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Prispevki k odkrivanju zgodovine ezoteričnih tradicij - v izvorniku

THE following experiments were tried recently in the presence of my mother and sister.

As my mother does not believe in spiritual phenomena, I asked the good spirits to give her some tests through my mediumship. Each of the objects she gave me to hold, for the spirits to trace out its history, I had never seen before, with the exception of a ring; I did not know when this ring or any other particular object was given me to test, since every object was first well wrapped up by them in paper and handkerchiefs.

I never wish to know what objects I hold. Antiquities are always better than new things, since the latter have no stories to tell.

First object.—Bones found in a sarcophagus in Egypt, bought at an antiquary's shop in Rome. *Sensation* — “I feel sick, I see the blue sea; it is splendid. Suffocating heat, I see antiquities, old Egyptians, and ashes. I feel such great oppression.” Here I grew pale, so my mother took the object away.

2. — An old French knife, brought by a French prisoner in 1872; he said he had found it in France, digging in the earth. *Sensation* — “It's metal. I feel a contracting force and a taste of iron in the mouth. French or Italian peasants are digging; they are very brown. I see blood. A woman is crying.”

3. — A golden ring of my mother's, with an amethyst with an R. carved upon it. *Sensation* — “I see an amethyst and all sorts of precious stones. A Turk, with a turban sells them. I see an R. A beautiful country, the sea, trees; I could draw it. Mamma and the sisters are joking and laughing.” I so well described the scenery that my mother and sister remembered that the day after they had bought the ring they were merrily joking in the midst of the scene described, which was near Naples.

4. — A bottle containing medicine, bought by my mother at Leipsic, in the Löwen-Apotheke; I never knew of the existence of such a shop at Leipsic, and had never seen the medicine. *Sensation* — “Mamma holds a bottle in her hand and puts it in her pocket. It contains medicine. There is something written upon it. Now I see — it's 'Löwen Apotheke!' I feel quite unwell, and am sure it's medicine.” *

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* If Baroness Vay would minutely describe the conditions under which she gets these results, what are her sensations, whether she is in a trance or her eyes are closed at the time, how she knows whether the thoughts of the persons present about the articles and not the articles themselves are exerting an influence over her, and why she thinks that spirits have anything to do with the matter, such details would be of interest. Professor William Denton, once published a large number of similar experiments, in which his numerous sensitives traced out what purported to be the histories of geological specimens.
— Ed.