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(From Blackwood's Magazine.)

THE SPECTRE SHIP OF SALEM.

The Rev. Cotton Mather, D. D. and F.
R. S., an eminent clergyman of Boston, in
Massachusetts, who flourished about the
end of the 17th century, wrote a curious
book, entitled "Magnalia Christi Americana,"
in which he has exhibited, not only
his own, but the prevalent superstitions
of the times in which he lived. The coun-
try had been, in the language of that pe-
riod, exposed to "war from the invisible
during which the inhabitants were afflicted
with demons, and so wrought upon by
spectres, as to pine, languish, and die un-
der excruciating torments." Sometimes the
demons attacked one part of the country,
and sometimes another; and the object of
the learned and Reverend Doctor's book,
is to authenticate the very tragical instan-
ces in which they infested the houses, and
afflicted the persons of the inhabitants.—
"Flashy people," says he, "may burlesque
these things, but when hundreds of
the most sober people in a country where
they have as much mother-wit certainly as
the rest of mankind, know them to be true
—nothing but the absurd and forward spi-
rit of sadducism can question them. I have
not mentioned so much as one thing, that
will not be justified, if it be required, by
the oaths of more consistent persons than
any that can ridicule these odd phenom-
ena." And certainly few facts, if we may
judge by the evidence, have been better
established than the existence of witchcraft,
and the wars of prodigious spirits in the
provinces of New-England, during the
time of Dr. Mather. We have accounts
of trials conducted with all the form and
implements of jurisprudence, in which ma-
ny persons were convicted of holding com-
munication with demons; and we have,
what is still more remarkable, voluntary
confessions of parties, acknowledging them-
selves in league with the devil. So far,
therefore, as the records and archives of
courts of law can verify the truth of any
investigation, we must believe that many
of the things which Dr. Mather has set
forth, are not only true as historical events,
but also naturally incident, however rarely,
to the condition and fortunes of men.
It is not for us, however, to argue this mat-
ter, but many of the Doctor's stories are
really striking, reviewing them merely as
creations of fancy; and some of the phe-
nomena which he describes, and boasts of
having witnesses to confirm, have in dif-
ferent ages been seen in similar forms, and
in countries far remote from New-England.
The prodigy of the Cross, which Constantine
and his army beheld in the air, is of this
description; and apocalyptic vouch-
safed to Godfrey, in the Crusade, is of the
same character. Dr. Mather describes
noises and hurlings heard in the air, a
short time prior to the Indian war of 1675,
accompanied with the beating of battle.—
But without entering into any particular
disquisition concerning these omens and
auguries, we shall here present a version
of his story of the naval apparition, only
premising that it contains several particu-
lars which the Doctor has not noticed, but
which we are persuaded, are not less true
than those he has related.

A ship, called "Noah's Dove," was
preparing to sail from the port of Salem
for "Old England," when a young man,
accompanied by his bride, came and en-
gaged births for himself and her, as passen-
gers. No one in all Salem was in the
slightest degree acquainted with this hand-
some couple, nor did they themselves seek
any acquaintance in the town; but until
the vessel was ready, lived in the most se-
cluded state. Their conduct was perfect-
ly blameless, and their appearance was
highly respectable; but the sharp-sighted
people of Salem knew the prestigious ap-
pearance of the demons which afflicted the
country, and they discerned something ab-
out them which could not be deemed
otherwise than mysterious.

Many persons intending to revisit their
friends in the old country, took passages
also in the Noah's Dove; but the friends
of some of them thought they were rash in
doing so, and that it would be as well to
learn something of their two questionable
fellow-passengers, before hazarding them-
selves at sea with persons so unknown and
singular. These admonitions gave occa-
sion to much talk in Salem; but instead
of having the effect intended, a fatal obsti-
nacy became prevalent, and prevented ev-
ery one who proposed to sail with the ves-
sel, from paying the slightest attention to
them. This strange insularism only served
to deepen the interest which the town
took in the departure of the ship.

At last the day appointed for her sail-
ing arrived. Never had such a solemn day
been seen in Salem; and, moreover, it
happened to be on Friday; for the Captain
was not such a godly man as the mariners
of Salem generally were in those days.—
A great multitude crowded the wharves,
to see their relations embark—all were
sorrowful, and many in tears. At last, the
ship hoisted the signal for sailing, and,
wonderful to tell, at the same time that
the flag was unfurled, a black bird, much
like a raven, alighted on the hand of the
town clock, and by its weight pushed it
forward, some said full ten minutes. Ev-
ery one who witnessed this sight was struck
with horror, and some laid hands upon
their relations to prevent them from em-
barking. But those who had engaged to
go with the fated vessel, were wilful, and
would not be controlled.

