow falls on you threshold I shall smile in his face as I yield to his For my old eyes grow dim, and I no longer To be watching the fagot that's flickering

I hear the winds whistle, I hear the loud wave. As I sit by my hearthstone and think of the The eyes that are sunken, the brows that are The lips that are faded, the shroud and the

\*Of Northumberland, Pa.

### A Clever Sketch.

From Tait's Ediaburg Magazine THE DOUBLE TRIAL

A STORY OF CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE

For many years, Sir James Fanshawe, Bart, of ancient family and large estates, had resided at - Abbey, about seven ful and accomplished daughter, who, upon | butler entered the room. his decease, (she being just 21 years of age,) became sole possessor of his property, and also continued to dwell at the same place. Shortly after her father's death, Miss Fanshawe benevolently adopted as her comjust been left, not merely fortuneless, but

a totally friendless orphan. murdered Miss Fanshawe. The accused ing cenfession behind him: quivering lips, and her bands lightly press-

It was charged that this orphan cousin, made a will, leaving her property to Eve-The principal evidence introduced was the ing room of his mistress. In great alarm, he partially dressed, and hurried as quickly as he possibly could towards that room,-The door stood slightly ajar, and pushing it smartly open, he crossed the threshold, and was horrified by what he immediately saw. On the carpet, by the side of the bed, lay the body of his mistress, in her night-dress, dripping with blood." A shudder of horror agitated the whole court at this part of the deposition; and the accused sank her head between her hands, groaning heavily. The examination proceeded:

Mr. Collins-Will you here describe the exact position in which your mistress lay when you first saw her? Witness-She was stretched out upon her back, her knees drawn up some feet from the carpet, which, being a loose one, was ruffled on a heap under and around her, as though a mistress' breast ?-Witness-Yes, Mr. Collight for you to see, with perfect distinctyour oath, was the point of that dagger directed downwards !- With considerable

could not speak positively in this respect. With regard to the chamber, no time was lost in making a strict and well conducted examination of the apartment; and the result was, that several most extraordinary matters were brought to light. The bed in which the ill-fated lady had slept, was completely saturated with blood, and the sheets tumbled and twisted in a way that clearly evidenced that she must have fought hard with the murderer. By passing the curtains aside, Miss Fanshawe could

stabbed in nine different parts; and her hands and arms were also gashed in many places, in a way that showed how desperately she must have fought for life. the bed was found a very large lock of hair torn up by the roots.

The bair was first thought to be Miss none was torn from her head; neither did the lock correspond in the least with hers, either in color or in length. This was also the case with Eveleen; and, after the most patient investigation at the inquest, all concerned unanimously admitted the inexpli-cable fact, that this lock of woman's hair was neither the murdered lady's nor that of the accused. Eveleen herself gave the following voluntary explanation of the osition in which she was found.

I was aroused from my sleep, by hearing what I conceived to be a struggle, mingled with smothered screams, going on in the sleeping apartment of Miss Fanshawe. I listened and hearing a scream still more men," and that an admixture which may be distinctly, and also what I thought to be a cry for help, I hesitated not a moment in is necessary to the protection of the health, hurrying towards the room. As I approached the door, which was at the end of long corridor, and at a considerable distance from the sleeping room of any one else, my own chamber being the nearest the other. Too highly nutritive diet is to it, I heard what I thought to be the voices of individuals hurriedly conversing; but when I reached the door, which Miss Fanshawe never locked, I found it slightly open, and, on entering, I found her lifeless ody on the floor, in a pool of blood .-There were no persons visible in the room. to the rest of the food, than by the nutri-I screamed repeatedly at the sight, and in ment which they contain. Soups, jellies, dreadful agitation sank on my knees, and arrow-root, and similar substances are, for then fell across the body, by which I be-came besmeared with the blood of my dear eaten with bread, or some bulkier aliment, murdered friend, whom I loved as myself. On arising, I happened to see a dagger, and miles from the county town. He was a lifted it up by the end of the blade, hardly widower, and had but one child, a beauti- knowing what I did. At this moment the

The defence of counsel was unavailing, a nnocent-was executed.

