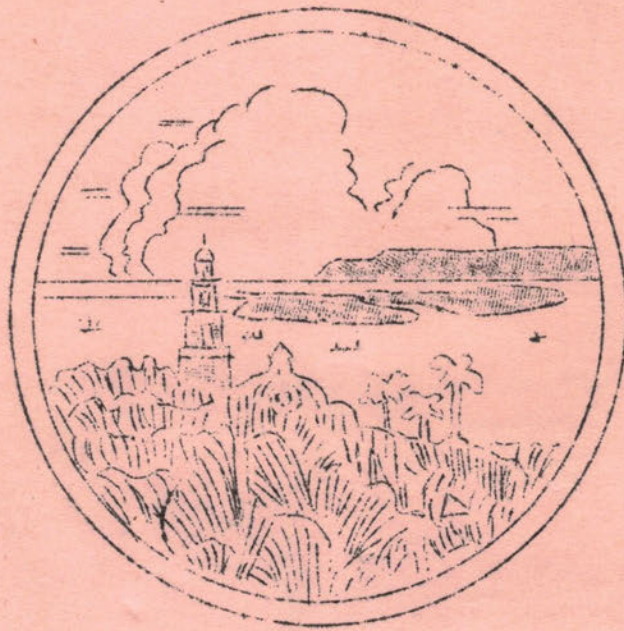


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In the July issue, look for a fine article by Max Freedom Long, others by Vincent Gaddis, F.G.H., and our regular contributors.

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- PSYCHICAL RESEARCH AND THE THEORISTS -

P.S.Haley, Ph.C., D.D.S., Pres.
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..... Many philosophers have lived and died since the days of Descartes, and others are still with us, but they are changing. They now listen to the facts of the scientist before they write their philosophies. And they are the better philosophers for it. Their writings are still far from presenting a complete picture of the mind-body relation and of man's place in the universe, but they are more careful in their selection of material.

It cannot be said that the parapsychologist, unable as he is to accept the revelations of the prophet and seer, has as yet the final answer to the problem. But he has more of solid fact behind him, though he may not see as far into the heavenly realms as the mystics do. He can state the properties of ectoplasm, for instance. He knows that it emanates from the body, that it is often of whitish appearance, that it is luminous at times, that it is subject to the influence of the mind of the medium who elaborates it, that it is capable of morphological alteration, building up at times into various shapes, some of which are moulded into unmistakable likenesses of people long since passed into the spirit world, that at times, at least, when contacting the skin of observers, it may cause a feeling of numbness therein, and that it develops mass and weight at the expense of the body of the medium and even the observers.

The parapsychologist also knows that he deals with phenomena which transcend the classical concepts of time and space. Certain psychic events such as telepathy illustrates happen over thousands of miles in a split second. The parapsychologist has not yet reached the place where the spiritualist stands, but he has unearthed much evidence upon which to found a belief in communication with spirits. Far from being the enemy of the devout, far from discouraging their cherished belief in their God who is good and their spirit friends who help and guide them, the scientist in the field of parapsychology is moving in the opposite direction.

(Closing paragraphs of an address recently delivered before a San Francisco audience).

I N M E M O R I A M

William Gallup Randall

Our friend and brother, William G. Randall, entered upon the new life on the 11th of April, 1947, at the age of 71. He was a native of Connecticut, attended Brown University, and the George Washington University Law School, and was admitted to the bar both in Washington D.C. and in California in the same year. He practised in the District Attorney's office, in Los Angeles, for five years, and afterward carried on a private practise.

Mr Randall was greatly interested in psychic research and spiritistic phenomena, and was one of the founders of the Atlantean Club of Pasadena, through which much remarkable information was obtained. He brought to these studies the same acute thinking and rigorous logic which characterized his legal practise. His interests were wide in range and his culture liberal and generous.

We grieve for the loss experienced by his family and friends but at the same time we rejoice on his own behalf, as it is right to do for one who is freed from pain and perplexity, and has entered upon a life of happiness and new achievement. The Editor and readers of this publication are especially affected by his passing; the articles contributed by our brother, and often widely reprinted, have been of distinguished quality, and an asset to the cause of enlightenment. Whatever our brother said was worth saying, what he did was well done, his life and character command affection and respect.

We give him Hail and Farewell - for a little time. We write the ancient word MALAMA in his memory, which means to uphold and diffuse the Light. It is at once the summary and the guiding principle of his earth-life activities. He is a man whose sojourn here was profitable to mankind.

M. L.

"To rest and to labor, to learn and to teach, to have the friendship of those who are wise and holy and pure and true - both those whom I have known and loved heretofore, and those whom I shall come to know and to love in the great hereafter - and to purify my soul from the taint and stain of sin; that will be heaven for me."

(Closing paragraph of Reflections Concerning a Future Life, by William G. Randall, Round Robin, April, 1946. Reprinted in Mind Digest.)

T E L E P A T H Y

Jon Sonall

The United Press under date line of January 24, 1947 carried a statement by Dr. Phillips Thomas, for years an electrical engineer for Westinghouse, that when he retires he will devote his entire time to seeking an answer to telepathy in the unexplored frequency band between ultra-short radar waves and the longest waves of light. This statement by a reputable scientist is significant because it is made publicly, and because if an apparatus could be devised to react to 'thought waves' at a distance, telepathy would enter a new phase and be seriously studied.

Such a machine would actually be an encephalograph without the wires, and the resulting action would, I presume, be in the form of charted waves, which require interpretation. Thus, nothing but emotions would really be recorded; what the thought was would be as dark as ever.

Now, if communication with the disembodied on other planes be a fact in nature, it is a mental process, and nearly always in form of speech - of definite words mentally spoken. But this is exactly what our communication here consists in, with the added feature of the air vibrations of sound. Hence a machine that could record telepathic messages here, should be able to record them the 'other side' as well. Yet if the result is a charted brain wave, how will its origin be determined?

In this connection I wish to call attention to the amazing number of references in psychic literature of the past 50 years to a coming electrical machine which will break down the barriers of the etheric realm and conclusively convince the earth plane that the dead live. One seldom reads a book that does not mention this. What seems to be the mind of Marconi has thru this writer been attempting to transmit diagrams for such a device. If we of this plane can hear the etheric people, telepathically, easier than we can hear our fellows, there is doubtless some good cause, and experimenters may some day stumble upon the proper device while working with telemental apparatus for earth-folk.

Radio broadcasting as we know it transfers sound waves into electrical impulses and then back into sound waves. In the etheric world the sense of hearing exists tho its nature has not been established. Therefore it would seem possible to transmit their sound thru the ultra-short wave medium into our sound, only if we have considerable coöperation from their side. If their sound is entirely mental, perhaps the problem is simpler. Simpler? Well, theoretically, if we can transfer any electrical impulse into sound, as we can now, then the point of origin of the impulse makes no difference. A sufficiently sensitive amplitude of the right wave length should do the trick.

(Jon Sonall continues from this point with reflections on the subject of telepathy, which are "purely ideas gained thru study and experiment." We are obliged to condense this part of the article, and Mr. Sonall is not responsible for our forms of expression).

(1) Mental communication by words, in addition to (other) symbols, impressions and emotions, is possible. This art has always been in existence, and in both conscious and unconscious use.

(2) It is likely that the telepathic art will become more general as the race develops, and if so, vast social changes will follow, since greed will lose its screen of deception. (3) Conscious use of telepathy requires some degree of mind control, or attention control. (4) The "way it works" is a mystery, but, like electricity and other natural forces, telepathy can be used without understanding its how and why.

As to means and methods: At first comfortable and quiet surroundings are necessary. The characteristic attitude for reception is one of mental alertness, awareness or expectancy - a listening attitude. A degree of 'attunement' should exist between the experimenters; however, one may 'tune in' on some one else without the subject's knowledge. If a 'key note' of any kind can be found between two individuals, the work is facilitated. There may be sensations at the temples, between the eyes, or at the solar plexus. The words of a verbal message are said to be formed in the 'inner throat', and may also be received there, rather than by the 'inner ear.'

Visualization of the other party will help. Desire to speak to him, and try to feel that you and he are together (in either place, or within something else).

Other powers may accompany telemental skill. It is likely that the automatic writing process can be used between here-living individuals... The alertness referred to, really means a one-pointed concentration in sending, and a one-pointed blank expectancy in receiving... In trying to receive pictures or symbols, look for gray lines against the black background of closed eyes or dark room.

Ca et la, a few unorganized comments by the Editor on Mr. Sonall's very thoughtful article: We do not differ with the writer, but, as he would agree, only a small part of the story is yet known to us. Conditions for sending and receiving, for instance. Not long ago RR printed an account of experiments between Mr. Mark Probert and his brother, in which the objects, ideas and images concentrated on were not gotten thru, while at the same time the peripheral consciousness unquestionably transmitted (objects, sounds, persons in the room etc.). This phenomenon appears to us to be of very great importance, tho no one else seems to pay any attention to it - this side Holland, at any rate, where

a Dutch spiritualist paper took note of it. Some occult Orders, however, are said to teach that telepathy is achieved, not by concentration, but by casual marginal attention, with a sense of projection from the region of the heart. These teachings may be correct, and also may be reconcilable with the usual method of attention and expectancy. But if it is marginal material which is constantly being transmitted, our study of the subject will have to make a different or modified approach.