During these struggles, the two unknown
strangers came also to embark, and she
that was the bride was in tears, weeping
bitterly. However, they stepped on board,
and a sudden gust of wind at that moment
(the ship being cast loose from her moor-
ings) made her yaw off, and she was almost
instantly at sea. The crowd, however,
remained anxiously watching her progress,
until she was out of sight. They then re-
turned to their respective homes; and the
whole conversation of Salem for that even-
ing was saddened with presentiments and
forebodings concerning the Noah's Dove.

In the course of the night, the breeze
freshened into a gale, which before the
morning, was heightened to a tempest.—
The sea raged with tremendous fury, and
the wrack of clouds that careered in the
heavens, was scarcely less tumultuous than
the waves of the angry ocean below. All
the inhabitants of Salem were persuaded
that the hurricane had something to do
with the mysterious passengers in the No-
ah's Dove. Many were instinctively con-
vinced, that the ship had perished, and re-
signed themselves to grief. For three
days and three nights, the wrath of the
storm was unmitigated. On the contrary,
it seemed to increase, for although it was
then midsummer, dreadful showers of hail
mingled with fire, and thunder, louder
than had ever been heard before, pealed
continually. No man could doubt the fate
of Noah's Dove. Indeed, it was the per-
suasion of all, that every vessel which was
so unfortunate as to be within the sweep
and phrenzy of the winds and waves, could
not survive the vehemence of their distrac-
tion.

The sun, on the morning of the fourth
day, burst through the clouds in great
splendour—the winds almost instantly be-
came calm—the hail ceased—the thunder
was mute—and the billows from raging
surges rolled themselves into a noiseless
swell. A change so abrupt, convinced the
pious citizens of Salem, that the doom of
the vessel was sealed; and although it was
in vain to expect that the sea would pre-
sent them with any sight of her wreck, or
of that of other vessels, they hastened in
great numbers down to the shore, where
they stood until sunset, gazing and won-
dering, with anxiety and sorrow.

Just as the sun disappeared, a sound of
acclamation and hurry, accompanying
movement, arose from a group of persons
who were standing on the top of the rock,
considerably elevated above the crowd,
and some one cried that a vessel was in
sight. The whole multitude, on hearing
this, were thrown into commotion, and
fluctuated to and fro, eager to catch a
glimpse of this unexpected phenomenon.
It was, however, long before she came dis-
tinctly in sight, for any wind which was
then blowing, was off the shore, and against
the vessel; inasmuch, that an old grey-
headed sailor among the spectators, de-
clared that it was impossible she could
work into the harbour that night. But, to
their astonishment, she still came forward,
with her sails squared and her sails full,
notwithstanding she was steering in the
wind's eye; before her hull could be pro-
perly seen, it was the opinion of all who
beheld her that it was the Noah's Dove.

By this time the twilight was much faded,
but it began to be observed that the
ship brightened, as if some supernatural
light shone upon her, and upon her alone.
This wonderful circumstance was not long
matter of doubt or question, for when the
stars appeared, she was seen as distinctly
as if she had been there in the blaze of
noon-day, and a panic of dread and terror
fell upon the whole multitude.

The Reverend Zebedee Stebbin, who
was then in the crowd, an acute man, and
one who feared the Lord, knew that the
apparition ship was a device of the presti-
gious spirits; and that it behoved all present
to pray for protection against them; he
therefore mounted upon a large stone, and
called upon the spectators to join him in
the 46th Psalm, which he himself began,
repeating the line aloud, and then singing.
The shores echoed with the solemn mela-
dy, and the rising wind wafted it along
the increasing waves.

Whilst the worship was going on, the
sound of cries and lamentations, as of per-
sons in jeopardy, was heard in the air; the
ship at the same time came straight on
into the harbour, and being illuminated as
described, was seen rigging out in every
part, exactly like the Noah's Dove. Ma-

ny of the spectators saw their friends on
board, and would have shouted to them for
joy, but there was something dismal and
strange in their appearance, which awed
them to remain silent. The stranger
young man and his bride, were seen ten-
derly embracing each other, but no noise
was heard on board. At that moment the
mass and rigging fell into the sea as if they
had been struck down by lightning, and
signals of distress were displayed, and still
no sound was heard.