At the very next Assizes, a man, who shawe benevolently adopted as her companion a distant relative—a high born Irish
lady, named Eveleen O'Neill, who had
just been left, not merely fortuneless, but of the deed. Circumstantial evidence brought the act home to him, with convic-On the day of the Assizes at a well- tion to the minds of all men, and he was known county town in England, this young also sentenced, but anticipated his doom, eat." Bulwer says, "an appetite once and that the young lady particularly concern female, Eveleen O'Neill, was brought into and poisoned himself in prison, by the aid thrown away, can never, till the cruel pro- ed, "has moved in the best circles of Philathe dock under an accusation of having of a female accomplice, leaving the follow- lixity of the gastric agents is over, be re- delphia, is sensitive, educated and refined.

ligious notions are, all men may believe this dependent, deliberately murdered her truth. I am innocent of the murder of benefactress, tempted by mercenary mo- Miss Fanshawe, and I have not the retives. Miss Fanshawe having previously motest idea who murdered her. The night she was murdered I was many miles distant, leen, in case she should die unmarried .-- and this I could have proved on my trial. but I could not have done so, without conbutler named Collins. He stated that "a fessing that I was engaged that night in few minutes after four o'clock, on the committing a murder, but where or on morning of the 28th of July, he was whom will never be known. My hands aroused from his sleep by repeated violent were cut in the death grapple, and my screams, issuing apparently from the sleep- clothes smeared with blood. As to the witnesses who asserted they saw me lurking about the Abbey grounds, they either wilfully lied or were mistaken by my resemblance to another. The dagger with which Miss Fanshawe was murdered really was mine, although I denied it on my trial, being desirous to make the best of my chance of acquittal. As deposed on my bathed in blood. Kneeling close to her trial, I was in the habit of carrying it about was the prisoner at the bar, with her left me, but I lost it a weel; before the murder hand resting on her mistress' bosom, and was committed, near to the Abbey, and I her right uplifted with a small drawn dag- have no doubt the real murderer picked it ger, which was apparently about to be up, and used it as the instrument of the plunged in his mistress' body. Both the deed. What my real name, rank, or coundagger and the hand which held it were try is—who I am, or what I have been—I will never tell. That secret, and many others, perish with me."

It appears, then, that the latter was not guilty, from the death-bed confession made by an old woman, the substance of which

"She said, that 44 years by-gone, she had lived as lady's maid with Miss Fanshawe, tion to which it is every day subjected. of - Abbey, and that lady having several times scolded and threatened to discharge her for gross neglect of her duties, as full as it can be filled with a fork, canan awful spirit of revenge took possession, not be expected to endure such loads of great struggle had taken place. Her head of her, and she determined to murder her compost," nor is it reasonable for the ownlay on one side, with the right cheek rest- mistress. While pondering the matter er to look for comfort, or to expect from ing on the carpet, and her hair was torn over, she happened to find a dagger (that such abuse even a reasonable duration of from underneath her cap, and hung back- left by Roderick Madden) near to the park life." Bulwer says, "it is the last degree ward over her head. Mr. Collins-You palings. About a week afterwards, she of ingratitude to the great source of enjoysay that the prisoner was kneeling by her murdered her mistress with this very dag- ment, to overload the stomach with a about apparently by invisible hands, most until about four o'clock in the morning. Duside, and holding a dagger, which you ger, and being disturbed by the approach-thought she was about to plunge in your ing footsteps of Eveleen O'Neill, who heard her death-struggle, she hurried back to her lins-And there was quite sufficient day- own chamber, leaving the dagger behind her. She had on at the time only a thin ness, the objects you have described! Wit- night dress, which being sprinkled with blood, she hid, and hastily washing her tem." hands and face, put on a clean one. Then, when the alarm was given by the butler, hesitation, the witness confessed that he she joined the rest of the family in rushing to the apartment of the murdered lady, and was loudest of any in her outcries and lamentations. She said, that when she saw the turn the affair had taken by shifting all suspicion from herself to Eveleen, she no longer felt any fear of detection. She

She actually had the hardihood to attend the trial of Eveleen, and when the counsel reach the pull of a bell, hanging in her for the latter uttered the remarkable ex- medical or spiritual adviser of the commuown maid's room, and so summon her at pression, that perhaps the real murderer nity, but having an indirect interest in the any moment she required. This bell-pull was then present, she felt ready to die prolongation of life, we venture upon pla-

confusion of the morning."

