THE DEAR OLD FACE

I saw him in a dream again last night The dear old face, the patient, rayless eyes, The well known figure sitting in the light In the old chair, and it was no surprise.

Way, but my soul went out in one great ory Of wild rejoising to behold him there. And at his feet I knelt convulsively. Fondled his hands, and stroked his soft gray

"Father. dear father! is it really you, Speak, ease the doubt that at my heat

Say that the hour is merciful and true, And the stern past a weary, long mistake

One moment-just one moment-did it seem He smiled upon me, then my hope was o'eff But oh, thank fod, if only in a dream I have beheld my life's best friend once more -The Quiver.

A SEANCE.

N Goosetown Mrs. Dr. Bolus began practice as a faith curist. She had a framed She had a framed diploma in her parlor, given by the College of Cranks, which described her as "a graduate;" and her mode of cure was very simple. "Take my hands and look into my eyes." "Take my hands and look into my eyes," she would say, "and say these words after me: 'I ain't got

La Par 'I ain't got nothin''the mattar with my head; I aint got nothin' the mat-matter with my lungs; I aint got nothin' the mothin' the matter with my indigestion; and I aint got nothin' the matter with

and tain got nothin and natter with none of mine senses-allylujer be thanked-and may I never hev." After this had been repeated nine times, Mrs. Bolus said: "Now you feel better, don't you? I knowed it," and the patient was sup-posed to be on the high road to re-covery.

Allowed it, and the patient was sup-posed to be on the high road to re-covery. As hypochondriacs are rather, plenti-ful, it was not long before Goosetown rather believed in her. "It was such a refined way of being cured," the ladies said, "and so much better than pills," and it was not until a case of cancer and two of consumption had failed to yield to the treatment, and a cord ir's jury had censured Mrs. Bolus and the diotic relatives who had called her in, that she felt her power waning. Then she adopted a new idea, and be-oame a materializing medium. A cabi-netwas set up in her back parlor, a' which persons of imaginative dispo-tions saw the faces of their departec. friends, and whence issued words of wisdom, couched in language which proved that Lindley Murray, Brown, and other authortides on English grammar, had passed on to higher spheres. Many and many a seance was held in that small parlor, and in the darkness

other authortites on English grammar, had passed on to higher spheres. Many and many a scance was held in that small parlor, and in the darkness people were patted cn the head and touched on the cheek. Widows who could poorly spare the dollars they dropped into the palm of the medium, came there to weep behind their black vells, and "hope it really was John, though he never spoke that way in life," and giggling girls and withy beaux ar-rived in parties to laugh at everything; and Mrs. Bolus prospered. Now the handsomest house in Goose-town was the residence of old Mrs. Nor-ris; and old Mrs. Norris was fond of the occult. In the days of the first rapping-she had listened to the performances of the wily Fox sisters, who have so lately confessed that they humbugged half the wiseacres of the day with heir pliant toes, and she listened witk interest to all that her firtheds told her of Mrs. Boins.

in that her irrends told her of Mrs. Boius. "I'm goin to have the woman here," she said. "I shan't be able to feel as sure in her own house, with trap-doors and sliding-panels, for all I know. But I'll have the scance here in my blue par-lor, that has only one door; the key of that will be in my pocket after the cabi-net is brought in. If anything appears it must be genuine;" and having nego-tiated with Mrs. Bolus, old Mrs. Norris got together a large party at \$3 a head. and bade her send the cabinet on Wed-nesday afternoon. "You needn't come with it," she said, "and y\$u'll allow yourself to be exam-ined by the committee before you go into it." The Bolus accuises

incd by the committee before you go into it." "If don't know what the spirits will do, of course," she said. "I haven't an idea what will happen." For once she spoke the truth. The cabinet arrived --rather inefli-ciently carried by two small,boys; a lit-tle crowd assembled at the gate, and Sara Jane, the housemaid, replied to the queries propounded to her, tha Mrs. Bolus was to hold a dark seane-there that evening. A stout young man, whom she had never seen before, lis-tened with attention, and afterward of fered to help the boys up the steps with the cabinet, which was a large wardrobe with a square shutter in the door, and a boit on the outside. Just as they en-tered the blue room some one called Sara Jane away, and when she returned her mistress was locking up the cabinet. "There," she said, after searching the door of the blue room for "no ene