The multitude suspended their breath-
ing, convinced that the vision before them
was the unsubstantial creation of the pres-
tigious spirits. This belief entered all
their minds simultaneously, and in the
same moment the mighty spectre vanished.
The Noah's Dove was never heard of,
and it was believed that in that hour, riven
by the lightning and the tempest, she had
foundered.

"Count me not," says the Rev. Dr. Ma-
ther, at the conclusion of this narration,
"struck with the Luvian superstition, in
reporting prodigies for which I have such
incontestible proof.

SINGING CONDUCTIVE TO HEALTH.

The Editors of the *New-York Evening*
Post offer these remarks to substantiate a
fact which may not be generally known,
but which should be within the knowledge
of all who feel an interest of promoting the
health of those whose sedentary habits ren-
der them most liable to pulmonary affec-
tions.

"Many parents in encouraging the de-
velopment of musical talents in their chil-
dren, have no other view than to add to the
number of their fashionable accomplishments
and afford them a means of innocent
solace and amusement. It was the opinion
of Dr. Rush, however, that singing is to
young ladies, who by the customs of soci-
ety are debarr'd from many other kinds
of salutary exercise, not only to be culti-
vated as an accomplishment, but as a means
of preserving health. He particularly in-
sists that vocal music should never be ne-
glected in the education of a young lady;
and states, that besides its salutary opera-
tion in enabling her to soothe the cares of
domestic life, and quiet sorrow by the uni-
ted assistance of the sound and sentiment
of a properly chosen song, it has a still
more direct and important effect. "I
here introduce a fact," remarks Dr. Rush,
"which has been suggested to me by my
profession, and that is, that the exercise of
the organs of the breast by singing, con-
tributes very much to defend them from
those diseases to which the climate and
other causes expose them. The Germans
are seldom afflicted with consumptions, nor
have I ever known but one instance of spit-
ting blood among them. This, I believe,
is in part occasioned by the strength
which their lungs acquire by exercising
them frequently in vocal music, for this
constitutes the essential branch of their
education. The music master of our acad-
emy has furnished me with an observation
still more in favor of this opinion. He in-
formed me that he had known several in-
stances of persons who were strongly dis-
posed to consumption, who were restored
to health by the exercise of their lungs in
singing."

MISTAKE OF A PROFESSOR.

A grave and learned Professor, in Cam-
bridge University, was one evening walk-
ing behind a fashionable lady in a white
gown, when the dress of females was not
so short as it is now—and being, as schol-
ars sometimes are, rather absent-minded he
mistook the lady's train for his own white
pocket handkerchief, which fancying he had
dropped, he picked it up and put it into
his pocket. The lady continued onward,
and the Professor behind her; but at ev-
ery step he felt a strange jerking and pull-
ing on one side of his coat; but not at all
suspecting the cause, he went on for some
rods along in the rear of his fair neighbor.
The lady perceiving that like true love,
her train did not run smooth, turned to as-
certain the cause, and perceiving that the
learned professor had got possession of
something more than his train of thought,
exclaimed, "Doctor—! thank you
to let go of my gown."

Professor.—Your gown, madam?
Lady.—I beg your pardon, sir, but I be-
lieve in my soul, you've put the tail of my
gown into your pocket.

Professor.—Into my pocket, madam?
Bless me! so I have. I beg ten thousand
pardons; I thought it was my pocket
handkerchief.—Constellation.

Information Wanted.

FRANCIS PATTERSON, an aged, infirm and
indigent soldier of the Revolution, now re-
siding in the State of Mississippi, is desirous
of procuring the requisite testimony, in order to
enable him to obtain a pension from the General
Government. He states that he enlisted in
Edgewood County, North Carolina, in the 24th
Regiment of the Continental Line; that he ser-
ved six years, and was taken prisoner at Cam-
den, Gates's defeat.—Any person or persons
knowing the fact of Mr. Patterson's Revolution-
ary services, will please communicate it to the
Postmaster at Tarborough, N. C.
April, 1830.

Dismal Swamp Lottery,

CLASS No. 5.

To be drawn at Richmond 22d day of May 1830.

1	\$40,000	is	40,000
1	10,000		10,000
1	6,000		6,000
1	5,000		5,000
1	2,000		2,000
10	1,000		10,000

Besides \$600 500 400 300 200.

Tickets \$10. Halves 5. Quarters 250,
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Address all your orders to YATES & McIntyre,
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MANAGERS' OFFICE,

The following are the drawn numbers in the
Connecticut State Lottery, class 4.

52—31—53—5—3—44—54—35—9—50
9. 31. 54. capital \$1000
9. 44. 50. 1000
3. 9. 50. 500

All sold at this office.