er's reach. This apparently indicated two | without experiencing an atom of remorse, herd, we have a kind of feeling "that it is | mensions-spoon, knife, fork, book or poker | workmanship,) seemed to jump from the shelf important facts; first, that the murder must | either for her death, or that of the first vic- the duty of all men, to the best o' their | being occasionally moved. The disturbance | and fall to the floor near his feet; he being, have been a deliberately planned affair; tim. From that time forward, she, in her abilities, to enlighten ane anither's undersecondly, that it must have been committed own words, became and continued emphat- standing. And if I see my brethren o' by some one intimately acquainted with ically "a child of Hell!" Very soon after mankind fa' into a' sort o' sin and superstithe apartment. On the victim's body be- Eveleen's execution, she married a soldier, tion, is't nae business o' mine, think ye, to ing examined, it was found that she was and accompanied him to India. Subse- set them richt, and enable them to act acquently she travelled over various parts of cordin' to the dictates o' reason and nature? the world, and committed sin upon sin, and I have no notion o' that creed that tells me wicked deed upon wicked deed, beyond the leave a dour doited devil to go daunderin' capability of her memory to sum up. At length she felt an irresistable prompting to drag her worn out frame to the locality of her first fearful crime, and there, finding up, and that advice, as it is much easier Fanshawe's own; but, on examination, herself nigh unto death, she determined to given than followed, may prevent in some unburthen herself of a relation of that deed, and accordingly did so as related.

#### From the Scalpel. DINNER AND DESERT: PRACTICE AND PRECEPT.

"The dinner awaits you, sir !!

WOlder, blowed, 152 not be absent at the ernee The rational mode, according to the best authorities, is most unquestionably to eat when hungry. To think first, that as the body is composed of various materials, various articles of food are necessary to sustain it. That "strong meats are for strong determined by the observation of the party, "Bulk," says Dr. Beaumont, "is nearly as necessary to the articles of diet, as the nutrient principle. The articles taken should probably as fatal to the prolongation of life and health as that which contains an insufficient quantity of nourishment. And Combe says, "In civilized society, bread, potatoes and vegetables are useful, not less by giving the requisite bulk and consistence than when taken alone."

Then, after having adjusted the variety and quantity, the appetite should regulate the time. "Being in health," says Walker, torial columns of the New York Sun, of the "it is easy to keep so, where there are fa- 23d ult., and which will claim the more atcilities of living rationally. My care is tention from the matter of fact character of sentence of guilty was rendered, and Eve-leen—although subsequently found to be coverload it, nor to disappoint it: in fact, to that paper. We do not say we believe it. We copy the account as we find it, leaving keep it in the best possible humor," "In damp weather, when the digestion is weak, appropriate. No faintness or craving, but parrates the same facts, stating the family to gained; it must be supplied at the time We append to the Sua's article, a part of the was tall, graceful, modest and beautiful, with large dark eyes, features deadly pale, I now write all I wish to say, and, whating down without one," Burton says, "As long as we are ruled by reason, correct our inordinate appetites, and conform ourselves to God's words, we are so many living saints; but if we give reins to lust, anger, ambition, pride, and follow our own ways, we degenerate into beasts, transform ourselves, overthrow our constitutions, provoke

> And Shenstone says-"We give each appetite too loose a rein, Push every pleasure to the verge of pain ;

God to anger, and heap upon us the melan-

choly, and all kinds of incurable diseases."