With all due diffidence, we call attention to the assertions of the trance control Lo Sun Yat (a very learned personality, whatever identity you ascribe to him), that purely verbal messages, not accompanied by mental images or emotions, cannot be transmitted telepathically; they have to be 'carried' by messenger spirits, who do not, of course, fly off thru space, but have the ability to extend consciousness - which is all that space travel means in any case. Forms, images, symbols, pictures can be transmitted by our own unaided efforts, according to Lo Sun Yat.

The space-time problem is of course enormously complex, but one aspect of it at least can be presented very simply. "You are where your consciousness is" - and if you have the power to transfer all of your consciousness, or awareness, into the next room, or to Tibet or the moon, then that is where you are - for if not, where else? Now, such a change does not involve any passage thru space and time, that is, any consciousness of lapse of time or of passing thru space. Travelling, in the desire body (astral body), is simply a matter of desire and will, and of a change of awareness. And there is no real distinction between between consciousness and its 'vehicle' or body; both exist, but in perfect oneness. So at any rate it is explained by the spirit folk, who ought to know what they are talking about in this instance at any rate. The messenger spirit, therefore, carries the telepathic message in this fashion, and with lightning rapidity.

In the present state of psycho-theory, no one knows just how to distinguish between telepathy and clairvoyance, if the latter term be understood to include precognition. Space (distance) apparently has no more effect upon telepathic reception than it does on the vision of the clairvoyant; no "energy" in the scientific usage of the word seems to be involved. This seems to fit in with the idea that both phenomena consist in a change in the focus of attention; space as a physical or mathematical entity does not enter the problem at all. But we cannot be sure that this applies to all forms of telepathy - tho the basis of the distinction drawn by Lo Sun Yat is by no means clear.

The relation of telepathy to the PK effect is also obscure. If the fall of dice can be affected by mental means when close at hand, the same effect perhaps can be obtained at any distance. This "energy" should be sufficient to affect delicate instruments - in which case we would have a new and universal means of communication. It is likely that all experienced investigators agree that the phenomena classed under telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition, and psychokinetic effects exist, but beyond this we are only fumbling and groping for an understanding of them... All we have tried to do here is to set down certain ideas that seem to us to be relevant to the problems involved.

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Hyslop was not averse to the possibility that spirits may furnish the explanation of telepathy between the living. He says that Myers saw this implication at the very outset, and quotes on this point that in the experiments of Miss Miles and Miss Ramsden in long distance telepathy only part of the story was told. Miss Miles ... could always tell when her telepathy was successful by the raps she heard. Raps are not telepathic phenomena and carry an entirely different suggestion... In communications thru Mrs. Smead, Podmore purported to come thru and said telepathy was always a message carried by spirits and that they could do it instantly. Myers also made a curious allusion thru Mrs. Chenoweth, saying that telepathy "all depended on the carrier." Hyslop asked for an explanation, and the answer was, "Telepathy is always a message carried by spirits." In communications purporting to come from the spirit of Mrs. Verrall, we find: "I am not sure of the passage of thought thru space... I had some striking instances of what seemed telepathy tapping a reservoir of thought direct; but there were other instances when the thought was transposed or translated, and the interposition of another mind was unquestionably true"... If the content of a telepathic message indicates future events, clairvoyance should be suspected at work.....

(Nandor Fodor, Encyc. of Occultism)
Art. Telepathy.

- "THE SHAVER MYSTERY" -

by

Vincent H. Gaddis

These are the facts and theories about the Shaver mystery, as I see them, and which to my mind constitute one of the greatest puzzles of our time. First, I consider the following statements to be facts:

1. There is no doubt about the existence of the "voices" heard by Mr. Shaver: they are apparently objective and have been heard by other persons, and have given him information of a type he could hardly have invented for himself -- the puzzling alphabet, a new theory of gravity, the effect of radioactive sun rays, and a basic conception that explains many diverse phenomena in a logical manner. The "rays" too appear to be objective, and I have examined a photograph of them taken in Mr. Shaver's bedroom in the offices of the Amazing Stories magazine.

2. Prehistoric tunnels exist in many parts of the world, and increasing evidence links them with long-lost continents. Those in Peru are of almost incredible extent, one section being more than a thousand miles. The chart of these tunnels obtained by Mme. Blavatsky in Peru about the year 1850 now lies in the archives of the Theosophical Society at Adyar, India. But another copy, based on recent and secret inquiries made by Harold T. Wilkins, of England, an authority on South American archeology, is in my possession §

3. There is increasing evidence that certain parts of these tunnels are inhabited, particularly in Asia, and this, confirming Shaver, points to both good and bad dwellers. The sadistic nature of many of the voices causes one to pause; but on the other hand we have the widespread hope that from an underground realm will come the leaders of mankind in a new era. Dr. Ferdinand Ossendowski and Nicholas Roerich both point to this belief. Compare the Shangri-La of the book, Lost Horizons.

4. I shall take up in a later article (v.note.Ed.) the matter of Agharti or Shambhala, together with a story of the Dalai Lama of Tibet which seemingly links Asia with the tunnels of Peru. What is not well-known is, that Ossendowski refers to world-wide tunnels, even under America, that are inhabited by Goros (op tero and dero) who possess incredible powers, and who date back to lost continents. And I am informed of a statement by Ossendowski (made long after his book, Beasts, Men, and Gods), that surface men would try to attack the underworld, and that its dwellers would then blow up parts of the earth's crust in defending themselves. My informant adds, that the coming world war III may save them the trouble.

§ See article on "Subterranean Shafts", by Vincent Gaddis, June issue of A.S. magazine, and his forthcoming article "Tunnels of the Titans", same publication.

It is most remarkable that confirmatory data should come from scholars who have never heard of the "Shaver mystery". Mr. Wilkins, for example, who had never heard of Shaver, has uncovered strange stories of tunnels and dwellers therein, in many parts of the world. (He is, by the way, anxious for information regarding a prehistoric underground temple in the vicinity of Richmond, Va.)§

Now for some questions: Are these underground dwellers astral entities, or physical entities existing in our own plane of vibration. I suggest that they are both -- that they once lived on the surface, perhaps in the days of Atlantis or Lemuria, but died as surface beings, and entered into the occult realm of Avitchi, a state of existence lower than ours, but also involved in more dense physical matter, closer to the center of the planet, and located in vast caverns. Thus they could be both spirits and materialized, objective entities using objective machines. Shaver as a materialist and his critics may both be correct. (1) The realm of Avitchi is known to Eastern occultism, and there is a lengthy account of it in "From Incarnation to Reincarnation", by Richard and Isabella Ingalese. Since this book is out of print I offer the following brief quotation:

"Below this material plane and below the first subjective plane where exist the usual earth-bound entities, are the lowest conditions into which the egos of this earth can enter... In its lowest depths it is indescribable in its horrors. In its upper portion it vibrates red, while the lower vibrates black. It is the home for lost souls and egos, or for those who have deliberately chosen to do evil instead of good. When, by reason of its thoughts and acts a soul's vibrations have become more gross than are those of earth (on the surface), and, because of this condition, it is unable longer to resist the gravic attraction of the earth... that soul is drawn lower and lower into darkness... Notwithstanding all the booklore that has been given to man by scientific investigators of material phenomena, he knows very little of what the earth contains beneath its surface."

A trip into these lower regions is described. Danger exists because some of the vampirish entities there can detain and demagnetize an astral visitor until the magnetic cord is absorbed, and "dissolution of the physical body necessarily ensues." In this regard, recall the Fortean cases of attacks by beings using flame, and combustion of the human body, occurring, often, among persons in a low stratum of society and dabblers in black magic. At the lowest level, at the earth's center, disintegration of egos occurs (as stated by T. Illion). "There are underground rivers and lakes and caverns so great that our largest buildings would seem like children's playhouses if they were to be placed in them." The entities, having descended from the first subjective plane, lose their subjective nature, and possess only objective (animal) minds. Derōs, indeed! With objective machines in their possession, what damage they could do!

§ If any of our readers have information on this or related topics, please write to Mr. Gaddis, in care of Round Robin.

(1) The VAU Communicators described them as 'degenerate descendants of the Atlanteans, in rapport with vicious astral entities' - which seems to us a more intelligible statement than Mr. Gaddis's. See the Dero-Queero in this issue.

The Greater Aspect

There is a reason, however, why the 'Shaver mystery' may be of tremendous importance - a part of the greatest phenomenon of our time. There is a widespread belief in occult circles that we are reproducing the last days of Atlantis, that the end of an era looms with a battle between forces of good and evil impending, that a great decision must soon be made amid the conflict of nations and the chaos of Nature remaking a world.

