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CLAIRVOYANCE AND THE LAWS OF PERCEPTION.

BY HENRY G. ATKINSON, F.G.S., AUTHOR OF LETTERS TO MISS MARTINEAU.

The facts of Clairvoyance are but exceptional instances, pointing to the laws of perception in general, to exhibit which was one of the principal ideas in my letter on Methods, addressed to Miss Martineau, at her particular request, as the preface shows, published in the same year as Professor Gregory's book, before Spiritualism was heard of in England, and which Spiritualists, of all investigators, should be the first to appreciate. A few extracts having reference to Mrs. Croad's case will suffice for the present, more particularly since those published letters have been long out of print. In letter ten, p. 72, I state, "It appears to me that the senses are simply instrumental; that is, the media or conditions by which impressions of external objects are, under ordinary circumstances, made to the brain. I mean that there is no sense or consciousness out of the brain; that the entire perceptive power is within the brain. It is natural that we should expect to trace the nerves of each sense direct to the part or organ in the brain appropriate to that sense. However, this cannot be done. The nerves from the eyes for instance, do not pass direct to the perceptive faculties, but, like the other sense nerves, pass on to masses of grey matter at the back of the brain, which, however, communicate with the cerebrum and cerebellum. It occurs to me, therefore, that it is very possible that the sense impressions do not pass along the nerves into the perceptive region of the brain as electricity passes along wires; but that the nerves of sense serve for a supply or force and receptive special medium or condition of that medium, the impressions on which act directly on the brain or organ relating to such impressions. I think that the muscular and executive forces of the system are more nearly allied to electricity, and the receptive and mental powers more to magnetism. I think also that the passage of the impressions from the nerves of sense to the organs of the brain, resembles that from the external object to the sense; as in the

case of the retina in seeing: and that the combined actions and associations in the brain—in our thoughts—occur in a similar way. We must not expect in these days of spiritual light to find the vital actions with our organary perceptions; or clairvoyant actions, or our instincts and intuitions to be all after the fashion of mechanism. Even the materialists ignore such a false issue as that. But the view we have taken will seem reasonable to those who will consider how light and heat and magnetism pass from object to object and interpenetrate; and how pain may be transferred from one part of the body to another, and from person to person where the relations of sympathy or *rapport* exist, or with the “sounding and sensitive flames.” Remember also, how, under appropriate conditions, one mind or brain is directly influenced by the silent action of will of another, or sympathetically receives impressions, inducing similar ideas, or impulses or feelings, as the case may be. The spirit investment in relation to the external spiritual or ethereal medium interpenetrating throughout, seems to be the true source and medium of all power and the basis of all mental phenomena, be it conscious or unconscious; this was the firm conviction of both Bacon and Newton. Bacon’s view will be found in my letters to Miss Martineau, and Newton’s in Lewes’ “*Problems of Life and Mind*.” The visual perception of direction and distance is intuitive, and the mental sense is in effect cast back to its sources and object—a common case in all perception and of all the senses. See the experiments of Matteucci on “induced contraction from the leg of a dead frog through an insulated layer, capable of intercepting not only the proper or muscular currents, but even that of the pile which excited the induced contraction.”

Even Mr. Roden-Noel, in a famous essay on perception, suggests the necessity of some such spiritual investment to account for perception. The fact is, in Nature the sympathetic relations, so to speak, do and effect all by the spirit within, in conjunction with the ethereal elastic medium of communication throughout. We must then consider how the closing of the ordinary inlet may open another channel, and the medium of heat, for instance, be made to serve the purpose of light, so that that abnormal lady, Mrs. Croad may perceive with her fingers, of which I have had many instances in my large experience. But for the moment enough said by way of suggestion, and anyhow the facts of clairvoyance remain

true, however explained or not explained at all, for all Nature fundamentally considered is mystical and transcendental, as Tyndall truly remarks.

