THIS IS AN ERA OF MYSTICISM.

the confidence of Mrs. Carson, a rich

Newburg widow. Through this medi-

une Mrs Carson's husband returned,

tions. This fine canvas was presented

to Queen Victoria by Mrs. Carson,

is said, made many valuable sugges- ticism.

Famous Men and Women Searching For the Truth.

Kings and Queens, Actors, Lawyers, Novelists, Clergymen and Physicians Seeking Knowledge of Unseen Forces.

[Copyright, IS96.] is laden with magnetism, electricity, hypnotic suggestion, and one falls to wondering whether we are on the verge of a sublime truth or a dispiriting fallacy.

The first half of the nineteenth century was intensely materialistic, but during the fast waning years of the dying cycle the world is being dominated by mysticism. Even the minds of the sternest realists have become tinged with the new but ever old beliefs, call them superstition or what you will. The grasping capitalist, the close fisted merchant, the carping scientist, the cool headed philosopher and the empty pated woman of fashion all agree that there is a mysterious something in the air that they feel, but fail to comprehend.

Astrology, fallen into disuse for several centuries, is now almost recognized as a divine truth; theosophy comes to us from the mountains and jungles of India, and America claims the distinction of being the birthplace of modern spiritualism.

No infant is born in the orient but an astrologer is consulted as to the stellar conditions under which it came into the world. Nowadays no child of influential parents sees the light but straightway some enterprising news. paper man repairs to an astrologer and has the baby's horoscope cast. No celebrated personage who commits a crime or is overwhelmed by dire misfortune escapes this crucial test, and all of his evil doings are traced to the influence of some baleful star. The world condones his wrongdoing by declaring that he was pursued by a malevolent fate and was pushed to his doom by unseen agencies.

Many men, even those of hard common sense, never undertake anything of importance without consulting an astrologer. This is especially the case with Wall street speculators, sporting men and actors.

An astrologer who has a great vogue is consulted daily by a well known importer, who never makes a new contract or signs law papers without finding out whether the planets are in for-

number of prominent spiritualists, who over the entire universe; the very air covery. She claimed to be the widow Mediums, with real or simulated pow-

> er, have sprung up all over the world, and believers have multiplied until they are numbered by hundreds of thousands,

One of the earliest converts to spiritualism was a distinguished member of the New York bar, Judge Edmonds. Weekly seances were inaugurated at his hospitable home, which was presided over by his beautiful and charmtunate conjunction. Should the config- ing daughter, Laura Edmonds, now urations be unfavorable, the man waits Mrs. Gilmore, Judge Edmonds' resi-until a change has taken place. This dence was the rendezvous for all those

bitues were Edwin Booth. Joseph

Jefferson, Mrs. Kellogg, the mother of

Clara Louise Kellogg; Frank Carpen-

the sweet poets, Alice and Phœbe Cary,

and art. Judge Edmonds wrote a re-

markable work on spiritualistic phe-

nomena and commenced an abstruse

law treatise which was interrupted by

was enabled to complete it through

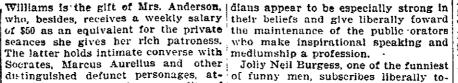
to him when he was in trouble. Mrs. directly in front of the pulpit. Mrs. Isa-Lincoln scoffed at her husband's credu- bella Beecher Hooker, the sister of Mr. lity and called him a fool for his belief. Beecher and a great woman suffragist, spiritualists was Henry J. Newton, a is herself a powerful medium. A wave of psychic thought has swept did it in recognition of her valuable dis. wealthy and philanthropic New Yorker. now dead. It was mainly through his a well known spiritualist. Her ideas forth.

· ELIZ STUART PHELPS)

liberality that the various spiritualistic may be said to be an inheritance, as societies were supported, and he pre-Dale Owen, who was American consul

PRINCE OF WALES

to one of the Italian ports and the author of "Footfalls on the Boundary of Another World." Mr. Owen's death was hastened by the discovery that the



tracted no doubt by the personality of ward the maintenance of the various the wife of the dead tobacco vender, spiritualistic societies. He frequently who, by the way, is not quite up to the holds sittings at his hospitable home, tration through a medium who was in educational standard of today. where many of the professionals as-Ministers of the gospel are, many of scmble.

them, believers in the occult. The Rev. | Minnie Palmer was reared in an at-Heber Newton is one, his sermons dis- mesphere of spiritualism, her mother, urged the painting of the picture, and, it tinctly revealing a leaning toward mys- Mrs. Kate Palmer Stearns, being one of the pillars of that cult. The latter may Henry Ward Beecher, although not be frequently seen in places where the Abraham Lincoln, some of his friends ly one at heart. Many of the older Lillian Russell

Lillian Russell, although perhaps not assert, consulted the spirits when in members of his church will recall the doubt or perplexity. He followed the strange manifestations that occurred brought up among spiritualists. Mrs. said that during these royal scances the doubt or perplexity. He followed the strange mannestations that occurre brought up among spiritualists. Mrs. advice of his mother, who often came many years ago at the reporters' table Cynthia Leonard, her mother, being a spiritualist.

