

## FIRST INSTALLMENT

evealed by the experiments of the really politics, except in their re-to observe that they com leighborhood Club have been until lation to life. I am a lawyer by neighborhood "stodgy." A now a matter only of private record. profession, and dabble a bit in city But it seems to me, as an active government. The Robinsons had by regarding them as interlopers. rticipant in the investigations, literature. that they should be given to the Don't misunderstand me. We had drove them too fast; they kept a physical research, for from that editorials and current periodicals, as butler made our neat maids look angle they were not unusual, but well as the new books and plays. as yet another exploration into We were frequently acrimonious, I that still uncharted territory, the fear, but our small wrangles ended human mind.

mind. They have their own pat- ing house ter, of complexes and primal in- Mrs. Dane was a free-lance. "Give the unconscious, which me that privilege," she begged. "At side she excused herself and was stincts, of is a sort explained of trickery, to black silk ther, as you will see. threads and folding rods, to slates On consulting my note-book I chalk on his finger nail.

In other words, they give us subjective mind but never objective ond, of last year. mind. They take the mind and its reaction on itself and on the body. But what about objective mind? Does it make its only outward manifestations through speech and action? Can we ignore the effect of mind on mind, when there are present none of the ordinary media of communication? I think not.

In making the following statement concerning our part in the strange case of Arthur Wells, a certain allowance must be made for our ignorance of so-called phychic phenomena, and also for the fact that since that time, just before the war, great advances have been made in scientific methods of investigation. For instance, we did not place Miss Jeremy's chair on a scale, to measure for any loss of weight. Also the theory of rods of invisible matter emanating from the medium's body, to move bodies at a distance from her, had only been evolved and none of the methods for calculation of leverages and strams had been formulated, so far as I know.

To be frank, I am quite convinced that, even had we known of these so-called explanations, which in reality explain nothing, we would have ignored them as we became involved in the dramatic movement of the revelations and the personal experiences which grew out of them. I confess that following the night after the first seance any observations of mine would have been of no scientific value whatever, and I a place for love and play and

The advertisers in this space are all reliable and you will make no mis-take when you patronize them. If you do not find what you are looking for here come to The Courier Office and we will give you the information desired, Of the medium herself I can only hideous place, when even the say that we have never questioned thought of immortality is unbearable, and life itself a burden; when her integrity. The physical phenomena occurred before she went into all that is riotous and unlawful Walker Ins. Agency trance, and during that time her comes forth and bares itself to the Office Hotel Jones corner light. forearms were rigid. During the Home of Roxboro B. & L. deep trance, with which this un- This was such a day. "Walker's Policies Pay" usual record deals, she spoke in her own voice, but in a querulous found no pleasure in the thought tone, and Sperry's examination of of meeting them that evening. her pulse showed that it went from remembered the odious squeak in eighty normal to a hundred and the wheels of Mrs. Dane's chair. I wenty and very feeble. resented the way Sperry would with this preface I come to the clear his throat. I read in the twenty and very feeble. death of Arthur Wells, our acquaint- morning paper Herbert Robinson's ance and neighbor and the investi- review of a book I had liked, and gation into that death by a group disagreed with him. Disagreed vioof six earnest people who call lently. I wanted to call him on the themselves the Neighborhod Club. telephone and tell him that he was The Neighborhood Club was or- a fool. I felt odd, old and bitter, ganized in my house. It was too and tired. small really to be called a club, but With the fall of twilight, things women have a way these days of changed somewhat. I was more pasconferring a titular dignity on their sive. Wretchedness encompassed activities, and it is not so bad, after me, but I was not wretched. There all. The Neighborhood Club it was violence in the air, but I was really was, composed of four of not violent. And with a bath and our neighbors, my wife, and myself. my dinner clothes I put away the We had drifted into the habit of horrors of the day. dining together on Monday even- My wife was better, but the cook ings at the different houses. There had given notice. were Herbert Robinson and his sis-ter Alice-not a young woman, but the servants all day," my wife said. clever, alert, and very active; Sperry, "I wish I could go and live on a the well-known heart specialist, a desert island." bachelor still in spite of much fem- We have no children, and my inine activity; and there was old wife, for lack of other interests Mrs. Dane, hopelessly crippled as finds her housekeeping an engrossto the knees with rheumatism, but ing and serious matter. She is in one of those glowing and kindly the habit of bringing her domessouls that have a way of being a tic difficulties to me when I reach neighborhood nucleus. It was home in the evenings, a habit which around her that we first gathered, sometimes renders me unjustly inwith an idea of forming for her dignant. Most unjustly, for she certain contact points to borne with me for thirty years tive life " nown throughout the entire priced as a perfect houser. I an close my eyes and ny desired article in my bed-at any time passed the Wells, house on way to Mrs. Dane's that night my wife commented on the condition of the lower floor. Even if they are going out," she I, "it would add to the appeartwo burning. But some people e-nopublic feeling."