A most remarkable case is related in my letters to Miss Martineau, of a lady blind from birth, but who could see in her sleep. There was most constant and positive proof of the fact of her perception of what was occurring at a distance; forms and colours were all described with great exactness, but such questions require great experience, most careful observation and criticism, and not one book but many books in illustration. All we can now hope for is to allay prejudice, incite inquiry and interest, and let it be seen and understood how we are but in the beginning of the science of man and mind as the highest branch of physiology. Leaving metaphysics to the visionaries, idealism is, logically considered, an isolated dreaming and baseless system of visionary illusion.

Boulogne-sur-Mer, France.

Fun, in a notice of *Mother Shipton Investigated*, and the forgeries of Richard Hoad about the life of Mother Shipton, says that if there had been no Head there would have been no tale.

SPIRITUAL LABOURS.—A correspondent writes from the South of France on the merits of various kinds of work for alleviating human suffering and ignorance, as follows:—“Life is one of ever constant action with me. I have taken hold of a fact there is no explaining away, that I am conscious of a consciousness, therefore, ‘I am’ and this one realisation makes me lay hold of the thought that life, or rather living, must have a deep signification my limited powers may not be able to penetrate, but which nevertheless forces me to be up and doing. I find work on every side of me, real work, hard work, material work, and I may add immediate work, for it is my nature to be sympathetic with misery, and to seek to alleviate it, coming personally between the needy minds and bodies, the bigoted religious and equally bigoted irreligious souls. I am not quite sure but this means is by far the most deep and most lasting leaven of humanizing influences we can use to help man upward.”

INEVITABLE MENTAL DIVISIONS.—Mr. Hudson Tuttle says in the *Religio-Philosophical Journal* (Chicago):—“It is well-known to all who have any acquaintance with Spiritualism, that it has its two pretty well defined parties, the party of scientific and critical adherence to evidence, and the party of dreamy and morbid prostration of the intellect, before the uncontrollable vagaries of the imagination. The former are labouring to widen the area of demonstrable knowledge, so that it shall include for all men the proof that there is no death, and shall rescue all from being terrorized and imposed upon by their fellow-beings in this life, by any false assumptions of the necessity of obeying A, B, or C in order to be happy in the life beyond. The latter would like to substitute their own assumptions for those of the church; their own oracles for biblical inspiration; their own seership for the critical spirit; their own fancies for actual knowledge. It is the old conflict between science and assumption.”

A TRUE "ADEPT" TO THE FORE.

We have received a long polemical article from the criticiser of the articles on "The Genesis of the Soul," of which we make the following abridgment. There is not space to spare for so very much about this subject, so the one correspondent had better finish his articles first, and the other give any useful information he can on the subject, afterwards.

That "M. D." may not fondly think he has annihilated me with the butt end of his last article, I beg to inform him that I am in excellent bodily health, and not in the least mental distress; although expecting far more conclusive replies to my plain questions, which for the greatest part remain unanswered. My patience was sorely tried when I saw his articles with their outrageous title, "The Genesis of the Soul." Any Kabbalist could have told him that "*the soul being eternal, never had a beginning*," and has no end. "M. D." has written on something which is *not*, and cannot be the soul; but it may be something else, or it may have no existence external to his own fancy. If the whole series had been written by another and a right-thinking man, who had never heard of Kabbalism and Kabbalists, it might have grown into a tolerably readable and fallacious article on Cosmogony, or Physiophilosophy, or Spiritual Evolution, or Evolutionary Spiritualism, or, in brief, anything else than what its present title would indicate.

A few words, however, on errors in his last article.

There are no three sister Kabbalahs. The true Kabbalah is but one, and has only one secret, which is so simple that a child can understand it; verily *only a child can*. Why does not "M. D." tell us this secret, and why will not he reply to my former question, "whether he speaks from individual experience?"

That the Hebrews were the only Kabbalists I never insinuated. In my last article I mentioned Thomas Vaughan, an Englishman, as a Kabbalist and an Adept. The Hebrews as Monotheists retained the knowledge in greater purity than the surrounding nations; a true tradition is still among them (not the vulgar oral law); there are Adepts among them, but they are few.