Among those who can think there is a growing sense of worry and fear. That our culture is nearing a breaking point has been expressed by Professor P.A. Sorokin (The Crisis of Our Age) in scholarly language, and by Philip Wylie (Generation of Vipers) in the plain words of the man in the street. There is a gathering of Powers, a search for places of safety, the building of two great armed camps. There have been many prophecies, the Angel Michael has warned us, the Keeper of the Records has been changed - the Veil is thinning.

In 1937 a remarkable prophecy was received in America from high spiritual beings and sent to Dr. Alexander Cannon, in London, who reproduced it in his book, The Power of Karma. It is very lengthy and should be read in full, but from it I select the following statements:

This revelation tells of a "great migration of celestial beings" ages ago, who came to this planet from outer space, but misused their great powers. Were they, perhaps, Shaver's "Titans"? Today, humanity faces a crisis, and a world-wide contest impends, as "spoken of in Biblical prophecy and attested by markers in stone on your planet." Spiritual mentors with abnormal senses, reincarnated prophets of old now live among us, to act as leaders in the conflict which will take place in our generation.

There exists a subrace of entities that date back to earth's early days. They had something within their natures left over from those long dark days when they functioned in pure beasthood. It would not permit them to free themselves from the mark of their transgressions, and so they carried it with them into spiritual realms during inter-life sojourns, to bring it back with them when they made each new descent into flesh... Those ...souls, refusing the light of higher mentorship, gradually grew together, like attracting like, in what might be called Schools of Transgression (Black Orders). They gathered together, time after time, incarnating and reincarnating in certain Eastern races where they found existence more to their liking... "They are selfish and unsocial, have no special fellowship with other races, and possess a greed for power."

Now note this: "The unlearned of earth... profess to see ordinary causes at work ... they know not of great changes taking place beneath the earth, of portents and manifestations, of mighty cataclysms that have been unleashed before, and will occur again ... Thinking that volcanic eruptions, tidal waves and earthquakes are only the play of elements causing destruction by Nature's whim, they do not recall a time when a vast continent sunk beneath the waves because those upon it had disported themselves evilly..."

Planetary influences for great changes are now increasing, the battle against the powerful dark forces and their fleshly allies draws near -- it is the Armageddon of biblical prophecy. And the sign on the forehead, as foretold in Revelation, of the Chosen, is the awakening of the third eye - the Eye of the Spirit. Those with this sign will have no reason to fear what impends. You will suffer only as you are led by

the Forces of Darkness. The old paths of personal gain will vanish; only in service to others will you find the gold of safety, freedom, and advancement.

The planetary influences "are enhancing the powers of the retro - grade souls (and) there are more of them who have incarnated than at any time in modern world history. They are willing to be led into a test of strength. Thousnads of you have incarnated to be present on the side of Right in that time of upheaval. That time is upon you in its opening phases. Presently the times will grow worse, and mark the opening of the crisis."

As to the thinning of the veil -- "It is foreordained that in the days when the planets in their orbits send forth strange rays and powers upon this earth, those rays and powers will augment the spiritual eye that lies dormant in your intellects."

Everywhere there is an apparent increase in strange occurrences. The 'Shaver mystery' must be regarded as part of this larger picture - the end of an era, the gathering of forces, a sudden new knowledge of heights and depths beyond our ken. In my opinion the Shaver conception is neither good nor bad; it has aspects of both, and it is primarily a part of the warning of what impends. The objective fades into the subjective, and both are as real as atomic bombs and the love of man for man. In service will lie our salvation, in whatever black days may be in store for us.

Except on certain minor points, one of which has been noted (note on the VAU Communicator) we incline toward Mr. Gaddis' opinions, with regard to his evaluation of the Dero or Goro problem, and concerning the imminence of great events, whether convulsions of Nature or wars of unparalleled destructiveness - or both. This opinion, from this time on, will gradually penetrate all classes of society; and the millions will reject it, still each must reckon with it after his own fashion.

In this reckoning, in the attitude each of us must assume, there is if you like, a kind of slow-dawning Judgment day, wherein the courage, and faith, and understanding, and most secret desires of every man shall appear writ large. Terror and greed and hate and panic fear will grip the multitudes; let us be determined, so far as may be, to possess our own souls in quietude.

Courage, and service, and self-forgetfulness - we know of no other counsel for the years to come. The sifting and sorting of humanity, by virtue of our own acts, goes on forever. Only now and then, in the shadow of great crises, the process hastens and shows clear... The world is very old, cultures and civilizations have risen and passed away, the earth itself is a "dust-mote whirled up by the sun's chariot wheel". Let us think sometimes upon these things.

Courage, patience, wisdom, good will, service, self-forgetfulness - we know of no better counsel. From the wisdom of the HUNA we have chosen a motto

MAIAMA - MA-LA-MA -- Uphold and Diffuse the Light!

F.G.H. Reviews Flying Roll -

(Since almost all readers of Flying Roll are also subscribers to Round Robin, and since the subject matter is of interest to those who read RR only, we print the comments of our Frater at this time).

As proof of the influence of mass thinking on the weather - do you remember when John Steven McGroarthy had a prayer for rain printed on every front page and said in every church here, and a deluge which lasted a week promptly started the same day? I know that weather is the province of one class of Nature spirits. If anyone is recognized by them as a friend he will always have the weather he wishes for, and may order the same. But the weather of the hard winters 1940-'41 and '46-'47 result from a higher dictum, playing a major part in human developments. Individual storms, whether cyclones, thunderstorms, or just gales, have at their core one or more of the weather Nature spirits, who often are whimsical, venomously angry, or benevolent. I could cite numerous examples of specially controlled weather conditions I have met.

("Can Mass Thinking Modify the Weather. Professor
C.J.Ryan. Flying Roll Alpha II, March '47)

The great pyramid of Ghizee was built about 50,000 years ago, by the Masters of Wisdom. The stones were quarried by thought control of matter, and flown by gravity control into situ. The workmen stood on light bamboo scaffolding and handled these stones as if they were light empty cartons. Once into place, the weight was restored. The references to it in Oahspe are later fables told by the contra-Essene school of Judaism.

(Temple of Osiris, B.F.
Greenlee: Flying Roll, sup.)

Re "mundicidal predictions:"

Those voiced by Conan Doyle (prior to the first world war) and by many others, were the alternative course for carrying out "the division between the sheep and the goats (Judas)". But man relieved the Masters of Destiny of that ugly chore. Man will attend to it himself thru the third war. It is rather late in the day for Einstein and his confreres to rue their part in the creation of the atomic bomb. A fool remains a fool, no matter how well educated he may be. He only becomes an easier tool for the "smart ones." To understand the history of the present war cycle, one has to know human history of the last three million years - which gives a clear understanding of the causes and points up the sheep and the goats.

(Comment by ML, Flying Roll

Concerning the Ether Drift: I wish

Roger Graham would repeat his experiments at the vortices of the West, with special reference to direction change. (This refers to the article "Determination of the Ether Drift," describing the work of Roger Graham; Flying Roll Alpha II. The vortices are locations where the effect of gravity is distorted and various odd phenomena occur).

Concerning Lingford's statement, that "Christ is so far advanced from your earth plane that an awareness of it by him is just plain rubbish": What he means is, that there is no direct and personal action by the Christ. But the Christ is still the spiritual ruler and guide of this humanity, and very much aware of what goes on here. He also presides at the yearly meeting of all the Initiates. (Lingford is a seance control. F.R. Alpha, p.12).

Re Mr.Krieger's remark, "I wonder that future personalities do not manifest in seances:" The reason for this is, that seances take place at the astral level, where time extends at best only a few months into the future. One has to go to an absolute and timeless level to reach over centuries. In these cases a part of the higher consciousness is projected into the future or past, assuming there the lower aspects with which contact with the then "now" is possible. Precognitive dreams extend only a short time into the future, usually days only. (Letter and Comment, E.C.Krieger, F.R. Alpha II)

Vampirism, of the kind described by the Hon.Ralph Shirley, is relatively common and is not true vampirism, as the full consent of the "victim" is necessary. Most vampirism of the West is carried on by the drainage of the life force without knowledge or consent of the victim. I have met with three such cases in my own praxis. (An Aspect of Vampirism, Shirley: contrib. by Vincent Gaddis, F.R. Alpha II)

Concerning the Pendulum: I have found little difference in its action whether held by a steady hand or suspended by a peg. Friendly Nature spirits probably take a hand in the true use of the pendulum. (Re, memo.from Dr.J.C.van Uchelen, on Pendulums, F.R. Alpha II). (RR Editor would like to hear from anyone who can operate a pendulum from a peg support only, not held suspended by the hand).

There are two different kinds of humans; the one is coöperative and constructive, the other parasitic and destructive. On the surface they look and act much alike. The constructive ones have built up one civilization after another, only to see it destroyed by the opposite kind. These latter always appear in the guise of saviours, often claiming divine appointment. They are quick to band together, and so gain easy control of what has been so dearly built up.