And live in rapture, or not live at all." These principles having been established, we are further required to look into the manner in which we place the food in our stomachs, or in other words, in which we have previously discussed, and have the vanity to think that our readers, if they recall their own sensations, will not require a repetition of the evidence against it. They who believe the stomach capable of reducing to the proper consistence, food thus thrown into it, may recognise its effects in the admonition of Combe, who says, "the smoothest and most accurately formed wheel, running along the most level and polished road, parts with some portion of its substance at every revolution, and in process of time is worn out." If this be true, it is only necessary to look at the condition of the stomach, and consider the fric-

Abernethy says, "the stomach that is loaded, as a Devonshire man does his cart, weight which would oppress it with langour, or harass it with pain; and finally to drench away the effects of our impurity with some nauseous potation, which revolts it, tortures it, convulses, irritates, and enfeebles it through every particle of its sys-

stomach and intestines busily employed in the concoction of our food by a certain undulatory motion-the heart, working day and night, like a forcing pump—the lungs blowing alternate blasts—the humors filtrating through Innumerable strainers, together with an incomprehensible assemblage of tubes, valves, and currents, all actually availed herself of an early opportunity to burn her gory night dress, which she easily our existence, we could hardly be induced burn her gory night dress, which she easily our existence, we could hardly be induced effected at the kitchen fire during the great to stir from our places, and yet we use these organs as though we had borrowed them, to be renewed at pleasure."

Remember, also, that we are neither the was found carefully tied around the adjoining bed post, completely out of the sleepwards beheld the execution of Eveleen may be looked at. Like the Ettrick Shepwere thrown about began to be of larger dehad just examined, (they being of curious)
The family have, thus far, rendered every

wi' his een shut his ane way to perdition."

We believe, however, that old habits and old associations are not easily broken says that to minds plunged in a midnight of error, truth must gradually open like the dawning day; that old views will mingle with the new; that old ideas which we wish to banish, will adhere to the old words to which they were formerly attached; and that the sudden and entire eradication of long rooted errors, would be equivalent to the creation of a new intel-

Consequently we say to the reader, if flections; if what we have quoted is not of a convincing character, the field is open, and to our mind the authorities are abundant o prove the necessity of reform. In this country, all travellers say we cat too fastwe eat too much-we eat to often-we cook badly-we provide badly, and we eventually kill ourselves by not adhering to the dictates of our natural instincts.

Therefore, according to our notion, the when hungry, and to take especial care that the quality of the article, the cooking, the serving and the various little appointments, be as near perfection as possible, and let the mind and the stomach be in a condition to receive the supply.

#### MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCES.

We copy the following-more mysterious even than the "knockings" which have claimall to form their own estimate of the circum asurable keenness told me when to be that of "Dr. P., an eminent physician,

disbelievers in supernatural agency, and inspired the timid, to a considerable degree, with terror. We have not felt at liberty however, to make public mention of them, from a regard to the feelings and wishes of the family, but that restraint is now removed proceed to detail a few facts; which are so as freely as we could do had they passed under our own eyes, and in our own dwelling. which has not yet been solved, and which, parently existed in the house. from the unsuccessful endeavors made to discover it, seem une plainable by eny supposion of human agency.

Six weeks ago last Sunday morning, on their and on the bed a figure laid out to represent other languages.

house, and by various articles being thrown of which seemed directed at the young lady. ring that time considerable damage was done She became very much alarmed and eventu- to various articles of furniture, and several ally was taken ill, and seized with convult panes of glass were broken from the windows another bed in the same room, placed over and pressed upon her face. Many such for the present confining ourselves, as we her to effect, without attracting the notice of extraordinary ones. those who were watching by, and taking care of her. After some days she recovered and evening, he was amazed more than once at

was neither constant nor regular. At times | the while, the only person near them. nothing at all would happen for hours, and again a succession of falling, or throwing ineach other, and in different parts of the house. The gentleman's son, a lad of some twelve found great amusement in chasing and picking up the moving articles.

One evening he thus ran into a room adinstances the effect, if it cannot correct the something falling to the floor, and immedicloset door shut. A light was burning in that evils when contracted. Dr. Channing ately uttered a piercing scream. His friends as also in other rooms of the house. The feared, through the ceiling. Of the fit he was not conscious. The next evening and every evening for some ten days thereafter, at the same hour, and occasionally during the what we have advanced is not in accordance | day time, the boy was seized with similar with his previous habits, notions and re- fits, which would last one or more hours, and then pass off.

To enumerate the articles thrown, and the manner and appearance of them, and, above all, the impressions made upon neighbors and strangers who frequently were witnesses, would require not only whole columns, but whole newspapers. We shall have room for knocked upon in a similar manner to that but few, and, in selecting them, we shall not refer to what we have already parrated. grand secret is to live rationally : to eat They are vouched for in the most unequive- He went to it, and taking the knob in his cal manner by gentlemen who are in no way connected with the family, and who could not for a moment be suspected of the least collusion, and are the result of examinations made by them at the request of the family.