Lotta and her mother. Mrs. Crabtree, have all their lives been thoroughly im. The head and front of the latter day is strong in her spiritualistic faith and bued with spiritualism, and when in New York they may be seen at the vari-Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer of Sorosis is ous halls where the spiritualists hold

Mrs. Lily Devereux Blake is said to she was the favorite niece of Robert be in sympathy with spiritualistic be-

Mrs. Ole Bull and Miss Emma Thursby were at one time avowed spiritualists, but have progressed beyond it. They have graduated into the higher

realm of theosophy and are devoted followers of the Swami Viva Kananda, who disseminated his oriental doctrines her novel, "There is No Death," dealing in New York to his own satisfaction.

Mr. Luther R. Marsh, the dupe of the impostor Diss Debar, has left New York and resides at Middletown, Conn., where he seeks solace in the company of two sisters who are professed mediums. He expends his money upon them and is quite as much infatuated with spiritualism as ever.

Diss Debar, after a dramatic death episode, has been resurrected and is married to a man of means. She was forced to give up some pictures she had borrowed from a dealer and which were supposedly the work of spirit hands. She has lately been connected with the

Onset Bay colony. Mr. Carroll of the New York firm of Dempsey & Carroll, who is now dead, squandered a fortune in the investigation of spiritualism. Mr. Lovell, the New York publisher, is both a spiritualist and a theosophist and was a great friend of Mme. Blavatsky,

Mrs. Katherine Tingley, the leader of the theosophic crusade, was at one time

QUEEN NICTORIA

enlightenment supposedly made many wonderful revelations. She and Mrs. Besant have declared war to the knife. Mrs. Besant for a number of years lived with Blavatsky in London, and when she died the madame's mantle fell upon her shoulders, and she became the high priestess of the English theosophists. Mrs. Besant declares that Mme. Blavatsky has been reincarnated

her spirit has taken possession of the Camaguey. The revolution commenced infant form of the baby of Claude Falls at Baire, near Bayamo, though they Wright, the madame's former secretary A number of prominent personages in

France, England and Russia are full offices, one at 120 Front street and the fiedged spiritualists. The Duchesse de Pomar, now dead, was the leader of the French branch of spiritualists and beleved herself the reincarnation of Mary, queen of Scots.

Queen Victoria herself is firmly conher family endeavor to keep it a secret, thin general of Cuba, Calleja, suspended She gives frequent audiences to clairvoyants, mediums and astrologers, constitutional guarantees by proclamaprince consort, Battenberg and John

mystical novels of Marie Corelli are Victoria's favorite reading. The Prince of Wales shares somewhat in this idiosynerasy. If not a spiritualist, he has among his compatriots. He had visited great faith in lucky and unlocky omens

and will not enter a horse in a race unless the stellar conditions are favorable.

Marie Corelli claims that her wonderfully constructed novels were inspired by spirit guides, she being only

their mouthpiece. Florence Marryat is what might be called a rabid believer in spiritualism, with the most remarkable phenomena. Bulwer Lytton gives frequent proof in his novels of his bellef in the occult. Owen Meredith inherited this tendency from his father and refused to inhabit a certain family estate because of a phantom boy who appeared before every death.

The father of the present emperor of Russia, made Home, the famous American medium, his bosom friend and consulted the spirits on all occasions of importance. Home married a Russian princess.

Napoleon III was in frequent consultation with French and American mediums and had great faith in their mystical powers. They often held seances in the Tuilerles. Alan Kardec was a renowned French spiritualistic medium of that period.

Professor Zollner, the distinguished German scientist, tested the psychic powers of Slade, the American medium, and was apparently satisfied with the result. He has embodied his strange experiences in a book, in which he explains the marvels performed by Slade upon the hypothesis of a "fourth dimension."