The first atomic war was caused by the selfish ones in old MU, when they tried to wrest control from the Elder Brothers. They first debauched the people by a lowering of moral standards, then excited them against the "oppressors." As a result MU was blown out of the waters with all its iniquities, and it took humanity almost a million years to evolve another civilization in Atlan. Then began a steady cycle of major debauches and wars, usually terminated by a subsidence of certain regions. There were more than a dozen such catastrophe's in Atlan and its Lemurian colonies, until the final catastrophe which brought about a displacement of the earth's axis and caused the ice ages. But a large number of the Decent Ones were led out of Atlan and were preserved in caves, to carry on the development of the moral qualities. It took the Greedy Ones thousands of years to reorganize their forces amongst the younger races. Their tortuous path leads from Egypt over the civilizations of Minor Asia, the Mediterranean Basin, thru Spain and France and into the Britain of today - from where they have nearly gained control of the whole world. But they will destroy themselves and this civilization which they have taken over, by quarreling about the spoils. Arcane knowledge says that many of the Greedy Ones did not originate in this humanity, but are dregs of former humanities who here had their last chance. This knowledge also says, that this is their last round in this humanity.

F.G.H.

(Letters may be addressed to the author of the above article, in care of the Editor of Round Robin).

Dero- Queero Again - and
the Spiritistic Interpretation

"I am saying to those who cry: 'we want an artifact, an inscription, an ancient manuscript, we want proof!' - you have proof all about you! But your minds are so slanted by wrong teachings that you misinterpret the artifacts and remnants on the surface which tell the truth"-

The foregoing quotation is from the article called Proofs, by Richard S. Shaver, in the June issue, now current, of Amazing Stories magazine (pp. 136-146). The article sums up Mr. Shaver's "complete thoughts" on the "Shaver mystery" or "Dero mystery", which has been exercising the minds and imagination of the Editors and readers of the A.S. magazine for many months past.

Round Robin cannot, of course, attempt any resumé of this mass of curious material. When we first referred to this matter, in Flying Roll for March 1946, we protested against the way in which the matter was being handled, its commercial exploitation, and its presentation in the form of scientifiction - so that no one could decide which data were authentic (or seriously declared to be), and which were fictional. We considered that the fiction was sensational, morbid and sadistic, and that some hundreds of amateur 'investigators' were breeding serious trouble for themselves and perhaps for many other people as well. The present writer has not altered his opinion on these points.

But Flying Roll also pointed out, that quite apart from the account given by Shaver there is a considerable mass of alleged data, difficult to evaluate, bearing on the existence of underground peoples and their activities. The Shaver reports were in agreement with these 'data' - but so they would have been, very likely, if the whole story had been the invention of a writer who had read up his subject.

Since the Flying Roll article appeared, several friends of the Editor, in whom he has great confidence, have studied the problem and interviewed Mr. Shaver and Editor Ray Palmer: their opinions differ in details, but agree in accepting the Shaver story as true in its basic and essential assertions. Further related facts have been uncovered, supernormal happenings have occurred in the offices of the magazine, and particularly in the vicinity of Mr. Shaver himself. It seems certain that we are dealing here with both discarnate entities, and with human or human-like beings in bodies of dense matter like our own.

Prior to this article in the E.R., this writer had made a limited investigation of some extraordinary psychic and mediumistic phenomena near San Diego: this is the story "A Twice-Told Tale" appearing in Round Robin for January 1946. In the course of this, communication was established with certain Intelligences of a very high order - whatever their true identity may have been. These entities took the position that 'it doesn't matter what information is now given to men, since the end of the era is so close at hand,' and offered, with an almost god-like indifference, to answer any question if not asked for personal advantage. In trying (despite many earth difficulties) to take advantage of this remarkable offer, a question was put concerning the 'Deros' and other alleged underground peoples.

Except for the RR-Editor, no one present had any knowledge of this, or of the 'Shaver mystery'; and the editor himself certainly did not expect any verification of such fantastic reports. It is not likely, therefore, that any telepathic pick-up or subconscious desires entered into the reply received. We now reprint the following short transcript from the notes, as printed in Flying Roll of the date mentioned.

The VAU Communicator, in reply to questions)

"Mr Shaver's story of his personal experiences, tho fantastic, is substantially true.....

"Yes, the Deros exist... Yes, they have physical bodies much like your own. Yes, they inhabit underground regions. Yes, the machines exist.

"The Deros are degenerate descendants of the Atlanteans."

(Note: This conforms to the occult teaching, that remnants of the Atlantean people took refuge in caverns for a long period of time)

"The caverns are widely distributed, but there are foci and I will name them. The Black Forest, the Alpine regions, Central America, Korea, Siberia, Iran, especially San Sebastian and nearby regions."

(Note: this ties in with data lately assembled by Vincent Gaddis concerning enormous tunnel systems of unknown origin, and many curious shafts and caves of prehistoric construction... San Sebastian is on the north coast of Spain):

"The situation is this: The Deros are nearly mindless, degenerate. Hence they are an easy prey to astral entities. All this gathering trouble originates among the latter. The machines are now completed creations, as thought-forms on the astral. These forms are being projected upon the Deros with the idea that the latter can be controlled to the point of constructing the machines in dense matter. Or of conveying the vision of the machine to earth people (§) until some one constructs a working model. Such construction would be a disaster. Pay no attention to the visions, and pay no attention to the Deros.

"Invoke the Powers of good. The Deros constitute a nexus with the evil forces of the astral. If you attend to them in any way you will strengthen this bond."

(§. A large number of people have reported seeing, in vision or sleep dreams, almost identical 'pictures' of some machine or apparatus of unknown use. They are said to be the Stim (for artificial stimulation of the sex orgasm)

So far, the VAU Communicators. It is not very clear why Western occultism, which has something to say about everything else, should be either ignorant or extraordinarily close-mouthed on the whole subject of subterranean peoples... especially since the witless but vicious Deros are said to be only one class or group, while others are friendly and anxious to help the surface dwellers.

With this last remark we recur to the quotation with which this article began.

The complaint of Mr. Shaver, and the long continued outcries of Editor Ray Palmer to the same effect, have a strangely familiar ring. It is exactly what spiritists, spiritualists and occultists have said ten thousand times, in thousands of different ways, for many decades past. The 'proof' of spiritism (i.e., of survival and communication) is cumulative, legalistic, and has the nature of 'probability beyond reasonable doubt.' This evidence, this cumulative proof is all about us, in daily life, and stored up in millions of printed pages. It is not yet acceptable to the intelligentsia, perhaps even to the common man, because, in Shaver's own words, their minds are "slanted by wrong teachings" - and by ignorance and prejudice. Yet for a long time the mere suggestion that any discarnate entities were mixed up with the Shaver mystery, was regarded by the eager-beaver 'investigators' as the height and depth of superstitious nonsense.

The essential correctness of the analysis made by the VAU Com-

municators has since been confirmed to us by two men whom we regard as genuine Adepts. Perhaps more importantly still, the accumulating facts seem to point in the same direction (consider the poltergeist-like annoyances of which editor Palmer complains -- ex-carnate entities of some sort - and type-forms are not juggled about by "ravs" and machines, tho perhaps typewriter keys might be melted by some such contraption). And the naive excitement of the cave explorers is somewhat tempered by reflection. And consider now this artful, reluctant, yet highly intelligent paragraph by Editor Palmer himself (A.S., June '46, p.176):

"We cannot fully explain the research we have gone into in the matter of "spiritualism", nor our suspicion that between Shaver and the spiritualists there exists no real difference of opinion, only interpretation - that we find Mr. Shaver's opinions fully substantiated by what some call the astral. The "astral" can very well be nothing more uncanny than a real cave world with real people in it with real machines to operate, instead of "astral" powers. We consider "spiritualism" to be just one more proof that Shaver theories are more than theories, but can be accepted as factual, and that there is only need for more understanding."

This is double-talk of the first water, a true paragraph of genius with an 'out' no matter what happens, and our admiration for it is genuine; we are not trying to insult Mr Palmer at all. "Spiritualism" says to him, in the words of the VAU: 'You are right; the Deros exist. But your minds are so slanted (quoting Mr. Shaver) that you misinterpret the data. The astral entities also exist, and your data involve them also. You are right, that there is only need for more understanding.' You have proof all about you (as Shaver says) - proof of far more than your editorial position will allow you to admit."

In this whole matter we are dealing, in our opinion, with data which are genuine, significant, and dangerous. And it is a serious and dangerous error to rule out, a priori and because of prejudice, any productive method of approach, any worthwhile hypothesis... We are not intimating for a moment that the communicators at the ordinary seance ("messages" and "phenomena") can be of help in this problem; they are simply ordinary people who happen to be invisible and intangible to our range of sense impressions. But there are higher intelligences than these, and there is an immense body of ancient and modern knowledge of which the anti-dero crusaders are as innocent as babes-in-arms. There are scientific occultists and occult-scientists who know their way around - just as there have been for thousands of years past; and there are many here-living people who function freely on the astral levels, outside of the dense body-

All phenomena known to our senses are rooted in the planes we do not normally apprehend. This is a truism of science and philosophy.

It is only by uniting all knowledge and all methods of approach that we can in fair measure understand phenomena of any order.

It is probably neither right nor practicable to forbid to the human mind knowledge of any description.

Nevertheless, it is difficult to believe that this eager prying into the hidden viciousness and evil of the world can be productive of any good thing.