On one occasion, two gentlemen of our acquaintance made a thorough examination of the upper part of the house, leaving the whole of the family below stairs. Having looked through the different rooms without observing mything unusual, they were retiring down irs when a fire-poker, which they had noiced hanging on a nail in one of the chambers, passed near their heads and stuck into the floor before them near the foot of the stairs! They returned and once more re-examined he premises. Nothing, and no person could be found. The door of the chamber in which the poker had hong was closed, just as they had left it, but the poker was not in its place. Moreover, the door was so situated that it could not well be opened without attracting their attention, until they had passed further down the stairs than they had done when the poker whizzed by

A centleman and his wife who reside in e vicinity, and had been with the family past of occurrences in the family of a well frequently while these strange things were known and highly respected gentleman, re- going on found, at another time, in a room siding in the town of Stratford, Conn., a short into which they, as well as the family, were distance from Bridgeport, a simple, author- passing and repassing every few minutes ticated parative of which has already stag. nine figures representing females in a kneelgered the incredulity of some of the boldest ling posture, before each of which was a Bible opened, and a passage therein marked by the turning down of a leaf to it, or by a small piece of paper laid upon it. These figures were dressed with great precision, every hook and every button was fully adjusted and their preparation would be the work of by the appearance of a garbled statement many hours if attempted by human hands .in the columns of a cotemporary, and we shall The dresses belonged to the young lady and her mother, and were hanging up in closets well vouched for tous, that we endorse them | within a short time of the discovery. The passages in scripture were chiefly in the prophecies of the Old Testament, and were stow it away. The bolling principle we There is in them, to say the least, a mystery very appropriate to the mystery which ap-

Not the least wonderful of these things was the discovery in different parts of the house, generally in the morning, of a species of hieroglyphic characters upon the walls, and eturn from church, the family were alarm- on the floor of the piazza, and also on oiled ed at finding the outside doors, which they paper. One of those on paper was of exceedlocked an hour or two previously, open, and ingly high finish, fully equalling engraving piece of black crape tied to the handle of on steel. Across the top were characters in he front door. Supposing the house had Hobrew, and below, in up and down columns been broken into for the sake of robbery, they others similar in appearance to Chinese. The immediately searched to see if they missed Hebrew characters were deciphered by inanything. They found all the chamber and telligent neighbors, and found to be "The inner doors, many of which thay had left Key to the Mystery." Of the Chinese, or locked, wide open, but nothing was missing, other characters, nothing has yet been dis-The next day on entering the room occupied covered, but they have been, or soon will be by the eldest daughter, they found the win- submitted to gentlemen in this city, who are ow and looking glass covered over by sheets acquainted with the Chinese, Arabic and

Up to the 15th Instant these manifestations This discovery was followed, in the course invariably occurred in the day time. On the of a few days, by strange noises about the night of that day they were maintained with increased violence, and without cessation, sions, from which, for some period, it was |-all under the eye of another gentleman feared she would not recover. Notwithstand- from those previously mentioned, who, at the ing the close guard which was kept over her request of the family, was endeavoring, by during her sickness, strings, handkerchiefs, all means and ingenuity at his command, to and other articles, were at times found tied solve the mystery. The particulars of all the tightly about her neck, and fillows, from unaccountable things which took place duthings occurred which it was impossible for have hitherto done, to the more striking and tie and from its tightness he was convinced

While at the supper table the previous was sent to a neighboring village. A day or the falling upon the table of a knife, or fork, two after her departure, things began to be or spoon apparently from the ceiling over-thrown about the house as before. They head; and while seated near the fire, after consisted chiefly of small articles, such as Iea, books, daguerreotype cases, and other into a cistern near the house while it was nails, screws, pebbles, spools of thread, &c. articles, would fall from tables and shelves foll of water; books thrown from a book-case During the young lady's sickness, neighbors which were distant six to ten feet from any about the house, flat-irons and other housewere called in, and became eye-witnesses to person in the room. In the same way a pair hold implements thrown hither and thither many of the strange things which were oc- of candle-sauffers which were on the mantel about the bouse, of which it was impossible