Drawn numbers of the Union-Canal Lottery
6th Class.

30—38—52—26—54—11—6—49—22—32
6. 22. 32. \$3000
11. 22. 32. 1000

Both sold at this office.

Dismal Swamp Lottery Extra, Class No. 1.

59—28—18—39—27—30—47—51—19
19. 47. 51. \$2000
19. 27. 51. 1000
19. 27. 30. 400

All sold at this office.

Grand Consolidated No. 8.

22—60—53—2—43—4—6—35—5—33
22. 53. 60. \$20,000
5. 33. 35. 4,800

Let all those who want capital prizes send
their orders addressed to YATES & McIntyre, where
more capital prizes have been sold and paid, than
any other office in Virginia. Amongst the capitals,

12. 43. 47. \$15,000
24. 32. 42. 10,000
12. 31. 48. 10,000
7. 23. 30. 5,000
7. 11. 44. 4,000

Besides many others.

YATES & MCINTYRE, Managers.

DRAWING.

THE following are the drawn numbers in the
Grand Consolidated Lottery, No. 9, viz:
58 31 30 41 2 54 5 7 39.

The following are the drawn numbers of the
Dismal Swamp Lottery, No. 4:

37—48—12—53—2—43—36—34—7—14
12. 37. 48. capital of \$25,000
2. 43. 53. 10,000
7. 34. 36. 5,000
7. 14. 36. 3,000
7. 14. 34. 2,230

Were the five capital prizes.

2. 43. 53. The second capital of \$10,000
7. 14. 36. 3,000
7. 36. 48. 1,000
14. 34. 43. 1,000

All sold at the Managers office—the \$10,000
and \$1,000 to distant customers.

YATES & MCINTYRE,

Managers,
Richmond, Va.

NOTICE.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber, living in
Sussex county, Va. about two months since
a Negro Man Slave, named BEN. The said
negro was purchased by me of Captain Thomas
Gray, Jun. of Southampton. Who, I think,
brought him from the neighborhood of Raleigh,
N. C. where he is, I expect at this time, as he
has near relations at or near Mr. D. Gray's.—
Ben is about 5 feet 8 inches high, stout and
compactly built; very black, with quite a full
head of hair, which he keeps combed very high
in front. As I was in possession of this fellow
but a few days, I know of no marks by which
to designate him. He carried off no clothes.
I will give a reward of \$25 for his confinement
in Jail, so that I get him—or \$40 if delivered to
me.
W. M. P. WYCHE.
March 1, 1830. My 15 pd.



THE SUBSCRIBERS

RESPECTFULLY inform the public that they
have just received from Philadelphia and
New-York, a splendid assortment of first rate
Ladies' Gentlemen's, Misses' Boys' & Children's
BOOTS & SHOES.
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rials, and by superior workmen, which they of-
fer at a fair price.

Work made to order on the shortest no-
tice, and in the best style.

TEN CASES HATS.

ALSO.
A complete assortment of TIN WARE, at
wholesale and retail. All kinds of Tin Work
done to order, as above.

LOUGEE & NEWLON.

April 14.

Take Notice.

THE Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of
the Cape-Fear Navigation Company will be
held in Fayetteville on Friday, the 4th day
of June next, at which time and place, the Stock-
holders are requested to attend either in person
or by proxy.

JAMES MEBANE, President.

April 28.

A meeting of the President and Directors of
the Cape-Fear Navigation Company, will be
held in Fayetteville, on Thursday the 3d day
of June next. Members of the Board are par-
ticularly requested to be punctual in their attend-
ance.

By order

JOHN CRUSOE, Sec'y.

April 28.

Notice to Undertakers.

NOTICE is hereby given, that on the 18th
day of May next, the undersigned, compos-
ing the Building Committee of Randolph Macon
College, in the town of Boydton, Mecklenburg
county, will proceed to enter into contracts for
the erection of the centre building of said Col-
lege—the same to be of brick, and not to exceed
in cost thirteen thousand dollars. Also, one of
brick, intended for the Preparatory school house
to the College, the cost of which shall not ex-
ceed fifteen hundred dollars.

It is intended to construct the centre build-
ing that it may hereafter be conveniently added
to; and such undertakers as may think proper
to do so, are requested to furnish the subscrib-
ers, either on the day, or before, with drafts
for buildings on the most improved plan (as it
respects durability, neatness, plainness and con-
venience) adapted to the appropriations.

Hez. G. Leigh,
Jno. W. Lewis,
James Smith,
Mathew M. Dance,
Jno. Early,
Moses Brock.