There are many who believe, and there is reason to believe, that our civilization is poised upon the brink of destruction. The day and the hour are ill-chosen for the breeding of new perplexities,

The Medicine of-Ancient Magicians

by
W.C.Pollock

(The following article, which we are compelled to greatly abbreviate, was sent to us by Max Freedom Long, F.H.F., with the consent of the author, who is a practising psychologist of Winnipeg, Man., Canada. Not having been designed for this publication, the subject is very much "written down" and treated sketchily; nevertheless it is profoundly suggestive and should be explored from many angles. We invite comments.

(Mr.Pollock begins by reminding us that modern science, in its beginnings, made or tried to make a clean sweep of many old beliefs, the ancient magic, its methods of healing, and the innumerable "superstitions" connected with them. This process was perhaps necessary, but in it many valuable books and many items of true knowledge were lost.

(One of these rejected elements was the belief in the fourfold nature of man. He was said to be composed of earth, air, fire, and water (the four basic conditions of matter according to occultists.Ed.), and these were incorporated in the Sphinx: it had the face of a man (= his body, = earth); the body of a bull or ox (= vital force, health, = water); the feet of a lion (= the emotions = fire); the wings of the eagle (= mind = air). In the bible this symbolism is repeated in Ezekiel I-10 (the Angels with the four faces), and in Rev.IV-7 (the Four Beasts about the Throne).

(The ancients said, further, that earth was the physical body of which the vital and reproductive center was the gonads; that water was the respiratory and digestive parts, centered in the solar plexus; that fire was the circulatory system, heart, arteries, veins, blood, which distribute energy generated in the stomach; and that air is the nervous system centered in the brain.

(From these divisions arose the ancient science of healing; under which each part was treated in a different way. The physical body was treated with unguents and salves, the respiratory and digestive systems with herbs - but nervous, mental and emotional troubles were treated by a secret process, as were also ailments of the blood-stream. This last portion of their knowledge has been lost to us, the fragments of their other treatments remain. The lost knowledge was in possession of Adepts only, and unknown to ordinary physicians.)

"But the ancient magicians had his own peculiar approach to such diseases as we now say are caused by germs getting into the system - he claimed that they were caused by evil spirits. This sounds absurd to us, because we can see germs with the microscope, and know that when the body is rid of the germs the patient recovers. The present-day medical man therefore sets about to kill the germs inside the body without injuring the body itself. But the ancient magician set about to get rid of the evil spirit. What was this evil spirit in which he believed? Simply the mind of the disease which had entered the body.

The magician knew that once the germ had entered the body and started to multiply there, it created a mind to control its activities. It was this mind of the disease that was called the evil spirit, or evil mind by the ancients. And in countries where the remains of the magical practise are still to be found, grotesque masks are worn to

drive away evil spirits. There is probably some reason for the use of the masks (deeper than those usually advanced), and if we could get at this underlying idea we might find out the whole ancient secret of healing by the casting out of the evil mind.

That mind, or the spirit of the disease, or better still the central organization which controls it exists outside of the material things, can be deduced from the central or group mind of insects and animals.

(Occultists recognize the existence of a kind of individual which is not an organic unity - such as the swarm, the hive, the herd or flock, the ant colony, the school of fish and the like. The single bee is, so to speak, a cell in the body of the true individual which is the swarm or hive. The "instinct" of birds and animals, which often produces almost unbelievable wonders, is explainable as the functioning of this group mind. Among the Huna concepts we find the idea that the High Selves often act as group minds for lower organisms, as also in control of wind and weather. Mr Pollock gives instances of group action, and adds the following suggestion:)

"If you blow smoke into a bee hive, (tho you will not stupify all of the bees) there will be no concerted attack; this is because the organization of the hive's command is broken, so that no order can be given to drive away the intruder. The method of breaking the central command of a disease may resemble this in some fundamental way.

(The writer then speaks of the operation of the group mind in the mob mind or mind of the crowd, studied by Le Bon and many other psychologists. The individual falls under a kind of hypnosis and performs acts of cruelty, violence, or daring normally impossible to him, and he cannot be reasoned with. Panic is also such a manifestation).

'There is also a group mind of all the people (nation or race) which works all the time even among civilized men. And there may be a number of group minds operating at the same time ("schools of thought") one of which may become dominant: this is apparent in war and times of stress and emergency. When group or mob minds are in opposition or balance, people will round in indecision. Such is the case at present in some of the western democracies.

'But to recur to the mind of disease and illness: such illness as cancer might be cured by breaking up its central mental organization. We are told that this disease is caused by an uncontrolled organization of one's own body. This points to a mind which has obtained control of some part of the body, and is directing that part in evil action against the rest. Surely it is not far wrong to call this 'possession by an evil spirit', and our problem is to find a means of evicting it.

Max Freedom Long, commenting on this article, says: This idea of approaching the matter of invading germs or cancer cells via the group-consciousness center, may eventually prove to be of great importance. But how is one to contact and influence this group consciousness? What experiments have been tried - and with what success? Will our RR and FR circle of students make comment?" ... The idea in truth reaches out in every direction, and invites the most extensive resources of occult learning.

- Concerning the Ether Drift -

Roger P. Graham

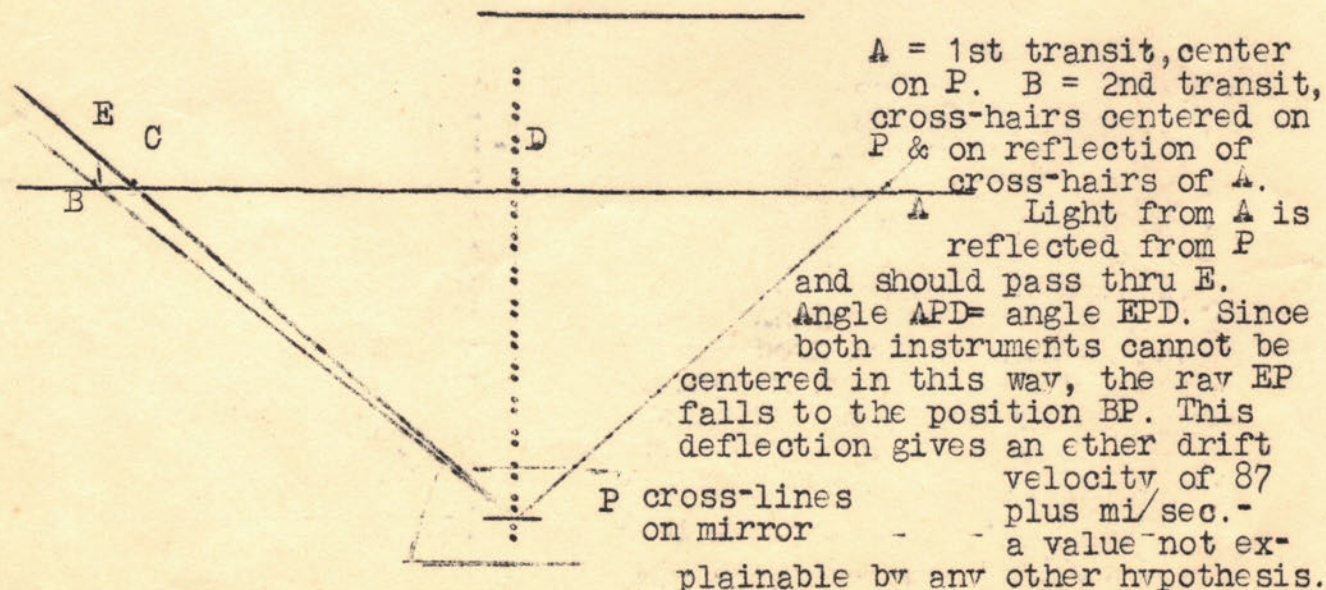
In Chapter iv of The Mysterious Universe, by Sir James Jeans, is a very comprehensive discussion of the pro's and con's of the ether, including the Michelson-Morley experiment. In the June Amazing Stories magazine is my article on my experiment, and a brief discussion of the inadequacy of the M-M experiment to measure any ether drift directed constantly toward the center of the earth.

It has been asked how my experiment demonstrates ether drift. Einstein himself predicted the bending of light in passage thru a strong gravitational field, basing that prediction on a concept of space warpage in which lines are geodesics and not Euclidean straight lines. However, from his basics the predicted bend is much less than it would be from the ether drift.

We might postulate that light is attracted in exactly the same way as matter by the earth, in which case it would "fall" with an acceleration of 32 ft. per second from its straight line path.

In both Einstein's theory and the light-as-matter-attracted-by-gravity theory, the numerical result in my experiment would be considerable less than one mile per second by the ether drift mathematics. If gravity is the resistance to the passage of ether thru the body, the ether velocity must be greater than 7 miles per sec., because free-falling bodies from outer space attain that velocity due to the effects of gravity alone.

So the answer to those who ask HOW my experiment PROVES ether drift is: - by the numerical result of the experiment. If in later more accurate experiments it turned out to be less than 76 mi. per sec., instead of greater than 60 mi. per sec. as the first experiments indicate, then it would have to be concluded that the cause was not ether drift but something else like Einstein's space warpage with geodesics instead of straight lines. That, in spite of the fact that the experiment would still be positive.