He retired, with the family, soon after ten o'clock, and just as he was getting into bed cidents would occur within a few minutes of he heard a loud clatter and scream. Slipping on a portion of his clothing and running into the hall he found it came from the or fourteen years of age, far from alarmed, young lady's room. He called to her to know what was the matter. She told him the noise was in the closets in her room, and requested him to come in. He went in, the joining that in which the family was sitting, noise and screaming being continued at infrom whence had proceeded the noise of tervals. The young lady was in bed and the going in found him on the floor, writhing in noise seemed to be a series of knocks upon a fit. He was taken up and cared for, and the door, as though with a person's knuckles recovered from it the next day, when he from the inside, succeeded by a blow like a said that the cause of his screaming was that kick against the bottom of the door. He somebody caught him around the body just could distinctly see the door vibrate as he above the hips, and was lifting him up, as he man to it. On opening it nothing likely to produce such a noise was to be found!

> The chamber spoken of was located simiiar to the usual second story hall bedrooms in our city dwellings. The door to the hall was locked. After his unsatisfactory seatch in the closet, the gentleman stationed himself in the doorway leading to the large chambers the door being wide open, and the door from that chamber to the hall being shut tight, The scream had ceased, and the knocking in the closet stopped. Presently the door from the hall to the large chamber was of the closet, from the side hall-a success sion of raps and then a kick near the bottom. hand, awaited a repetition of the knock : it came, and opening the door instantly, (there being a light also in the hall,) he sawnothing. He was more disconcerted than

> Considerably amazed at his discomfiture, but more determined than ever to ascertain its origin, he again took his position in the doorway. The knocking ceased, and he was on the point of retiring again when he listinctly saw the broken leg of a stand which had been lying on a bureau in the young lady's room, fly, as it were, across the oom and strike the window, breaking two panes of glass and then falling to the floor, On being made acquainted with this, the moher came in to assist the gentleman in covering the broken windows, on account of the cold air, with a blanket; and while doing so, he saw a hair brush which had also seen upon the bureau, coming towards her and finally strike upon her head. All this time the young lady remained in the bed, and not less than six feet from the bureau.

> Having seen, or fancied he had seen, the middle of three small drawers in the top of took it out and examined it thoroughly. Soon after a cossation of these things occurred; he left the room, but hardly had he done so when, on hearing another noise, and breaking of wood, he ran back and found pieces of the little drawer, previously examined by him, falling upon the floor from the bed; and the front piece of it falling from the window; where a pane of glass had evidently been roken by it. The occurrence, whatever it was, frightened the young lady so that she ad left her bed, and was running into her mrents' room. She afterwards stated that he drawer had beaten itself, or been beaten, cainst the headboard of her bed, until it was completely broken in pieces and the inlentations in the headboard and the scattered ragments were conclusive proof that such

Shortly after this the chamber occupied by he parents became the scene of knockings imilar to those which have been described as having occurred at Rochester. They seemd to come from the head-board of the bed. The gentleman was called in there and, with the closest scrutiny he could make, was fairly bothered. At his request the occupants f the bed moved as far from the head-board is possible, but still he heard the gentle rap, ap, rap, now on this side and now on that, nd again directly under his nose. Having tudied the accounts of the Rochester knockogs he set about endeavoring to open a communication with the spirit in, the way purmed at that place. In this he was, after pending considerable time, partially success-The revelations made were, however, strictly of a family nature, and for their beneit, and among them many by-gone facts staed and also some things or falsity of which the lapse of a short time will determine.

The next day more stuffed figures were ound in another room and several of the eighbors were called in to look at them. While there, one of those present, a gentleman, received a blow from the top of a candestick, on the back part of his head, in a way which could not be explained by himself or any one else. Subsequently the same gentleman, while walking up stairs with the boy above spoken of, suddenly found him choking by his side-the effect of a hankerchief tied tightly around his throat. From the the boy did not do it himself, and no one else was near them. It seemed to have been effected instantaneously while the gentleman's eves were for an instant, averted,

At other times the boy's clothes have been torn almost off from him, and he tumbled