terested in the responsibility of the state to the sick poor. My wife The Wellses were a young couple The rather extraordinary story and I had "political" evenings. Not with children, and had been known

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orhood "stodgy." And we had

public; not so much for what they no papers, not set programs. On governess and didn't see enough of will add to the existing data on the Robinson evenings we discussed their children; and their English with the evening. Robinson was

The psycho-analysts have taught the literary editor of a paper, and arrival Sperry came. Mrs. Dane was thing about the individual his sister read for a large publish- in her chair as usual, with her companion in attendance, and when she heard Sperry's' voice out-

of bonded warehouses least, until you find my evenings wheeled out to him, and together from which we clandestinely with- dull. It gives me, during all the we heard them go into the drawingdraw our stored thoughts and im- week before you come, a sort of room. When the Robinsons had pressions. They lay to this uni thrilling feeling that the world is arrived she and Sperry reappeared, conscious mind of ours all phe- mine to choose from." The result and we waited for her customary ena that cannot otherwise be was never dull. She led us all the announcement of the evening's prolabeled, and ascribe such demon- way from moving-pictures to mod- gram. When none came, even durstrations of power as cannot thus he ern dress. She led us even fur- ing the meal, I confess that my curiosity was almost painful.

I think, looking back, that it with false sides and a medium with find that the first evening which di- was Sperry who turned the talk to rectly concerns Arthur Wells case the supernatural, and that, to the was Monday, November the sec- accompaniment of considerable gibing by the men he told a ghost It was a curious day, to begin with. story that set the women to look-



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There come days, now and then, ing back over their shoulders into that bring with them a strange sort the dark corners beyond the zone

of mental excitement. I have never of candle-light. All, of us, I re-Dane, were skeptical as to the supvous irritability, and something of apprehension. My wife, I remember, complained of headache, and one of the stenographers had a fainting attack.

I have often wondered for how much of what happened to Arthur Wells the day was responsible There are days when the world is believe I can speak for the others laughter. And then there are sinister days, when the earth is a

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they are really spirits, why can't kill out the rats, reco they tell us what is going on, not Oman of State College. in some vague place where they are always happy, but here and now, in the next house? I don't ask for prophecy, but for some evidence of their knowledge. Who are going be the next candidates for

sident? Is Horace here the gay Notice Sale Of dog some of us suspect?

As I am the Horace in question I must explain that Herberto was merely being facetious.

retaliated, I regret to say, in kind, "Physical - phenomena!" scoffed the cynic. "I've seen it all-objects moving without visible hands, un-They drove too many cars, and explained currents of cold air, voice whole rotten mess, and I've got a book that tells how to do all the tricks. I'll bring it along some night.'

We were early, as my wife is a "As a matter of fact, Herbert," punctual person, and soon after our Mrs. Dane said, "we intend to put your skepticism to the test tonight. Doctor Sperry has found a medium nonprofessional and a for us, a patient of his, and she has kindly consented to give us a sitting. She is a total stranger to all of us except the doctor, and is a newcomer in town."