The reader should now turn again to the last two paragraphs of Mr. Graham's article printed above. (Ed.)

- Notes from the Mark P. Seances -

April 6, 1947.

One of the sitters, a young man of 22-23 years, has been puzzled by the appearance of huge shadowy figures over his bed at night (human-like forms); he has also heard voices speaking to him, giving advice, and has seen many small greenish lights. The matter was presented to the trance control Lingford, and we make extract from the verbatim record of his reply, which we believe to be the true one, and sensible and highly instructive.

The forms which this young man sees are not entities, they are thought forms. He has powerful wishes and desires, tho perhaps they are subconscious. There is a kind of dissociation. People who have no one with whom to consult, no one to advise them, often end by advising themselves. A part of the mind takes over the role of mentor... Yes, he can have control over these forms. It is a matter of controlling his own attention. Let him leave a dim light burning at night, and turn his mind away from the forms and think of natural and pleasant things, and they will not bother him... As to the voices, they probably come from the same source, but if they give wise and good advice it is all right to follow it. He should test and try and use his best judgment...

April 8. (No sitting, but a control took over): "I am the Rev. Harry Foznick" .. (Change of control) "The forces are too low. Be patient, we may be able to work them up" .. (1st control, returning): "I have never been here before." (The medium then heard clairaudiently): "Ludlow, California .. former home".

Abruptly, a new control appeared and asked without preamble: "Do you want to know more about the moon, stars, and planets? (Ans. Yes) Some of these (sic) stretch 80 trillion miles into space; then there is a vast void; then new stars and galaxies take up again. My name is Ramond Natalli, I have been gone from your earth-plane for a long time. It now seems to be I lived in the 13th century. It seems like I came from Tripoli ... I have learned a great deal about astronomy since coming over here .. Well, when I am asked to give names I have to stop and think... Between the 13th and the 16th centuries there were more religious uprisings than at any other time. (Q). No, I was not involved in them. Scientists do not fight over religion. If man had not spent so much time protecting his God, who does not need protection, and more in advancing himself mentally and physically, he would not now be trying to bring a new disaster on himself with another war. He will destroy himself and all the things he has held dear from past generations will be blotted out. This will mean a complete blackout of scientific records. Man is his own enemy. He will have no history nor any of the sciences or Arts. This tragic affair will mean starting over again 5000 years back of your present stage. Scientists realize this."

Note: Persons who have been receiving mimeographed reports from the Mark P. seances are sometimes dissatisfied with their brevity. But a verbatim transcript of a two-hour seance runs to 12-15 typed pages, and involves considerable time, labor, and expense. Reports will soon be issued in booklet form, about 30 pp each, price \$1.00.

- Page des Revenants -

Caravan Man (excerpt from the Mark P. seances.4-13) (Control, feeling curiously of the table): What this? Table? Table? Is made out of - what is this? Paper? How they make that paper hard like that? Hmm! Before I hear you talk to other man, he trying to make explanation about his side. Now you find very hard to explain about table!

(M.L. Touchè)

Control: Touchè? French? Little while go you ask if I Indian? No, not want keep you guessing. Come from long way off, Egypt. It is land what not no more.

(Q. Are you from olden times?)

Control: Thousands years - thousands years!

(Q. Do you remember who ruled in your time?)

Control: This long before Pharaohs. I know Genghis Khan. You know? Before him - know Genghis Khan over here, this side. He very bad man. (Control began talking to someone in an unknown language).

(M.L. Tell us something about your life)

Control: Long time before water cover up land, have lived in beautiful city.

(Q. Egypt?)

"In what you call Egypt now, no. (Q.) Yes, in that part of world, but now all under water. Atlantis what you call it now. Big buildings! Beautiful! BIG! Carvings, broad thoroughfare, streets - streets (Q. asphalt?), yes, asphalt, big buildings up on blocks. Go under buildings, you understand? Giant blocks hold up buildings. Cement, stone, very big.

(Q. Do you remember your occupation?)

Control: Burn incense, please. (Irene P. goes to get incense) Women make much noise when walk, what?

(M.L. High heels. It sounds louder to you)

- "Why? You not hear good?

(Sounds in the room seem louder to you than to us)

- "Why she make so much noise with feet? Heels? What heels

(Dr.C. You know what sandals are? Well, the back part mean? of the sandal is built up into a heel)

- "Yes? Women too short now? You know, high heels in my place not make noise. Big carpets on ground, rugs, pillows.

(M.L. In Atlantis, or now?)

- "Long ago, yes. but now too, I have.

(Tell us of your life)

- Work for me was caravan man. Drove great caravan across desert country (Q.) Yes, on continent called Atlantis now.

(Q. Military caravan?) Yes, military, and goods for rich people.

(Q. What kind of animals?)

- Used camels. Camel very old, very old. Now one of last old animals on earth.

(M.L. Maybe that's why camels are so mean)

- Ha, camel want to get away quick - come over here be very happy!

(Dr.C. But we smoke Camels ...)

- How can you smoke a camel? Don't understand. (The joke is

explained). Oh, cigaret? What that? (examines cigaret closely as it is described to him) Can tear? (tears it apart and feels of the tobacco). Hum-m-m!

(M.L. How does it happen this is new to you? Don't you ever come back and see people smoking?)

Control: First time come back. Not interested to come back. Not sure now why I come back? "Mechanism" of what?

(M.L. How you happened to come back)

- I know. Friend! Big fat man, Lo-Sun-Yat, say 'Come, I show you something'. Lots of people come too. Lots people here tonight - not you, people with me. Think I go.

Lingford: That caravan man was a forceful fellow - big hairy arms,
(seance a big man.
con.) (Q. How was he dressed?)

Sometimes things get a little jumpy. My mind seems to blank on me over some simple question, and on a difficult question I will sit here and chew my head off.

(- The question was of no particular importance)

Control: Would you like that man to come back some time?

(- Yes...)

- Then you ask him how he was dressed and see if it confuses him. Did I finish my cigaret? That's destructive of a good cigaret (feeling of the one the caravan man had torn up.... ..)

.....About the valley of shadows? Of course, it's a little frightening to most people - but there are no shadows except what you have made for yourself...A person may come over here with no conscious awareness at all, as in a dreamless sleep ... they may come through in full consciousness. The first separation from the body is like you were flowing, weaving up and down, and if you are very conscious you make a strong effort to keep on the ground .. but you may not be aware of my side of life at all, maybe only of your physical surroundings. Am I getting any place?

(Dr.C. -In a case like that man who died a few days ago and was buried on Thursday, and on Friday he came out and we had a nice conversation with him ...)

Control: Henry Ford, you're talking about. He, like other thinking minds, has a very sharp awareness of things, toward life, he was in the body a long time and he learned a good deal and his death was a peaceful one, no violence. He more or less went to sleep and came awake...

(Dr.C. - Was he aware of his surroundings then?)

Control: Very. Difficult as it is for me to tell you what causes some people to depart from the body in one place and suddenly find their psychic body in another, it still is a fact. I don't know what attracted the man down there, but I think it was a good demonstration... Death as I see it is becoming aware of a different state of consciousness...I don't remember discarding any etheric body .. people who have been here many years have no knowledge of any change of bodies...People reincarnate from this plane, I don't know of their going to higher levels...If this is purgatory I shall stay, it's very lovely....

(Mimeographed reports of these seances are available in booklet form, about 30 pp each. \$1.00. Address ER)

- Quotation without Comment -

(In a two-room board shack in the outskirts of Tijuana - Do you remember "magic of Eufrosina" in last Round Robin? - a young Mexican girl goes suddenly into trance, and a voice, an American voice speaks through her. She keeps turning her head, looking around the room):

I don't know where I am. I don't understand why they told me to come here, to this humble place. I am a wealthy man - I have many millions. I am worried about this money, for the world is full of greed."

(Question: What is your name?)

My name is HENRY FORD.

(Sitter: You were born in humble surroundings; perhaps that is why you have come here)

That may be true. Perhaps that is the reason. But I am troubled about all those millions. What is to be done with them? Yes, I realize that I have no use for them now but I feel a sense of responsibility for them.

(A Mexican sitter) Toma tu derecha (turn to your right!)

Well, yes - yes - THERE'S EDISON!!

(Henry Ford was buried on April 10th: the date of the occurrence noted above was April 11).

This incident was reported to Round Robin by Dr. P.C., who was present. "Se non è vero è ben trovato". That was Dr. C's comment: the RR Editor has nothing to add).

- Train Wreck Victims (recent) -

(Trance mediumship)

- "I'm a banker. I don't know why this train doesn't go on. I want to get on with my trip. Why doesn't the train start?..I can't remember my name."

- "My name is Bernstein, I have a book store in New York.."

- "I'm a harmonica player and I'm going to New York. Why doesn't this train start?"

