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Peaudale R. I. March 14. 89

John C. Bundy Esq,

Dear Sir.

I wrote a note to you

Yesterday, in which I intended to add,

as follows, ~~concerning the "Fox Gents"~~
"The Fox Gents" who in their ~~old age~~
~~who~~ have disavowed Spiritualism -

(at least, one of them) and declare

all of their "manifestations" were mere

Frauds on their part; thus indi-

cating a degree of depravity that is

not only ~~unconceivable~~ incredible,

but - ~~to say~~ ^{impossible} - inconceivable.

It has been said they have become

intemperate: ~~If this is the case; then~~

If this is the case, may not their apparent
travels may be ~~travels~~ ^{impossible} accounted

for, and without, ~~the degree of~~
increasing the degree of
Criminality they have been charged with.

2) Furthermore, ~~as~~ as there was the first instance of the our new Era of "Spiritualism", ~~may~~ ^{may} not this fact imply a ~~very~~ ^{peculiarly high} degree of the description of Sensitiveness that is incident to "Spiritual Mediumship".

It has occurred to me that inasmuch as the Mediumship of the "Fox Sisters" ~~was~~ first manifested itself in the ~~vicinity~~ ^{vicinity} of Farm Neck, ~~where~~ ⁱⁿ which Dr. King's Rods were used for ~~purifying~~ ^{purifying} water, ~~that~~ ^{on water} is also a Spiritual Manipulation, the vicinage ~~in itself~~ ^{itself} may be peculiarly adapted to development of "Spiritual Mediumship".

You are, of course, familiar with the ~~story~~ ^{history} of "The Cook Lane Ghost", that created such an excitement in the City of London, about a Century ago; and which, ~~was~~ ^{was} the Mr. Colclutha. But some fishermen went to see, It seems incredible that there could have been such a degree of incredulity concerning possibility of Ghosts at that time, ^{on the ocean} ~~where~~ ^{where} these Knockings ^{or raps} always occur in presence of a little girl, and were attributed to her ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~wisdom~~ ^{wisdom} of ~~distribution~~ ^{distribution} of an idea that was confirmed by the fact that when she was threatened with whipping, ~~for~~ ^{for} the Knockings ceased; as we ~~now~~ ^{now} know, that unless the mind of a "Spiritual Medium" ^{is} in calm condition, the power of Mediumship is suspended, for the time being, ^{when in Power} The Spirit of "Ordores" is, no doubt, the blackest, ~~and~~ ^{and} foulest

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written and said, that "I tell"
I have not been able to invent and
set at work.

In regard to the incredulity
that denies the possibility of "Ghosts" or
"Haunted Houses", I will here remark
that being at a Hotel in the City of
Genoa, in Italy, some years ago, a
gentleman called to see me, and pro-
posed to take a trip in a private
Carrriage, for a few days.

Our journey ended at the City of Nice,
where I remained about a week and
saw my companion, whose name I
do not know, and knew not his name until
he arrived at Nice, where he had
a nice residence of his own, and in
which he asked me to spend the winter.
That I would gladly have gladly accepted
had other engagements, ^{and business,} not forbidden.

I made no mention of the subject
of Spiritualism to him, but happened
to think of the Irish "Banshee",
and supposing it to be a mere superstition

4 and entertained by the lower classes, ^{only,} I
asked him about it,

To my amusement, he replied that
he had often heard it on his own house,
~~and~~ and always heard ^{it} when a relation
of his ~~the~~ died; and this, which he
had otherwise ~~been~~ ~~heard~~ ~~of~~ ~~it~~,
or not.

So much for the Ridicule that
is often excited at the idea of there being
any such thing as Haunted Houses, or of
Ghosts, or any thing of the kind, that
was a kind common among intelligent
people ^{in these United States,} when I was a young man, and which
prevails to this day in no small degree;
and ~~by some~~ especially by Pious ^{numbers} ~~numbers~~
of Christian Churches, when Religious
^{tenets are} founded upon The Holy Bible, ~~which~~
is chiefly a record, a ~~history~~ ^{history}, of
Spiritual Manipulations,

In Europe, and other ~~old~~
long settled portions of our globe, there
is far less incredulity concerning the subject
of "Haunted Houses" &c, of this ~~kind~~
description of Phenomena, for reason - probably -
that permanence of residence ^{on} ~~of~~ the same

on the same premises, in the same dwellings,
and therefore,
especially in part of Royalty, Nobility and
Gentry, ^(who most do so) than can ~~possibly~~ be the case in

recently settled Colonies, or districts,
We are familiar with ^{accounts of} an Imperial
Castle in Germany, that is said to be
haunted by "The White Lady," ^{Malinche's Spirit of "The White Lady"} ~~and which~~
^{and who also visits others of the Castle of this Imperial Family.}
^{through I visited this Castle, and found it in}
midst of all circumstances that are so still,
~~that~~ it is almost the only ^{remains} one of a
wide vicinity.

^{Its reputation being about,}
I could be received, ~~and was most kindly received,~~
~~its (its reputation being about)~~ and was
shown throughout the vast establishment,
that was highly interesting,
~~apparently,~~ but especially, the Room,
~~in which on the wall of,~~ ⁱⁿ which hangs a
painted portrait of "The White Lady",
which has been hung, for Centuries,
and appears to be as fresh as it could
have been at the time it was painted.

I was ^{that} opened, The White Lady herself,
is often seen walking about this house,
and ^{often} visits her Portraiture, - especially
when a member of The Imperial Family

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is about to die; of which incident she appears
to have narration,

I also made a visit to the Ferris
"Blacksburg". That is a dense Mountain
~~the~~ of about fifteen ^{hundred} feet in height;
~~and~~ about the summit of which,
~~the~~ living species are seen as
night, that are ~~so~~ frequently
so threatening, so terrific in aspect,
that ^{not} a few of them who had come from
far see, fly from the place with
utmost precipitation.

I spent two nights there, but ~~see~~
nothing unusual appeared, and being
obliged to leave, I did so, with intent
to return to return soon, though I
did not,

A Mayor of ~~the~~ the City of
Magdeburg, ^(I think it was) with whom I travelled
several days, told me he had often
visited the "Blacksburg" and with
results that quite confirmed the ~~truth~~
^{generous} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~extraordinary~~ ^{extraordinary} ~~reputation's~~
exhibitions

Culture to J. C. Munter of
March 14. 89 - at last and 4 Shennels
magnificent - from Vermont, Putnam Bay, N.

I beg leave to enclose the article
to you ; if you find it worthy of
a place in your Journal, please
insert it, and send a dozen copies
of it to my address,

Otherwise, please return it to
me and oblige your truly,

Jos. P. Hyatt