The butler wheeled out Mrs. Dane's chair, and led us to the drawing-room doors. There Sperry threw them open, and we saw that the room had bene completely metamorphosed.

The room had been dismantled It opened before us, walls and chimney-piece bare, rugs gone from the floor, even curtains taken from the windows. To emphasize the change, in the center stood a common pine table, surrounded by seven plain chairs. All the lights were out save one, a corner bracket. which was screened with a red paper shade.

Mrs. Dane watched us with keen satisfaction. "Such a time I had doing it!" she said. "The servants, of course, think I have gone mad. All except Clara. I told her. She's a sensible girl."

As the purely physical phenomena obtained proved relatively insignificant, it is not necessary to

go into the detail of the room. As I said at the beginning, this is not a ghost story. Parts of it we now understand ,other parts we

nomena we have no adequate explanation. They occurred. We saw and heard them. For the other part of the seance we have come to a conclusion satisfactory to ourselves, a conclusion not reached, however, until some of us had gone through some dangerous experiences, and had been brought into

contact with things hitherto outside

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thority conferred upon me by a certain deed of trust executed by George W. Duncan on the 5th day of November, 1929, and duly recorded in the office of the Register through a trumpet-I know the of Deeds of Person County in Book No. 6, at page 215, default having been made in the payment of the note secured by said deed of trust, I will on Saturday, November 7, 1931, at 12 o'clock M., in front of

the courthouse door in Roxboro, North Carolina, sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the land conveyed in said deed of trust, to-wit:

In Allensville Township, adjoining the lands of Minnie Eanes et al, lands belonging to the estate of and fronting 752% reet on the Roxboro and Oxford Highway, containing 10% acres, more or less, and known as the EverReady Service being part of the land of the lat: Station

D. C. Lunsford. This October 6, 1931. N. Lunsford, Trustee.

Having qualified as administratrix

ceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 9th day of September, 1932, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please

make immediate payment. This 9th day of September, 1931. Administratrix.

Mrs. Elizabeth F. Rogers,

NORTH CAROLINA. PERSON COUNTY.

N. T. Clayton, administrator of Demps Bumpass, do not. For the physical phe-VS

Enoch Bumpass. Flora Bumpass, Henry Bumpass, Lizzie Bumpass, Dave Bumpass, Mattie Bum pass, Lindy Royster, Linnie Royster, Melkie Cameron and Plunk Cameron.

But at no time, although incred- titled as above has been commenc-

Nathan Lunsford, Commissioner. Administrator's Notice Notice Of Sale Of of the estate of H. W. Rogers, de-NORTH CAROLINA. Person County. Under and by virtue of the power

and authority contained in certain deed of trust executed by Lou M. Davis, Widow, M. D. Gentry and wife, Mabel Gentry and C. W. Davis and wife, Ella L. Davis of good faith. to the undersigned trustee, which said deed of trust is dated May 1st, 1926, and recorded in Book F. L. ty Registry, default having been Weinstein, Attorneys, made in the payment of the in- Raleigh, N. C. debtedness thereby secured and in In The Superior Court the conditions therein secured, the

> ember 4th, 1931, at or about twelve o'clock, noon, at the Courthouse door at Roxboro, N. C., offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property: All that certain piece, parcel or tract of land containing fifty-seven and six tenth (57.6) acres, more or

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cash, the lands described in the

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East by the lands of Mrs. Cara

Adcock; on the South by the lands

Nichols and on the west by the

Dr. C. G. Nichols and the lands of

J C. Lunsford, containing sixty-

This 29th day of September, 1931.