csbinct, and sot me onto it; and if 1 groan don't mind. It's only the influence. Don't turk me or come anear me. The voices will be plain tonight, if figures don't appear.
"Shut the door, Sara Jana," said Mrs. Norris, "and put your chair against it. Now we are all right."
Then, at Mrs. Bolus's request, the lights were turned low, a semi-darkness prevailed, and the guests sang. "Shall We Gather at the River?"
During this performance Mrs. Bolus slipped her supple wrists out of the tape loops, and had just covered her face with a handkerchic prior to presenting it at the peep-nole and squeaking out a spirit message, when a hand touched her head. "What is that?" she shricked.
"A spirit, of course," replied the voice. "A spirit, of course, "replied the voice. "A spirit?" gasped Mrs. Bolus, "Oh, good Heaving I fit is true, then?"

"You'll find that out to your cost. Utter a word, and I'll blight you," said the spirit. "I heard voices!" cried one amongst

the spirit. "I heard voices!" cried one amongst the audience. "One was a man's," sighed Mrs. Nor-ris. "I believe we are going to have something wonderful." "I shall die!" moaned Mrs. Boius in the cabinet. The spirit meanwhile secured her heatly to her chair. "What an awful noise!" shivered a nervous lady, and at that moment a face appeared at the little window. "It's twice as big as Mrs. Bolus' is," whispered a guest. "It's twice as big as Mrs. Bolus' is," whispered a guest. "It's couls me?" said the spirit. "Did any one ask for Aminadab?" \*A''I did." said Mrs. Norris. "U have been permitted to return." said the spirit. "I shall now material-ize in your presence."

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"Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh! Oh!" cried Mrs. Bolus in the cabinet. "My powerful influence effects the medium," remarked the spirit. The door oponed slowly, and all pres-ent saw a man in the room; a well-built person, with dark hair, he seemed in the darkness. He stood quite quiet for a moment, and then remarked: "It is with a great effort that I appear to you. I am Aminadab-we have no family mame in the spirit world. I desire to embrace my wife, but the room is not dark enough." "Make it dark, then, my dear," sobbed

Ito embrace my wife, but the room is not dark enough."
"Make it dark, then, my dear," sobbed poor old Mrs. Norris. "I'm most dead with fright, but I'm so glad to see you."
The spirit was seen to lift its hand to the chandelier, the darkness deepened and the form approached the old lady; it patted her on the head, it patted her ears, it touched her neck, it smoothed her hands.
"It's Aminadab," she repeated. "I don't feel the least bit frightened now."
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"It's Aminadab," she repeated. "I don't feel the least bit frightened now."
"He's touching me; how natural he is "gasped the lawyer's wife.
"Come here, do, Mr. Nornis," said the doctor's helpmeet, and each by tarn uttered an exclamation. Everybody was patted, and pawed, and fingered by the materialized spirit. Meanwhile the medium in the cabinet uttered smothered incoms, but no one heard her.
"He is klasing me!" shricked Sara Jane, at the doc." Oh! Oh! Oh!"
"Mr. Norris!" said the ol lady, rather sharply. "I beg of you!"
"I have offended," said the spirit. "I will return whence I came."
He approached the cabinet, while Mrs. Norris signed:
"Don't be so touchy, Aminadab!" But as he passed beneath the chandelier, it was extinguished: the room was

But as he passed beneath the chande-lier, it was extinguished: the room was Sara Jane cried out: "Oh, don't!" And then: "He's oversot

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cabinet, and no more manifestations oc-curred. "I wonder whether it is not over," said the lawyer's wife at last. "Perhaps I'd better light the gas and look at Mrs. Bolus; she seems to suffer." "Do, dear," said Mrs. Norris. "I'm convinced. I'm a spiritualist forever. That was Aminadab. Just so he used to take his hat and bang out of doors if I said a word. He was a very fine man, but he had a temper." By this time a light was lit. The cab-inet door was softly opened. Mrs. Bolus was found bound tied to her chair, with a handkerchief stuffed into her mouth, and in an hysterical condition. They unbound and ungagged her, placed her on a sofa, produced cold water and co-iogne, fans and smelling-saits. Finally she spoke. "It was a real spirit!" she said. "It

"It was a real spirit!" she said. "It tied me, and stuffed the handkerchief into my mouth. It was as natural as hfe

hfe "..." Mobody doubts the manifestation," "Nobody doubts the manifestation," said the doctor's wife. "How could the cabinet." "Never will 1 try this thing again," said Mr. Bolus-"never!" Suddenly a lady spoke out sharply: "My watch is gone!" she cried. "My diamonds, too!" said Mrs. Nor-ris; "and poor, dear Aminadab's minia-ture!"