To "M. D." the Kabbalah may appear "denaturalised, supernaturalised, and spiritualised;" to me "the Word has become flesh," and the Kabbalah is not a scholastic

theory but a reality and a life practice. There is not a step in the way that I point out to others that I do not go myself. I write of what I *know*, and this is all my difference with "M. D."

"M. D." would have me "consider the value of doctrines as doctrines, as well as their relation to Modern Science," and he most pathetically deplores that I "misunderstand and undervalue Modern Science, and fail to appreciate his teachings of his ancient wisdom." Nevertheless I ruthlessly insist that the Kabbalah has no connection whatever with Modern Science.

I regret to perceive that Occultism has become "Olcottism." Isis is considered to be unveiled, and something which they call Theosophy is taught *ex cathedra*, by a clique, and radically wrong.

Engaged as I am in official duties, literary work, studies of the Occult, and scientific research, my time is so occupied that I really cannot go on exposing all the errors which are now written on this subject. Unheeding the raven's croak I shall continue in my own way and cannot enter into further controversy. Further articles on the practice of the Kabbalah are in the hands of the Editor of this valued paper.

I shall affirm therein what I know to be the truth, but shall not point out errors in other people's papers. Rejoice, all ye theosophical dabblers and freely expose your ignorance. Be your writings ever so perverse, not a word of disapproval or censure shall ye hear from me and with safety to yourselves can ye now defy me!

Seriously speaking, the doctrines of Kabbalism had more chance while neglected, than now that they are fashionably sought after and wrongly interpreted. For better is the simplicity of ignorance than the pride of false science.

Theosophy is not the Theosophy of the Society, and the self-styled Theosophists have no monopoly of God-knowledge. I am not aware that there is any one among them that is an Adept.

Talking about these subjects will not advance you; *now* is the time to betake yourselves earnestly to the task of working out your regeneration.

I do not recommend books, but practice—a right, pure, simple life. True Kabbalah can only be learnt from a true initiate. The teachings of Jesus and Buddha are trustworthy, but many interpolations have to be rejected.

Plotinos is one of the most honest teachers, and his works have least suffered from depredations and forgeries.

The Kabbalah is not at all what Cyclopædias make it out to be. It was only from the teachings of an Adept that I became acquainted with the true doctrine.

For scholars, Dr. Carter Blake has given excellent information, but hardly any one of the books enumerated can be taken as a practical guide. They are invaluable however for literary inquirers. The extensive knowledge of Dr. Carter Blake on this subject has most agreeably surprised me.

Readers who are not interested in this, our folly, will probably think that I oppose "M.D." because two of a trade cannot agree. Nevertheless this is not strictly correct, for I am in no wise connected with the professional Theosophists, I mean the talkers on the subject. I am no ferocious individual; I only consider that false teachers have no right to exist.

"Mnemosyne" need not tremble in his shoes, but may rest assured that further information is forthcoming to him or her. I will roar as gently as a sucking dove all through the pages of this paper, if the Editor kindly permits it.

But as some people have most openly appropriated and perverted the teachings I would give them, and as they persist in giving the simple truth a coating of their errors, calculating only how much knowledge they can get out of me in order that they may appropriate, distort and reproduce it as their own, let them prate ever so much about Kabbalah and Theosophy I must remain unhonored by their acquaintance, for I want them not as teachers, decline them as pupils, and prefer to remain unknown.

J. K.

THE LETTERS OF THE FLETCHERS TO MRS. HART-DAVIES.

Perhaps nothing has so thoroughly alienated all traces of sympathy for Mrs. Fletcher, who is now undergoing her richly-deserved punishment, as the defence she set up in the Police Court in the early part of the case. That defence described Mrs. Hart-Davies, who is a thorough lady in every respect, as a profligate who by stratagem insinuated herself into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, to gain an *entrée* into good society. For this "good and valid consideration," it was argued, she gave the deed, which had been again and again refused by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher, and finally was only accepted on condition that the prose-

cutrix was to live with them free of cost as regarded board and lodging. How much truth there was in the filth thus thrown by the physical medium now in prison, may be gathered from a perusal of the letters of the Fletchers, the whole tone of which is altogether at variance with the defence set up.