- "I'm only nine years old. I'm waiting for my mother to come." (girl)

- "Oh, I'm from Texas and I'm going to New York. I want a drink. Sure, it looks pretty fine around here; I see a lot of green grass, but it's nothing like the grass in Texas! "

(We apologise for triteness, to those who have heard such things a thousand times. We do not apologise for saying a thousand times, that nothing is more important, practical and useful than popular education in psychic matters. And where lies the responsibility for the confusion and misery of millions of the newly dead, except upon us here, in this earth life, who will neither learn for ourselves, nor, if we have learned, tell others what we know, nor teach truth to our children for fear of the mockery of the deaf and blind.

- H.P.B. and the ISIS UNVEILED -

(From "H.P.B.'s Last Article", published in Lucifer in April 1891, and reprinted in The Canadian Theosophist for March 15, 1947. The following is a summary of parts of the article only)

' Concerning Isis - of all the books I have put my hand to, this particular one is, in literary arrangement, the worst and most confused. From a literary and critical standpoint Isis is full of misprints and misquotations, useless repetitions, irritating digressions, and apparent contradictions, with no apparent system in it... Since 1881 I have never ceased to say what I thought of it .. It has given me much anxiety and trouble ..

'In spite of these admissions, I maintain that Isis contains a mass of original and undivulged information on occult subjects. I take upon myself vicariously the sins of the literary defects, but I defend the ideas and teachings in it, since neither of these is mine, and they are of the greatest value to students of Theosophy... Some of the best American papers were lavish in its praise.. (Quotations follow from No. Amer. Review, Boston Transcript, and 7 other newspapers)... The first enemies of my work were the spiritualists... and for the last 15 years an incessant shower of ugly accusations has poured upon me (and the literary defects I have noted made these more easy).

'Apart from the literary defects I maintain (a) that every word of information, in Isis or in my later writings, comes from the teachings of our Eastern Masters; and (b) that many a passage in these works has been written by me under their dictation.. No "miracle" is performed by such dictation.. space and distance do not exist for thought, and the facts of hypnotism and telepathy should make it clear that my claim has nothing impossible in it....'

(Canadian Theosophist, 52 Isabella St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The "Last Article" will be concluded in the April issue of the C.T.)

Carlyle - "Ghosts!" (wrote Carlyle). "GHOSTS!! Nigh one thous - and million of them are walking in the open at noonday!"

Milton - "Millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth unseen / Both when we sleep and when we wake." (Paradise Lost).

Burton - "Paracelsus reckons up many places in Germany where fairies do walk in little coats, the fairies about two feet long. A bigger kind called hobgoblins and Robin goodfellows that would in those superstitious times grind corn for a mess of milk.. Tholasanus calls them trullos and getulos, and says that in his day they were common in France. Bleskinus reports for a certainty that almost every family (in Iceland) has some such familiar spirits. Felix Melios affirms that they are common in Norway. Another kind frequent forlorn houses which the Italians call foliots. They will make strange noises in the night, howl pitifully and then laugh again, cause great flame and sudden lights, fling stones, rattle chains, open and shut doors, appear as hares, crows, black dogs. (And there be) many kinds of devils which appear to men and fright them out of their wits, walking at noonday or at night, counterfeiting dead men's ghosts..."

(For the above, and several pages of similar quotations, RR is indebted to Mr. J.E. Morgan, of Oakland, Calif.)

- V A R I O R U M -

Letter from a woman physician

... I'm very glad you give something beyond elementary stuff in your seance reports. We need it. We have plenty of the other... Congratulations on your advice not to join anything. It is wise to study facts, investigate and meditate, but to take theories with a grain of salt. So many swallow hook, line and sinker, do not prove anything for themselves and often end up by believing nothing.

It was once my privilege to watch Professor Hauck and Mr. Westling at the College of Physicians and Surgeons perform experiments proving that gravity is a push, not a pull. A specially prepared sheet of material was made for insulation. Weights were balanced on extremely delicate scales. When the insulating sheet was placed under a weight, nothing happened; but when it was placed above a weight, that weight immediately rose.

In doing much public speaking I am frequently in two places or in two parts. The physical body will be going full force, and at the same time I seem to be floating and studying the audience. This floating portion, that I call the mental body, will often direct a special appeal to some person, who may be far back in the audience and out of the line of physical vision, and at the close of the talk I will find that this is correct. At times this mental body will keep up a steady stream of remarks, advice and ridicule. I would think it was an outside entity except that it is always with me, in my head, and its remarks are very characteristic.

Temperature Zones

Thermometers attached to rockets have upset scientific theories... A torrid zone with a temperature of 170 degrees exists between the 30 and 40 mile mark (altitude). Then follows a cold zone up to 50 miles; and from there up to 75 miles very high temperatures are encountered, estimated at over 600 degrees. The Mahatma Letters give some very interesting and valuable suggestions respecting conditions in the upper regions, and somewhere H.P.B. mentions a high temperature zone about 80 miles above the earth.

(RR would appreciate it if someone would supply the Blavatsky reference).

(Canadian Theosophist)

American Romans?

Under the title "Rome on the Range" Westways for March tells the story of a supposed Roman colony on the Arizona desert. It is said that the facts are 'inscribed in crude Latin on 36 leaden relics unearthed in 1924-25 near Nine Mile Water Hole. They include swords, spears, crosses and various implements, and were taken from a stratified hillside at depths of 3 to 6 ft., and pre-Columbian relics were found above them. Nevertheless, one cross carries the English word Gaul, and another the word Brittania - which naturally casts doubt on the whole "find." There was an immense newspaper sensation about this in 1925 (v.N.Y. Times of Dec. 13, '25), but the question remains unsettled. The date of the alleged colony would be 775 A.D.

The Garland Crosses ("Mystery of the Buried Crosses") are at present in the Mission Inn Museum, at Riverside, Calif. We are not informed as to how complete this collection is.

Chickcharneys of Andros: Time magazine, which often takes note of un-

usual facts, always with tongue in cheek, says that Chickarnevs are fierce little men about 48 inches in height, who live in trees on the island of Andros, in the Bahamas. They have pink staring eyes, toothless mouths, and flame-red beards, anoint themselves with snake oil, wear two almond leaves for clothing, hunt game with bow and arrow, do their travelling thru the tree-tops... Whether you believe in them or not, don't cut down a favorite tree of these small folk, unless you're looking for trouble. (Time, Mar. 24, '47) (Clip from Mrs H. Lotreck).

Wanted: Delta copy of Flying Roll I (1946). Dale S. Hoon, Jr. 2505 Adams Ave., Huntington, W. Va. Wanted: Beta copy of Flying Roll I, containing Max Freedom Long's article on "The Thrice-coiled Serpent." - Sylvie de S. Calkins. 2804 1/2 Veteran Ave., Los Angeles 34. Wanted. Copy of "Mental Medicine" and of "Esoteric Christianity" (Rev. Warren F. Evans); by Dr. R. S. Neal, 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg., Osawatomie, Kans.

Spirit surgery: International Digest for April repeats "purely for its entertainment value", the story of the spirit appendectomy by the "dead" Dr. Luiz Gomez do Amaral, on one Andre de Bernardi, and gives rather full details. The medium had a rough time and the doctors can't decide who operated or how, but the patient himself is said to have felt no pain and to have made a quick recovery... X-ray plates prior to the operation showed the appendix present, taken several days later showed the appendix missing, there was an appendix in the alcohol jar on the operating table, and the patient had an expertly closed incision. Ordinarily, that would be sufficient evidence some one removed appendix from patient (tho in complete darkness). But if there's a M.D. in the United States who accepts that conclusion, be assured that we won't hear from him - the butter is too thick on both sides of his cake. (Clip from Dr. Roy S. Neal)

Forgotten Mysteries is the title of a late book by R. Dewitt Miller, who for several years wrote the Coronet feature under the same title. Here we have some 200 pages of the strange and stranger, pre-in the same style as the magazine articles and covering much of the same material. The author cites names, dates, places, witnesses and references; the data as it stands is well authenticated. As to explanation or interpretation, the reader will find it according to his own light - if any. It's an interesting book, and distinctly worth while for those interested in the marvellous, and for all smug complacent folk who actually think that they live in a rational, intelligible, explainable world, where "science" has pigeonholed everything, except perhaps a few item left over for tomorrow and next day. It is naturally less useful to the occultist or student of the 'borderland sciences', but it was not designed for him and his kind, anyhow. Even so, it's a useful case book. And to these mysteries, as William James wrote and the author quotes: "There is no conclusion. What has concluded that we might conclude with regard to it?" (Cloud, Inc., Chicago. \$2.50)

A. S. P. R. Journal, some of whose readers are perhaps getting a bit bored with psychokinetic effects and ESP scores, has established an unusual experience department, and comes up in the April issue with a story by the author MacKinlay Kantor. Mr Kantor passed his most unusual night in a Kensington lodging house. Some one or Something insisted on pulling the covers off; then the east wall lighted up and there was a sound of many voices talking. "Paranormal factors, but no corroboration possible", says the Journal.

