

MRS. EDDY'S ILLUSIONS

Her Ideas on Mesmerism Amounted to Monomania.

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She had never loved anyone so well that she could not in a moment of irritation believe him guilty, not only a disloyalty, but of theft, knavery, blackmail or abominable corruption.

All the suspicion, envy and incontinent distrust which so often blazed in Mrs. Eddy's eyes seemed to have found a concrete and corporeal expression in this thing mesmerism. Throughout the winter and early spring of 1889 Mrs. Eddy had been complaining to her adopted son that Boston was full of mesmerism, that it was choking her, and that she must flee from it.

The adopted son was a small man, with an affectionate disposition, gen-



MARY BAKER EDDY.

tle, affable manners, and very small well kept hands. He had certain qualities which Mrs. Eddy had always found desirable in those who were closely associated with her.

This new relationship seems to have caused no little commotion among the faithful. Mr. Frye went his silent, inscrutable way, keeping a wary eye upon the new favorite. When he was not doing his marketing, he was usually to be found in his own room waiting for orders and working at his accounts—he was always in trouble about them, and they often cost him sharp words from Mrs. Eddy.

Although he seems to have been scrupulously honest, he was a poor bookkeeper. Once, during the early years of his service, Mrs. Eddy had his books audited, and finding him a few dollars short, fell into a violent rage. She charged him with trying to rob her, and wailed at him so late into the night that the distracted man went out and persuaded another student to come and stay with him till morning.

On another occasion Mrs. Eddy took him to task so savagely about his accounts that Mr. Frye told the other students who had come in to pacify her, that he could stand it no longer, and he actually threatened to leave her. The students set about soothing him very promptly, for the prospect that one of them might have to fill Mr. Frye's place was a little terrifying.

Mrs. Eddy could be the most agreeable of hostesses and of mothers when she chose—winning, affectionate and considerate, and she knew the power of flattery. From the day she told a young man of Swampscott that if she could put on canvas her ideal of Jesus Christ the face would look like his, Mrs. Eddy never underestimated the human appetite for flattery.

She could unblushingly refer to the "touch of fairy fingers" or the "music of footfalls," and could deliver the most threadbare eulogiums with a smile that warmed the heart of the recipient and covered him with foolish happiness. After having fretted herself to sleep the night before, she would sometimes arise in a mood almost beatific and would greet the object of yesterday's invective with a benediction and a smile.

Augury by a Rabbit.

Every year at Arkalgud the local god, Narasimmaswami, is taken in procession to a building outside the town and there a rabbit caught beforehand, is touched by the spectators and set at liberty. If the rabbit turns toward the town it is regarded as an ill omen foreboding some calamity.—Madras Mail.

Bad Symptoms.

The woman who has periodical headaches, backache, sees imaginary dark spots or specks floating or dancing before her eyes, has gnawing, faint spells, dragging-down feeling in lower abdominal or pelvic region, easily startled or excited, irregular or painful periods, with or without pelvic catarrh, is suffering from weakness and derangements that should have early attention. Not all of above symptoms are likely to be present in any case at one time.

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Why Toast is Popular.

The increasing popularity of toast, says the London Lancet, is a somewhat interesting fact in that it possibly indicates that after all the public resents the insipidity of modern bread. Roller milling, as now practiced, is altogether different from the old method grinding wheat between stones, leads to the elimination of the germ of the wheat. The peculiar nutty flavor of the old-fashioned loaf was due perhaps to the retention of this germ.

Indian Babies Don't Cry.

"Affection for children is an Indian character," says Dr. Charles S. Moody of Idaho. "I have never seen an Indian mother or father punish a child, nor have I ever seen an Indian child cry. An Indian child never sobs when hurt. Just an extra snap of the bright black eyes and a slight frown is all to indicate to the observer that the little fellow is suffering. I have never heard even an Indian baby cry."

Workman's Foe.

Alcohol is the foe of the workingman, inasmuch as it lessens his productive powers, thus lowering his efficiency as a workman. It renders him careless and indifferent as to the welfare of his family, and results in the children drifting into the workshop and factory at a time of life when they ought to be gaining the knowledge necessary to fit them for the circumstances of the future.—Co-operative News.

Johnson Grass.

If prejudice could be overcome, this is one of the most valuable hay grasses we have. It is at home in our climate and can be depended on to make a crop. It is akin to sorghum and partakes to some extent of sorghum's hardness. Cut the grass early, just as the first heads appear. If too old it is of but little value.

Novel Farm.

One of the most curious "farms" in the country is conducted by Miss Abby Latrop of Granby, Mass. She has a little place up among the hills where she raises mice, weasels, ferrets, rabbits, guinea pigs, and water rats. She has in her charge all told about 2,500 animals, and her enterprise has been a success.—Leslie's Weekly.

What He Had Missed.

"Gracious!" exclaimed Mrs. Goodley, "just listen to that clergyman! I'm positive he's swearing. Evidently he's missed his vocation."
"No," replied her husband "I think it was his train."—Philadelphia Press.

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