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MISCELLANEOUS... A NIGHT IN THE BELL INN.

shaded under its walls, seemed to have spread... I heard instead the tread of naked feet...

This strange address was followed by another cry of despair, which died away as suddenly as it was raised.

Now it has always appeared to me that the apostles of scepticism (if the phrases will be allowed me) have like other men with a mission...

There is a very agreeable book by Mrs. Crowe, entitled "The Night Side of Nature," which contains a "dubia cena of authentic tales of terror...

It is not to be supposed that the adventure of my childhood had been obliterated from my recollection by the suppressed bile and good cheer of the "Bell."

The season was winter, but the weather delightful—that is to say, clear and frosty; and even without foliage, the country through which I posted was beautiful.

I had not proceeded very far before I found myself close to a pretty old church, whose ivy towers and countless diamond window panes, were glancing in the moonbeams...

Under the impression that I was subjected to an accidental intrusion, I called out, first in a gentle and afterward into a sharper tone, "Who's there?"

"Yes, sir, that's the place," he added turning to me. And as we approached it, I bethought me that the direction in which I stood upon the stile, I had heard the voice on the night preceding corresponded accurately with that indicated by my guides.

As I lived, I can swear the words and the voice are the very same I heard on the occasion I have mentioned, but (and mark this) repeated to me. With feelings which shall not attempt to describe, I heard the speaker approach the bed—a hand parted the bed-curtains and drew them open, calling a form more horrible than my fancy had ever seen—

Now, reader—honest reader—I appeal to your own appreciation of testimony, and ask you having these facts in evidence, and upon the disposition of an eye and ear witness, whose veracity through a long life, has never once been compromised or questioned, have you not in the foregoing story, a well authenticated ghost story?

The body I have described was identified as that of Abraham Smith, an unfortunate lunatic, who had upon the day but one preceding, made his escape from the neighboring parish warehouse, where he had been for many years confined.

"I had had an uneasy night in the room you assigned me sir; I was very indeed, a miserable night," I said.

"Never," he assured me. "I had suspected the ghastly old practical joke, so often played off by landlords in story books, and fancied I might have been deliberately exposed to the chances of a 'haunted chamber.'"

"Mervyn's tomb!" he repeated after me, why that's down there in the—er—the church-yard you can see from the window of the room you slept in."

There had been an intense black frost, and the ground reverberating to our tread with the hollow sound of a vault, emitted the only noise that accompanied a rapid advance.

He exchanged some sentences with our students in Welsh.

"The Most Wonderful feat of the Morse Telegraph. Yesterday the proclamation of the governor of Georgia, over a thousand words, was received at the office of the Washington and New Orleans Telegraph, in this city, direct from Macon, distance of eleven hundred and seventy miles!"

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Prodigies also arise in another quarter.—The communication between England and the United States formerly required nearly thirty days in the best packets, for passing the news from one side of the ocean to the other.

The talk of "bolting the globe" with the magic wire of the Electric Telegraph, which is alluded to in the foregoing article, has its origin in a recent British periodical, in which the writer suggests an electric telegraph around the world as among the probabilities of the times.

It is a telegraph, it is now, in the course of being actually accomplished, and ere a few years more, it is likely to take its place among the achievements of the age.

THE SECRET OUT. A friend discussed the manner in which our much discussed secret has leaked out at last, as follows: "Travelling in the cars the other day, I observed two gentlemen occupying separate seats, one just behind the other. I noticed that the one on the back seat was leaning forward on the back of the other seat."

THE SOUTH UNDERSTANDS HER CONDITION AND HER DUTIES. The South understands her condition and her duties, she means to employ all the talents God has given her, if in improving the former, and in fulfilling the latter, she is satisfied with her institutions, and she desires no change.

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take never associated itself with the popular prejudices, that it is the nature of his avocation that gives it a peculiarly dignified position. For our part we should be gladly puzzled to discover the limitations between any two of the varied occupations which employ the industry of man, that would raise the operative in the case above the one in the other.

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A Little over a year ago we made out from personal inspection, a pretty full statistical notice of the cotton manufacturing establishments on Deep River, in Randolph county. At that time the lower one, of "Deep River" manufactory, and the upper one, erected by the "Union" company, were not completed.

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