Professor Alfred Russell Wallace, who collaborated with Darwin, was an en-thusiastic spiritualist. Professor Crookes, the scientist, is al-

so a convert and explains many of his marvelous discoveries in this way. Mr. W. T. Stead of London, editor of The Pall Mall Gazette, and who is the

author of that remarkable work, "If Christ Should Come to Chicago." is an avowed believer and belongs to the London Society of Spiritualists. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps is a disciple

of the spiritualistic cult and strongly



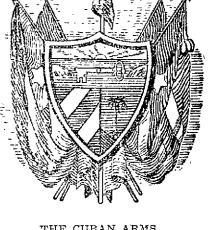
Origin of The Cuban Rebellion.

in the person of an East Indian boy. It raised the standard of Cuba Libre in say in New York city that the uprising virtually began there in the cramped and cheerless rooms of two newspaper

other at 42 Broadway. Word had been conveyed by courles all over the island a week before. The secret agents of the Spanish government apparently knew of the contemvinced of the truth of spiritualism, but themselves, for on Feb. 23 the then cap-

tion and next day announced that the Lillian Russell, although perhaps not an avowed believer, was nevertheless brought up among splaibulate for the particle has also been converted. It is the provide the particle because the with instant death. At that time there were 17,000 Spanish soldiers in Cuba Brown return to earth and hold fa- diate call if an emergency arose which miliar converse with the living. The liquired their services.

Marti had spent three years in the work of arousing public enthusiasm



THE CUBAN ARMS.

Santo Domingo and persuaded General Maximo Gomez, the former military leader, to assume the command of the stattering Cuban forces. Preparations had been fully made, and the conflict began under the best of auspices for the strugging Cubans.

At first sight there was something particularly pathetic in the outbreak of another revolutionary fever in that lovey tropical island which the Spaniards, doubtless with a touch of that grave irony which underlies their moody character, call "the over faithful." So much blood had been spilled, so much treasure squandered by Spain and her rebellious colony, that it would seem as if they should both have been wise enough to discuss and settle their differences without fighting. But it is difficult to argue with a Spaniard, one of the most self centered of mortals. He understands much better the arbitra-

ment of aim. There is something inposing in th leisurely way in which he enters upon the suppression of a revolt; something miraculous in the manner by which he goes on finding troops and rescurces after one supposes him quite exhausted. Apparently he learns little or nothing by experience. If he had even the prudence of the child who has once been scalded he would not worry the pair.ots of Cuba to desocration. It was still measurably near to one revolution which convulsed the island's business for years and cost Spain more than 600 of her best soldiers, and yet he was ready to begin the ferocious farce

There were minor revolts in 1717, 1727

and there was the Black Rebellion in the

early part of the century, but the firs.

attempt at independence was by Nar cisco Lopez, a native Venezuelan, long

all over again.

until a change has taken place. This person declares that when he follows who wished to inquire into the truths the advice of his astrologer he never of the new revelation. Among the hamakes a mistake and that when he does otherwise he is unlucky.

It is a well known fact that there is a woman calling herself a psychometrist ter, the artist; McDonald, the sculptor; who haunts the New York city Consolidated Stock Exchange. She gives tips and many others famed in literature to the brokers, who either pay her a certain percentage of their earnings or offer her a fee for her services. This self constituted sibyl is not, however, invariably successful, and high words death. It is asserted that his daughter frequently pass between her and her credulous clients.

A distinguished artist in New York declares that his only successful pictures are those painted under inspirational teachings and yows that he never has any luck if he goes contrary to the reading of his adviser, a prominent astrologer. He only begins a great painting when certain planets are amicably disposed in his horoscope or when the moon is on the increase in his Foster's, the well known medium.

communications received from her father in the spirit world. Edwin Booth, with his impressionable nature, became thoroughly imbued with the doctrine and, it is said, received frequent messages from his dead father and wife. This belief was quite in keeping with the melancholy temperament of America's greatest actor. He was also a frequent visitor at Charley

Joseph Jefferson, after a thorough innatal sign. I asked a famous star reader whether vestigation, became an advocate of splrhe could give points about speculation itualism. He is a fine amateur artist, and, his friends say, never took a lesand whether Wall street operators ever consulted him. He was honest enough son. It is said that he believes that his to say that if he could predict for a cer- genius is an inspiration derived from dead and gone masters in the spirit land. tainty the rise and fall in stocks he would be a millionaire instead of a poor His daughter, who was ill for some time, was cured through the intervention of astrologer.

"I know of course," he said, "that Charley Foster. President and Mrs. Cleveland, who certain conjunctions or oppositions of the planets imply disaster, while others are close friends of the Jeffersons, have, are propitions; however, the money it is whispered, become convinced of the truths of spiritualism. However, hall every Sunday. His wife has taken kings of the street make such extraordinary combinations that they outwit this is a tabooed subject except in the his place. even the stars, and we cannot always intimacy of the two families and a scforetell their moves."