April 26.

Land in Wake County.

BY order of the Judge of the Superior Court
of Equity of Wake County, will be sold at
the Court-House on the 3d Monday in June next,
a valuable Tract of Land, lying on both sides of
White Oak Creek, in Wake county, the prop-
erty of the late William McCallers; contain-
ing 1280 acres. From 150 to 200 acres of which
is cleared land and under good fence, with a
Dwelling-House, a Cotton Gin, and other con-
venient Outbuildings thereon erected. The
rest is Woodland. This land lies 16 miles west
of Raleigh, on the road to Haywood, and is a
remarkably healthy situation.

A credit will be given to the purchaser of six
twelve and eighteen months.

For other particulars, apply to Alcey Hunter,
near the premises, or to the subscriber, who is
duly authorised to sell this property.

SAMUEL WHITAKER.

Wake, April 19, 1830.

NOTICE.

Twenty Dollars Reward.

RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 10th
of February last, a white Slave, named CUL-
LIN, or CULLIN MEDLIN, as he calls himself.
He is about 23 years old, 6 feet high, weighs
about 165 lbs. his neck, hands and mouth are of
a reddish look; gray eyes, light hair, and kinky
thick feet; he stammers when talking, has a
small scar on the first joint of the great toe on
his right foot, occasioned by the cut of an axe.
It is probable that he will alter his name and try
to pass among the lower class of white people,
as he is bright himself; his cheeks are very
very white, with yellow spots; his clothing
when he was last heard from consisted of a blue
satinet coat and pantaloons, and white fur hat.
Likely he is in Robeson county, on Downing
Creek, as he has relations there, or in Cumber-
land county, on Cape-Fear.

I will give the above reward for his delivery
to me in Lenoir county, free of any other ex-
pense; or to have him secured in any Jail so
that I get him again.

WILLIAM ROUSE.

March 13.

PROCLAMATION.

By the Governor of North-Carolina.

Two Hundred Dollars Reward!!

WHEREAS it has been made known to me,
that a Murder has been committed in the
County of Caswell, and State of North-Carolina,
on the 12th day of April last, and that a certain
CHARLES WILSON, of the County and State
aforesaid, stands charged by the verdict of a Cor-
oner's Inquest, with having perpetrated the
same on the body of one John Morris, late of the
Commonwealth of Virginia; and as it is further
represented and made known unto me, that the
said Charles Wilson hath absconded and fled
from the jurisdiction and limits of this State, and
thereby eluded the arm of the law and justice.

Now, therefore, to the end, that the said
Charles Wilson may be apprehended & brought
to trial, the above reward of \$200 will be given
to any person or persons who will apprehend
and confine him in any Jail in this State, that he
may be brought to answer the offense with which
he stands charged.

And I do moreover hereby require, command
and enjoin all officers whatsoever, as well civil
as military, within this State, to use their best
endeavors to apprehend and take, or cause to be
apprehended and taken, the body of the said
Charles Wilson, and him safely and securely
keep, so that he shall be brought to justice.

Charles Wilson usually dresses genteelly—is
about 5 feet 4 inches high, dark hair with a few
grey hairs intermixed, and rather a dark com-
plexion.—He is remarkable for having had his
back broken when young, and his forming a
lump so large that no dress can conceal it in
standing and walking by straightening himself,
he tries to make his deformity as little apparent
as possible. He is intelligent, and speaks with
considerable fluency, and appears to be about
forty years old. He has been seen in Lynchburg,
Virginia, and is believed to be endeavoring to
reach Texas, or some part of the Spanish Amer-
ican Dominions, where he has a brother resid-
ing.

Given under my hand as Governor,
and under the great seal of the State,
at the City of Raleigh, this 1st day
of May, A. D. 1830.

JNO. OWEN.

By the Governor,
J. B. Mose, P. Secretary.

April 14.

Wanted Immediately.

A TEACHER, to take charge of Pomona A-
cademy, 14 miles North-east of Raleigh.—
The situation is very healthy, the water good,
the neighborhood agreeable. It is necessary
the Teacher should possess the following qual-
ifications, viz: understand the English & Latin
Languages, and have some knowledge of Mathe-
matics, and be of undoubted moral character.—
To such an one, a salary will be given equal in
amount to \$300.

Apply to the Editors of the Register, to Wm.
Roles, Esq. Postmaster at Holes Store, Wake,
one of the Trustees, or to Seth Jones, Esq. Se-
cretary of the Board of Trustees.
Raleigh, April 29.

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