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A FEW weeks after this there came to Durham a young sailor, who gave his name as Hugh Black. He was a bright, handsome fellow, and announced that he was on his way to a wrecked vessel, which had escaped in the boat.

An Impeachment of Luxury.

Forty or fifty years ago, the machinery of life was less cumbersome, less complicated, and less costly than it is at present. Now, however, in well-appointed sporting country houses, society gives itself up to a succession of meals, which succeed each other, with brief intervals for rest, from morning hours till long past drowsy eve.

Two Women Hanged.

Yesterday witnessed the grim closing scene of one of the most atrocious of modern tragedies. Catherine Flannagan and Margaret Higgins were hanged at Kirkcaldy jail for the murder of Thomas Higgins. Though only convicted in one out of the four cases got up by the prosecution, there cannot be the smallest doubt that these two women were instrumental in causing the deaths of three other persons, and very possibly of many others besides.

Another Materialized Spirit Captured.

There has been rather an exciting episode in connection with spiritual manifestations in Boston. At a house at the south end of several others have been many exhibitions of materialized spirits of late. Some of those who knew of these exhibitions were convinced that they were fraudulent, and laid a plan for their exposure. The story, as it is told to me, is to the effect that fifteen of our citizens agreed to go together to the house and investigate the matter to the bottom. They arranged a plan of operation in advance. The seances are held in a darkened room. The materialized spirits issue from a cabinet and move about the circle conversing with those who compose it.

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Then comes dinner, which is served at 8, or half-past, and at which the floral arrangements are probably of the most elaborate description, the resources of the head gardener having been taxed to the utmost, while sometimes baskets of flowers from Paris or Nice form the centre of a group. By 10, or half-past, dinner is over, and cold coffee is brought into the dining-room, while the gentlemen smoke. It is whispered that some of the ladies enjoy a post-prandial cigarette. Liquors and tea are offered during the evening, and keep up flagging energies till the ladies are obliged to retire to bed. Coffee is brought into the dining-room, while the gentlemen smoke. It is whispered that some of the ladies enjoy a post-prandial cigarette. Liquors and tea are offered during the evening, and keep up flagging energies till the ladies are obliged to retire to bed.

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On the night of January 29th they received intelligence that a large vessel was off the coast near Durham, and likely to come ashore. In fact, the signal guns of distress could be heard at intervals between the blasts. Cuthbert and Ralph hastened to the scene, just in time to see the vessel driven over the breakers and dashed upon the shore. Scores of fishermen and others were on the spot, some to render help, but more to secure what they could that was valuable. Cuthbert and Ralph carried off between them a large trunk, and conveyed it in safety to the Mow. It contained little of value, however, and, angry and disappointed, Cuthbert returned to the beach, followed by Ralph. An hour later Ralph appeared at the house, and the relief offered by his sister, lay down on the couch in the large kitchen, and apparently slept. After a time Cuthbert returned, and seemed to be in excellent spirits. Sending his sister off to bed, and reassuring himself that Ralph slept, he sat down before the fire and ate heartily, drinking freely of Holland, and then smoking. Having finished his pipe, he drew from his pocket a huge leather belt, and squatting before the fire, which flared brightly, he examined the contents of what was evidently a large purse. First satisfying himself that he was unobserved, he emptied upon the rug a pile of golden coin, which he scrutinized closely, and then returned to the belt. Ralph, who had been watching from the couch and watched his brother's conduct being returned to its place, Cuthbert put the belt in his pocket, and after gulping down more liquor, pulled off his boots, put more logs on the fire, wrapped himself in a huge blanket and lay down in front of the fire.

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