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SYNOPSIS. Nether Talkington is a quiet old town in England. It was distinguished at the time of this story as being the only place in the United Kingdom that had a green-grocer in the shape of an Elizabethan square, which haunted the granges. Many tourists visited the town for the purpose of seeing the ghost, and the money spent by them materially increased Nether Talkington's prosperity. The ghost suddenly disappeared, and much concern was felt. At a meeting of the parish council the matter was discussed at length, but to no purpose. At the next meeting Councillor Sam Timperley announced that he was a hadhister, and that he could disintegrate himself, and project his spirit into space. He proposed that he be authorized to do this, and search for the "squire's" ghost. It is suggested that he could do this without being authorized.

PART II.

The green grocer rose again: "I said I was prepared to do it on certain terms. It is not an easy thing to do, and the disintegration of a personality is attended with grave risk. Cases are on record in which the body has succumbed under the strain, and the astral ship, unable to return to it, has wandered for miles in search of a body to enter. I gave it a severe wrench yesterday, and I am not prepared to run the risk again for nothing. My terms are that if I bring the ghost back I shall receive half the future receipts for admission to the Grange."

At nine a. m. according to arrangement, the clerk to the district council entered the room to see how it fared with Sam Timperley's body. He heard voices as he entered, and had he not recognized the green-grocer, he would probably have run away. As it was, he courageously proceeded to the room from which they came. He opened the door very gently and peered inside. The sight was enough to unnerve the strongest, for there, sitting in a chair was the animated body of Sam Timperley in strong controversy with the spirit of his owner, who was pacing the room in terrific distress.

"I tell you, squire," said the spirit, "it's a low trick you have played me. I came after you to bring you back to your friends and to the old home where you have been contented and happy for so long, and where you would be well looked after and cared for, for the rest of your days, and there you go and re-bay me by robbing me of my poor body that never did you any harm in its life."



ON ITS KNEES BEFORE ITS OWN BODY.

"But, squire," pleaded the spirit, in piteous entreaty, "it isn't right. I appeal to your sense of honor. Now, is it?"

"Well, I must make the best of it," said the body, resignedly. "No doubt but that you must drink wine, and that's terribly dry in side. I warrant me it's long since you had a stoup of honest Canary or good red Burgundy. Canst tell me where I may get a flagon of either or a tankard of home brewed?"

"An expression of unutterable contempt passed over the body's face. 'I'm afraid you have been too modest, squire,' it said, with withering sarcasm. 'Oh, you must drink wine, and wine of the best, and of good ale and wine, of roset beer and pork on this precious body of yours.'"

"'Stilod,' cried the body, in fierce anger. 'Do you mean to tell me I've got into a sickly carcass like that? Is it for this I've changed my position of independence?' Beshrew me, if I don't so after this body of yours that your own mother wouldn't know it. It's not a pretty one now, but it will be worst before I've done with it."

them who did not turn tail and fly. Sam Timperley was evidently in trouble, and that gave him strength to resist his first impulses to follow the others. He walked boldly into the room, and Timperley had sunk so low that it eagerly welcomed him.

"Here's Mr. Mudford," it said. "You know how much I owe you, Mr. Mudford. Tell the squire he must give me back my body at once. It's a terrible position for me to be standing here out in the cold with another man in my own body. It's simply monstrous," and tears welled to the eyes of the green-grocer's shade.

Sam Timperley's spirit seemed about to faint under the overwhelming horrors of the situation. Mr. Mudford stood there glowing over his distress. At length the squire stretched himself, then rose and commenced to walk the body out. It moved clumsily and its tenant cursed it loud and deep. Suddenly it stopped.

"'Sic,' said, addressing Mr. Mudford, 'I have a favor to ask of you. I favor me by directing me to a hotel possessing a good ordinary?'"

"'If you do, I'll haunt you!' shrieked the spirit. "'Pooh!' said Mr. Mudford, snapping his fingers. 'You must frighten us. We know your weight,' and linking his arm in the body's he piloted it out of the room, leaving the spirit of Sam Timperley in possession of Nether Talkington Grange."

And so the matter stands today, and the squire did not take up the green grocer's business; he had a soul above it, but he married Ellen and accepted the vacant post of guide to the Grange. It is now his pleasing duty to show to the visitors who come in increasing crowds the spirit of Sam Timperley that sits there moodily brooding over his fate. It is very ready to talk to anyone about it, and its irregularly unfortunate position, and the guide is always glad to join in the conversation and irritate it. The visitors are more interested than ever, and the parish council has doubled the charge of admission. Sometimes the spirit of Sam Timperley is absent for a few hours, and on its return it says it has just slipped over to Tibbet to discuss the matter with a leading Mahatma who has promised, when he has the time to spare, to run over and exorcise the ghost of the squire and restore the body to its rightful owner. But the Mahatma must be a very busy individual, for he has not yet found time to do it. The End.

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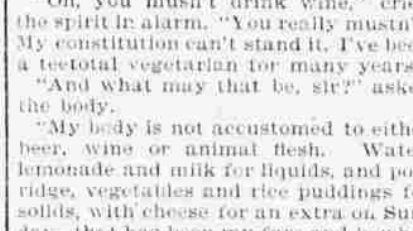
BUT THE CLERK DID NOT STAY TO ANSWER. search for the missing one, and they waited in vain for its appearance; but these and other reports appeared trivial when compared with the actualities of the morrow.



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