"Bikini Idiocy"-
continued

UP dispatch, Los Angeles, May 2. San Diego Tribune. A radioactive cloud from the Bikini atom bomb tests was revealed today to be floating around the world endangering aircraft in its path. Dr. Irvine Rehman, of the University of California School of Medicine, who participated in Operation Crossroads, told a luncheon yesterday danger from the cloud was so great that planes along a strip across the northern U.S. recently were warned to stay below 17,000 ft. to avoid it. He said the cloud was now on its sixth trip around the earth."

We're liberal in our use of quote-marks lately, since a publisher of 'prophecies' recently told us he "had a great deal of trouble with the F.B.I." with regard to publishing a book containing some not-too-cheery forecasts. Moral: get your information now, if you can, before our lords and masters clamp down on everything except bedtime stories and the right to whistle in graveyards.

About this "radioactive cloud", we hope the brass hats will guarantee that it will stay at a safe altitude - and perhaps reflect that with a few more such clouds, which seem to hold together indefinitely, aircraft might have to abandon the skies altogether. Or even one might do the trick, if or when it begins to disintegrate - verb.sap.

Connecticut Law: Connecticut (and Mass.also) makes it a misdemeanor for a doctor to advise or a citizen to practise, birth control. A medical committee of 100 sponsored a mild bill to the contrary, Roman Catholics opposed it, kicked six doctors off their hospital staffs, Protestant Churches retaliate by advocacy withdrawal of state aid and tax exemption from R.C.hospitals - lively time for everybody, but the ghost of Anthony Comstock still hold the fort, with the R.C.'s at his right hand. Time for April 21 writes this up. (Clip from Mrs H.L.)

English Law: In 1938 the Cancer Act, inspired by the medical profession, made it an indictable offense with heavy penalties for any spiritual healer to lay hands on a sufferer from cancer, or to treat cancer by absent healing: this includes tumours and all similar growths. Under the Witchcraft Act of 1735, still operative, it is illegal for a healer to treat any condition if he calls upon spirit guides for assistance - and the patient too is liable, for assisting at the "conjuraton of spirits. ... Spiritualism in England is said to include every third person, and the law is constantly broken, nevertheless this archaic monstrosity remains on the statute books, and the supposedly enlightened medical profession seems well content with it.

Odd Photograph - The Psychic Journal, London, prints a photograph (reproduced by Spiritualist Leader, N.Y.) of the materialization, on the rump of a wolf-hound, of the head of a puppy six weeks 'dead', an inseparable companion of the wolfhound during its life. The back of the wolfhound, normally with a dip, appears to be completely straightened.

Pennsylvania Magic: Chiropractor A.B.Scott was in court and in trouble: his practise was to take a drop of the patient's blood, put it in small "analyzing box" to "determine its frequency", then tune in the box and send its healing waves to the sufferer. Five experts for the State said the box business was n.g., but four prominent citizens testified to great and remarkable benefits. Jury verdict: Not Guilty. Our comment: it all depends on who has the box. Chiropractor, NO; Amer. Med. Assoc., YES. (Time, 2-24. Clip from Mrs H.L.)

Absent healing in obsession

"The Obsession of Father Surin" in Flying Roll Delta I (Dec. '47) drew forth a letter from Dr. V.L.A. of New York City, in which he describes one of his own cases - a minister who acquired a persecution complex, later became violently insane. Dr. A. says that he concentrated on the case, after having corresponded with the patient's wife. The patient was told of what was being attempted, took an interest in it, and began to gain weight rapidly. The improvement continued, of both mind and body, throughout the summer, and his release had been arranged for, when he died suddenly from an unspecified cause. The fact remains, that he had been declared by physicians to be "incurably insane", and that he was treated by "absent healing" and recovered. These three facts read like one-two-three to us, but most physicians will substitute 'coincidence' for No.2. "What I wish to indicate" writes Dr. V.L.A., "is that cases of obsession can be cured, if that inner Something is roused by strong sympathy, and by a positive approach" with complete confidence.

Temple of Osiris

The article under this title, referring to the Oahspean account of the building of the great pyramid, in Flying Roll Alpha II (Mar. '47), has called forth a number of criticisms as to accuracy of the data. We hope to present the substance of these in an early issue... As has been explained heretofore, RR and FR are not interested in propaganda for or against the teachings of Oahspe; but the book is a remarkable production, interests many people, and students of psychic and occult subjects should have some knowledge of its principal doctrines and points of view.

Corrections: Dr. Nandor Fodor (Park Central, N.Y.C.) tells us we have been referring to him as a Ph.D., which he is not, instead of LL.D. (which is just as good); also that he is a psychoanalyst and not a psychiatrist (all the better, we think). RR is in receipt, also, of Dr. Fodor's The Search for the Beloved, and hopes soon to print some of the very remarkable data it contains... His newly coined term Mundicides by the way (in his RR articles) is being widely accepted. A new and really useful word is a worthwhile achievement.

Manna in Africa: A lengthy clip from the Washington Star (Mar. 25) tells the story of a starving west African tribe (Christianized), of a five-year old girl who found "manna" on the ground, ate of it, saw "six strange persons", told the villagers about it and so saved them from death. Rev. E.L. Cardy of Cape Town brought some of the manna to this country in a bottle; it is "sweet like honey and melts easily on the tongue." (B.F. Greenlee, 2322 Moerlein Ave., Cinn., sends us the clipping)

Strange Medicine: From Sta. Cruz, Zambales, P.I., a RR reader sends us the story of a mining engineer and his wife, refugees from the Japanese in the mountain provinces. The wife was pregnant, labor began and then stopped, and death seemed inevitable. A native boy took dried snake liver, a machine gun bullet, and powdered deer bladder, boiled them together into a clear liquid, which brought about delivery in 45 minutes. But then the wife's kidney action ceased entirely for 14 days so native boy Fernando made one more effort. He got out Mrs Eddy's Key to the Scriptures and persuaded the husband to read it aloud to his wife. He didn't believe in it and it bored him, but he read all night, anyhow, while his wife dozed intermittently - and lo and behold! the kidney action returned to normal. "Some tremendous mental force that came from Fernando" our correspondent surmises - "the book was a symbol of it." The story comes from Mr. Walter X. Osborn (above address).

Dutch Spiritische Bladen (Feb. 1947), official organ of the Netherlands Society of Spiritualists, "Harmonia", lauds Prudence Round Robin in its present number, but also shows its Dutch prudence by admitting that some of Round Robin's articles are beyond their understanding of the known facts. For lack of better knowledge they call them "bluffing statements needing question marks"- particularly the article dealing with a world catastrophe within four years. "Verder bevat dit tijdschrift soms verbluffende dingen waar we vooralsnog vraagtekens bij zetten moeten, b.v. voorspelling van de ondergang der wereld binnen vier jaar." (Memo. and translation from Dr. Philip Cosman)

(Presumably this refers to predictions of Mr. Kramer of Chicago, which RR printed as a news item, without comment. The Bladen commends the article on Radiesthesia, and another dealing with telepathic experiments carried on by the San Diego medium Mark Probert and his brother... At least, the Robin gets around.)

Prophecies of (Complete Prophecies of Nostradamus, translated, edited and interpreted by Henry C. Roberts. Crown Publishers, New York, 1947) (350 pp., \$3.00).
Nostradamus

This book is remarkable in several ways: first it is stated that it is the first complete translation in English since the edition of 1672, and further that the translator, to use his own words "had perused but a few pages before being struck by the sense of familiarity that the verses seemed to hold. Words the author claimed held no significance for him took on a definite meaning, became clearly focused into patterns of events... Here? I felt, was my book."

This discovery of "self" produced the remarkable statement on the jacket of the book that Mr. Roberts is regarded by many as Nostradamus Redivivus. If Mr. Roberts concurs in this, one must conclude that his knowledge of French, at least 'old French' is of a sporadic kind, since a great part of his translations do not correspond to the real meaning of the original quatrains. Also his editorializing of each quatrain is of course his own, and not necessarily the true meaning of it. It strikes this reviewer as being self-opinionated, without benefit of Nostradamus himself. But of course if Mr. Roberts is really Nostradamus Redivivus I humbly prostrate myself before such erudition.

(Reviewed by) F.C.C.

Occult Review (No. 1, vol. 74, Jan. 1947).

This issue is well worth reading, for content and for for skill of English writers in writing English. It contains an editorial "Orpheus and Bacchus,"; The Occultism of Andrew Lang, by John Hastings; The Prehistoric Zodiac of Somerset, by Comyns Beaumont, who reminds us that our time has slipped from its basis in the turn of Sirius, whose Phoenix (or Enoch's) cycle occupies 1461 years, which are 365 1/4 times 4, a parallel to our 365 1/4 day year worth looking up; also The Call (a story); The Dual Brain and the Psychic, seven or eight other articles worth reading - and a poem by Pietro d'Avalone which I cannot commend except for showing me a rhyme for abalone (and baloney). On the whole it's a must-magazine for those interested in occult studies. (Quarterly, 1 shilling, but add foreign postage. 68 Fleet St. E.C.4, Lon. 60 pp.) (Reviewed by Battell Loomis)

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Mr. S.G. Lyman, RFD Pomona, N.Y., sufferer from asthma, "would appreciate hearing from anyone knowing of remedies."