Clara Louise Kellogg was reared in married Searle, a man many years her Jay Gould put implicit faith in the an atmosphere of mysticism and saw Junior, was dominated by mediums and rulings of the stars and was superstitions to a degree. He never attempted nothing strange in the assertion that invariably pursued the policy laid down any big deal without first finding out she was guided by unseen influences. to her by disembodied beings. It was whether the planets were favorably dis- Mrs. Kellogg believed that friendly spir- owing to their influence that the singuposed toward him. The king of finance its fostered the musical intelligence of larly incongruous marriage took place, occasionally visited a certain astrologer her gifted daughter and were intimate and when, after her death, there was factors in her success. Clara Louise litigation over the estate witnesses in whom he placed implicit confidence, was never overfond of study, and was were brought into court who detailed but more often he made his calculations himself. He was entirely capable of often soundly berated by her music the conversation of the spirits. Mr. easting a horoscope, as he owned a teacher, an excitable Frenchman. Mrs. Scarle corroborated much that was arge collection of astrological books, Kellogg would often poke her head told. which he kept hidden away in an ob- through the doorway and say: "Never Mrs. Huyler of New York, now dead,

scure corner of his library. Daniel mind, professors go away and let Clara was a rich widow and a well known Huntington, Jim Keene and, in fact, Louise alone. She hasn't a blt of sense figure at the Victoria hotel, where she most men who are given to speculation today. The spirits will come to her by resided for a number of years. Most of are believers in lucky days and num- and by and explain her lessons. Come her money went to mediums, who workback tomorrow and the'll be all right." |ed on her credulity. It was owing to It seems that certain stars indicate The irate professor, who hadn't the faith her liberality that the Red Jacket monbers.

the time for certain deals in stocks. of the good lady, would pick up his hat, ument was erected, the old chieftain Thus, when Venus is in fortunate con-stam the door and leave the embryo humself, it is declared, directing the function with the natal star, it is safe prima donna to herself and her spilit work through Mrs. Huyler's favorite to take a flier in sugar, or if Jupiter guides. When he returned for the next medium. Strange to relate, the ancient is happily aspected wheat will be a good lesson, his pupil would sing like a bird. sachem had forgotten his mother tongue speculation, and so on. Whether Clara Louise became repent- in the happy hunting grounds and

About 40 years ago the Fox sisters ant and diligently applied herself to her could not speak a word of Seneca to his discovered, or invented, spiritualism. task or whether she was really instruct- Indian friends. discovered, or invented, spiritualism, task or whether she was really instruct. Indian friends. The Rochester rappings became world ed by disembodied spirits it would be alism naturally, probably because they writer, now dead, and who was connect-renowned and brought the Fox girls difficult to say. The professor shook his alism naturally, probably because they ed with The Ledger for many years and before the public. One of the sisters head significantly when questioned wish to communicate freely with the was the author of a number of books. died two or three years ago, after hav- about the matter.

ing denounced spiritualism as a fraud Frank Carpenter, the artist, was the the relict of the dead tobacconist, is strong in her belief. and exposed it. She afterward recanted friend of Abraham Lincoln and spent saturated with spiritualistic doctrines. Mrs. Eleanor Kirk Ames, the journaland declared that she was driven to do months at the White House while Her medium and bosom friend is Mrs. ist, has herself great mediumistic powso by the spur of necessity, a certain painting his portrait. His book, "Six | Willhams, the lady whose fake mate- er and is a learned writer on mystical sum having been offered her if she Months In the White House," has gone rializations were exposed several years subjects. would confess to the deception. This through many editions. Mr. Carpenter ago in Paris. Nevertheless Mrs. Ander- Besides Edwin Booth and Joseph Jef-

woman was morally degraded and a is an earnest devotee of spiritualism. son sticks faithfully to her spiritual ad- ferson, there are hundreds of men and house at a dollar a head, when she was in the Century Dictionary, is an avowed placed in Providence without ceremony physical wreck. Although this was an He received the commission to paint viser and consults her on all occasions. women on the stage who acknowledge blindfolded and by means of a hand-accepted fact, she was supported by a the great picture of the Alabama arbi-. The beautiful home owned by Mrs. the power of spiritualism. Low come- kerchief taken from those who sought periments. SELMA JEFFRIES. ple even of that place.

ARMY AND NAVY

advocates this belief in her books, "The Open.'

tained in the body of a cat. transmigration and is a lover of the eaten Spanish policy of making the col-

the theosophical ranks and is a devotes at the shrine of Buddha.