Johnstown Visitors to the City

ltoona Times. Mrs. Kate Matthews and her only child, wife and daughter of our esteemed friend, Mr. Thomas Matthews, and Miss Frances Goff, daughter of Mr. Peter Goff, formeman of boiler inspectors for the Cambria Iron Works, all residents of Johnstown, are visiting at the hospitable home of Mr. D. A. Reagan, of 1915 Eleventh avenue, this city. Miss Goff, although only about fourteen years of age, is said to be quite an accomplished pianist, beside being the possessor of a sweet and melodious voice. Miss Goff's father, just before the fearful flood struck Johnstown, warned a number of his fellow workmen of the impending danger, but they laughed at his fears and left him to seek his own safety by fleeing to the hillside, which he did, leaving them to their fate, which soon came, wiping them and thousands of others out of existence.

An Echo of the Johnstown Flood. ittsburgh Leader. This morning Adam Wagner, of Brook-

lyn, N. Y., appeared at the Allegheny mayor's office with the power of attorney to take charge of his brother's trunk, which had been found by the Allegheny police a short distance up the river the day after the disastrous flood. It appears that his brother, Henry Wagner, with his wife and two children were all lost at Johnstown, and this trunk is all they have been able to find that belonged to them, they having noticed the finding of the trunk in the *Leader*. In the trunk were three policies of insurance in the Prudential Life Insurance Company on the wife, father and son, amounting to about \$500. He took the trunk with him. Marriage License.

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tered the blue room some one called Sara Jane away, and when she returned her mistress was locking up the cabinet. "There," she said, after searching the door of the blue parlor, "no one can play tricks on me to-night." She was somewhat excited. So was Sara Jane, so was the cook, for both were to be permitted to view the perform-ances on their positive promises not to shrick aloud, whatever happened. Mrs. Norris, who asked none but ladies, had dellcately hinted that fuil dress would be more flattering to the spirits, and the guests arrived in cos-times that were supposed to represent that condition in Goosetown. Queen Victoria would have banished them from her presence, no doubt, for their backs were generally covered, but they had on all their finery; their lace flotus, their earrings, and bracelets, and fancy hair pins, and sashes, and bouquets of ros-s. H was quile a pretty assemblage that crowded into the blue parlor, and r-garded the walnut wardrobe with som-awe. Mrs. Norris was habited in blac. velvet, with her diamonds well displayed and her husband's minature about her neck; and on Mrs. Bolns's arrival the lawyer's wife and the doctor's wife led her to a bedroom, whence they shortly emerged, conducting her. "There's nothing about her to play tricks with," said the lawyer's wife "That III swear to." "We velociked in her pockets and fei-the hems of her clothing, and her bustis is a wire on this distright," she said. "And as she fills all right," she said. "Very well," said the oid lady. "Th-key of the cabine is in my pocke

Very well," said the old lady. "T! of the cabinet is in my pocke

And she produced it. "Now the me," said Mrs. Bolus, "a the me tight; and sot a cheer into

"My diamonds, tool" said Mrs. Nor-ris; and poor, dear Aminadab's minia-ture!" Little squeals resounded on all sides. Everybody had lost some jewelry. Sud-denly the medium uttered a shriek. "My money is gone?" she said—"the money you collected for me, Mrs. Norris —I had it in my pocket!" "Oh, mum!" cried Sarah Jane, who had stepped out of the room, re-entering with uplifted hands and eyes—"oh mum! the sliver is all gone out of the dining-room ! and your bureau drawers are all bust open!" Andso in fact it proved. The house had been robbed as well as the guests; and Mrs. Norris, rising in her wrath, declared that she had been duped, and that the medium had a confederate; sent for the police and had her arrested ! and all the while the unfortunate Mrs. Bolus was perfectly innecent, and be-lieved from her soul that a ghost had actually appeared to wreak vengeance upon her, and so swore upon her trial. However, the affair was very simply explained. The young man who had so kindly helped the boys to carry the cabinet into Mrs. Norris's blue parlor had concealed himself within it, and in the character of a materialized spirit had fom dhis opportunity to appropri-ate the iewelry, silver, and other valu-ables, which no one in Goosetown ever saw again.—New York Ledger.

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