NOTICE

and the said defendants will further A. H. Gentry home place as will lief demanded in said complaint take notice that they are required more fully appear by reference to

uring trance for the sub-conscious without harming pets or livestock the 9th day of November, 1931, and Person County, North Carolina, and that deed from R. A. Gentry, T. W. "If not," he said truculently, "if are being stored is a good time to said action, or the plaintiff will Gentry and wife, to M. D. Gentry nends A. E. apply to the court for the relief of date the 16th day of November demanded in said petition. 1922, of record in the office of the This 30th day of September, 1931. G. L. Brooks. 1922, of record in the error Coun-ty, North Carolina, in Book 30, page by of which reference is made for a more complete descrition of the same, and being bounded on the North by the lands of Z T. Gentry; on the East yy the esder of the Superior Court of Per-tate of S. R. Parham; on the South son County to me directed in that fy the dower lot of Mollie L. Gentate of S. R. Parham; on the South special proceeding entitled L. C. try; and on the West by the lands Morton et al. Ex parte, I will on of J. M. Long, and that certain Wednesday, November 4, 1931, at other piece, parcel or tract of land 12 o'clock M., in front of the court- containing thirty-seven and onehouse door in Roxboro, North Caro- half (37%) acres, more or less, sitlina, sell to the highest bidder, for uate, lying and being on the public road leading from Roxboro to Alpetition in said proceeding, to-wit: lensville, about seven (7) miles almost East from the Town of Rox-Township, Person County, North boro, North Carolina, in Allensville Carolina, bounded on the North by Township, Person County, having Carolina, bounded on the North by the lands of J. C. Lunsford; on the Such shapes, metes, courses and disreference to a plat thereof made belonging to the estate of Joe Luns-, by W. T. Buchanan, Surveyor, on ford and the estate of Dr. C. G. the 15th day of July, 1925, and attached to the abstract now on file with the Atlantic Joint Stock Land Bank of Raleigh, the same being bounded on the North by the lands nine (69) acres, more or less, and of J. E. Montague; on the East by the lands of T. B. Davis; on the South by the lands of T. B. Davis; and on the West by the lands of J M. Wilborn, and being the identical tract of land conveyed to C. W. Davis by Lou M. Davis, Thomas B. Davis and wife on the 24th day of Real Property July, 1925, of record in the offic of the Register of Deeds, of Pe

son County, North Carolina, in Book 33, page 446, to which reference is made for a more complete that description of the same

Terms of sale cash and trustee will require deposit of 10% of the amount of the bid as his evidence

This the 1st day of October, 1931. THE RALEIGH SAVINGS BANK

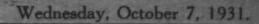
& TRUST CO., Trustee No. 1 page 189 of the Person Coun- J. L. Cockerham and Robert

undersigned trustee, will on Nov- In The Superior Court NORTH CAROLINA. PERSON COUNTY. Bessie Hester. NOTICE VS. OF SUMMONS James Hester

The defendant above named will or less, situate, lying and being take notice that an action entitled about eight (8) miles almost East as above has been commenced in from the Town of Roxboro, in Al-, the Superior Court of Person Counlensville Towpship, Person County, ty to obtain an absolute divorce on State of North Carolina, having the ground of five years separation, such shapes, metes, courses and and said defendant will further distances as will more fully appear take notice that he is required to analyzed them. With me on this member, except Sperry and Mrs. the orderly procession of our lives. will take notice that an action en-The defendants above named by reference to those certain deeds appear before the undersigned to R. A. Gentry, T. W. Gentry, of County, in Roxboro, North Caroernatural, and Herbert Robinson ible things happened, did any one ed in the Superior Court of Person date April 21, 1922, of record in lina, at the Court-house of said believed that while there were so- of us glimpse that strange world County to sell the lands belonging Book 28, page 51, of the office of County, on October 30th, 1931, and called sensitives who actually went of the spirit that seemed so often to the estate of Demps Bumpass the Register of Deeds of Person answer or demur to the complaint into trance, the controls which almost within our range of vision for the purpose of making assets to County, North Carolina, and being filed in said action, or the plaintiff took possession of them were buried ' TO BE CONTINUED pay the indebtedness of said estate; lot No. 1 of the subdivision of the will apply to the Court for the repay the indebtedness of said estate; lot No. 1 of the subdivision of the will apply to the Court for the re-This September 30th, 1931. to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court at his office in Rox- 182 Et. seq., of the office of the

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