Dr. Elliott Coues of Washington, who the first commander in chief of the fervid spiritualist and psychometrist. She was wont to hold seances at her prepared the ornithological department United States navy, has recently been

a resident of Cuba, who represented the creole population. His initial expedition in 1849 was defeated by the vig-

lance of the United States authorities. A second attempt, made in 1850, after a landing at Cardenas, also resulted in failure. In August, 1851, Lopez sailed from New Orleans in a steamer with 500 men and landed at Morillo, in the Vuel ta Abajo district. The expected flocking of the people to his aid did not occur; many of his men were killed in the engagements that followed: 50 captured with Colonel Crittenden were shot in Havana, and the survivors, who, with their leader, had taken refuge in the woods, were soon made prisoners. Lopez was garroted in Havana on Sept. 1, some of his comrades were shot, but most of the survivors were transported

and subsequently pardoned. In 1852 there was a new conspiracy, and two years later another futile at tempt at revolution.

Oct. 14, 1868, was the day set by Cuban revolutionists for the succeeding outbreak, but their intentions becoming known to the government Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, the head of the movement, declared for independence on the field of Yara on Oct. 10. Then followed the sanguinary struggle known as the ten vears' war.

Here is the incident of Cuba Libre's national hymn: On the morning of Oct. 20, 1868, Bayamo fell into the hands of the Cubans. As the victorious troops rode into the town the bells began to ring and hundreds of Cuban flags waved from roofs and windows. In front mounted on a beautiful white horse, waving his hat, rode a young man, who turned as he reached the plaza and cried in a loud voice: "Bayames! Viva Cuba Libre!" The band appropriately struck up "La Bayamesa" ("The Girl of Bayamo"). Then Pedro Figuerdo, the young man on horseback, took out his book and wrote on his knee the "Himno Bayames," the present national hymn of the fighting Cubans. After the war ended the Spanish would not allow the hymn to be sung under its original title, "Marseilless," and the name wa: changed to its present designation.

It required the power of Spain's army

Cubans to terrorize Cuba into submis-

sion. Europe and America, horror

whole population cannot be stamped

out of existence simply because it will

not consent to be ruined by discriminat-

Gates Ajar" and "The Gates Wide and the slaughter of a vast number of

Ella Wheeler Wilcox has great faith in astrologists, palmists and gypsy fortune tellers. She believes in transmigration and owns a beautiful cat for stricken looked on at the butchery, but which she has a great affection. She said no menacing word to Spain. declares that her soul was once con-Minnie Maddern Fiske, the actress, has imbibed the Buddhistic idea of ing duties, victimized by the worm

ony a desert that the mother country occult. The Countess de Brazza is high up in may blossom as the rose. A statue to Captain Esek Hopkins,

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et of which amounted to £42,500,000.

course, were little more than military of the handsomest monuments in the corps in 1802, which have been hung on the Windward, lately presented to set out on horseback to take command parades. cemetery. The monument which the members of

Of the 250,931 recruits for the German the boundary line between France and the Iron brigade are to erect to the vention of gunboats and armor protect- G. Totten, held the office for 26 years. army examined last year only 285 were Spain. Bidesson has furnished Loti memory of General John Gibbon in the ed guns dates back to the fifteenth cenwith the material for two books, "Ra- Arlington cemetery, across the Potomac tury.

the walls of his office. There have been Lieutenant Peary by Mr. Harmsworth, of the forces encumped about Boston. M. Berthelot maintains that the in- 14 in all, one of whom, General Joseph has spent 39 years and made 30 voyages in arctic waters. His father and grand- any country on behalf of its army is father were engaged in arctic work he- that of Russia, the latest military budg-Undertaker Smith of Leavenworth, Kan., at the recent reunion of the Grand fore him.

Washington's commission as com- Colonel John C. Moore has been semander in chief of the United States lected to write a history of the services lot, now at Bidessoa, on the coast near war 41 times. Many of the "wars," of the granite, and the whole will be one in office since the organization of the log commander of 17, 1775, and on June 21 of that year he who went from Missouri.

the pioneer woman doctor of the United States, was a pronounced believer and it is said was guided in her diagnosis of diseases by learned M. D. spirits.

beautiful materialized spirit Katie King

Mrs. Clemence Lozier, now deceased.

MARRYAT

FLORF

was a fraud.

dear departed. Mrs. John Anderson, was frequently seen at seances and was

unable to read and write, Lieutenant Julian Vlaud, otherwise Pierre Loti, has been relieved of the command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command of the French gunboat Jave-Since 1837 Great Britain has gone to Command Since 1837 Great Britain Has gone to Command Since

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