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NEW CITIZENS FOR UNCLE SAM.

Something About New York's Famous Ellis Island and the Immigrants Who Land There.

By Constance Merrifield.

I had always thought that it was the easiest thing in the world for a foreigner to come over here and get a finger in our pie, but I found out the other day after a visit to the famous immigrant landing in New York harbor that it wasn't.

As there wasn't anybody around the Barge Office whom I knew, I didn't know exactly how I was going to get across to the island until I happened to think that I'd make a try at the gate-man who takes up the tickets and passes at the entrance of the Ellis Island boat-dock.

Taking a seat on the bench outside the cabin labeled "For Ladies," I began to take an inventory of my fellow-passengers, who seemed to me to belong to about every nationality under the sun.

Sitting near me on the bench I noticed a buxom young woman, with a well-tanned face and a clear, bright complexion, who seemed to be in trouble about something.

From a doorknob I learned that they were the friends of foreigners who were undergoing examination on Ellis Island, and that they were going over to join them and come back with them when they had been duly released from the supervision of the Federal authorities.

Now they want me to pay thirty-five cents apiece for them," said the girl, plaintively, "and Heaven knows I haven't the money to spare. Why didn't they tell me on the vessel that there were charges?"

"A man took them from me, and gave me this little piece of brass, saying not to lose it, and then I was put aboard the boat and taken to the island, without ever seeing them again."

The transfer company's agent at the steamer had evidently been over-zealous in his employers' interests in not explaining to the girl that if her things were checked they would be charged for.

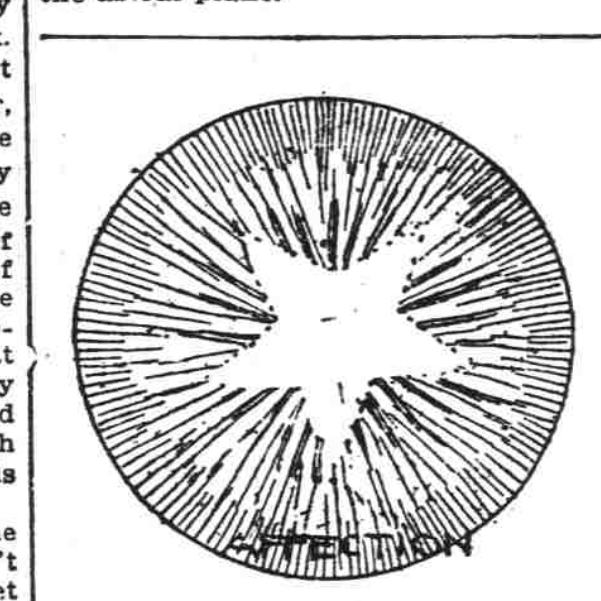
She had passed her examination promptly at Ellis Island, she said, and had that morning come over to the baggage-room at the Barge Office and claimed her baggage, as she had been instructed to do, but rather than pay the—large sum of seventy cents without a protest, she was on her way back to the island, with the rather vague idea of presenting the case to some one in authority.

OUR THOUGHTS. IN PICTURE.

How Photographs Are Made of the Impressions Which Pass Through the Mind.

By Prof. Raoul Boudin.

One of the most interesting of the high roads from the physical to the astral is that of the study of thought. A Western scientist, commencing in the anatomy and physiology of the brain, endeavors to make these the basis for "a sound psychology."



Dr. Schraff, of Berlin, has nearly crossed the barrier, and is well on the way toward photographing astral-mental images, to obtaining pictures of what from the materialistic standpoint would be the results of vibrations in the gray matter of the brain.

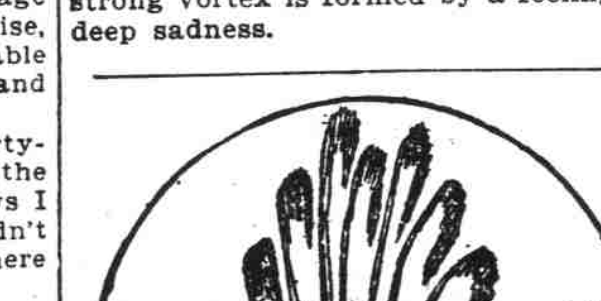
Dr. Schraff states that he is investigating the subtle forces by which the soul—defined as the intelligence working between the body and the spirit—expresses itself by seeking to record its movements by means of a needle, its "luminous," but invisible, vibrations by impressions on sensitive plates. He shuts out by non-conductors electricity and heat.



Dr. Schraff obtained various impressions by strongly thinking of an object the effect produced by the thought-form appearing on a sensitive plate; thus he tried to project a portrait of a lady then dead whom he had known, and produced an impression due to his thought of a drawing he had made of her on her deathbed.

One striking illustration is that of a force raying outward, the projection of an earnest prayer. Another prayer is seen producing forms like the fronds of a fern, another like rain pouring upward, if the phrase may be permitted.

A rippled oblong mass is projected by three persons thinking of their unity in affection. A young boy sorrowing over and caressing a dead bird is surrounded by a flood of curved interwoven threads of emotional disturbance. A strong vortex is formed by a feeling of deep sadness.



Looking at this most interesting and suggestive series it is clear that in these pictures that which is obtained is not the thought-image, but the effect caused in etheric matter by its vibrations, and it is necessary to clairvoyantly see the thought in order to understand the results produced.

All students know that what is called the Aura of man is the outer part of the cloud-like substance of his higher bodies, inter-penetrating each other, and extending beyond the confines of the physical body, the smallest of all. They know also that two of these bodies, the mental and desire bodies, are those chiefly concerned with the appearance of what are called thought-forms.

Man, the Thinker. Man, the Thinker, is clothed in a body composed of innumerable combinations of the subtle matter of the mental plane, this body being more or less refined in its constituents and organized more or less fully for its functions, according to the stage of intellectual development at which the man himself has arrived.

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Plainly there was nothing more to be done, and while I was exceedingly sorry for the girl, I was obliged to advise her to go back to the baggage office and pay them what they demanded.

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