To begin with, Mrs. Hart-Davies first met the Fletchers in June, 1879, and never went to live with them till May, 1880; five months of this time she was in France. This absence from the home of the Fletchers, shows how little she cared for the society of the people who paid the Fletchers for their professional services.

The Fletcher letters read in court were seventy-four in number, and it is evident from their contents that the bond of alliance between the Fletchers and Mrs. Hart-Davies, was the affectionate desire of the latter to receive messages from her departed mother.

MRS. FLETCHER DREAMS ABOUT PRESENTS OF PRECIOUS STONES.

LETTER No. 1.—Post-mark June 30th, 1879. From Mrs. Fletcher.

"Sunday Eve.

"Dear Mrs. Hart-Davies,—It is almost unpardonable my answering your letter at this very late hour, but moving and illness must plead my excuses with you. How very kind and sweet your appreciation of Mr. Fletcher is; if all those he tries to help were as appreciative as you are, or even are half so much so, how light the burden of his life would prove. I read to him all your kind, nice words, and I assure you his silence was most eloquent. Your invitation to the Palace I most regretfully relinquished; but intend sending my boy there this week, and if so he will do himself the honour of calling upon you to present my compliments and his own. It is so pleasant this evening that I am half hoping to see you at Steinway Hall. We are told that your dear mother will be present, but I fear Mr. Fletcher's health is so bad he will not be able to give any messages this evening. I do thank you so kindly for your offer to help me—of course, you dear little woman, I could only accept the will, as the deed would have been too laborious for one so very fragile. When we are settled you will come, I trust, to see us, and I feel that our friendship will be long and true, for last night I dreamt that you put a necklet of purple stones around my neck, and that always signifies, if in dreams or reality, abiding and true love. Mr. Fletcher begs to be remembered to you both most kindly, and with many thanks for your kind words, believe me, affectionately yours,

"BERTIE FLETCHER."

ALLEGED MESSAGES FROM "MAMMA."—THE BROTHER
AND SISTER RELATIONSHIP.

No. IV.—Extract from letter from Mrs. Fletcher, dated July 24th, 1879:—

"22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.

"Dear Little Sister,—Your Mamma's words are so comforting (sic), while yours are no less so. I feel that your dear mother's interest in us must account for the warm sympathy I felt for you the first moment I

saw you. Do come to-morrow; we will both be so glad to see you. With our kindest regard to our dear brother and sister at Farquar (sic) House. I remain, affectionately yours,
BERTIE FLETCHER.

"Wednesday Evening."

No. V.—August 5th, 1879:—

"My Dear Sister Juliette,—I think you must be suffering to-day. I have had you so much in my mind and heart. We missed you so much last evening, and regretted the cause almost more than we did your absence. Dear little tired woman, how your poor tortured heart must ache with all the unaccustomed burden God is calling you to bear. Mamma came this afternoon, and said, 'Write a word of comfort to my wee darling, and tell her I am very, very close to her heart these sad weary days. God bless her, my dove-eyed darling.' Your brother bids me say he is so sorry not to come to-morrow (Tuesday), but he lectures at Tavistock House, and so you will excuse. He will (if able) come to you on Wednesday. Will my pale-faced sister be glad. Bye, darling, God bless you. With affection, yours,
BERTIE."

MR. FLETCHER OFFERS TO TAKE CHARGE OF PROPERTY.

No. VIII.—August 19th, 1879. This letter is from Mr. J. W. Fletcher:—

"22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.
"Tuesday.

"Dear Mrs. Hart-Davies,—I presume I may see you this eve, but I write for fear I may not see you to-night, as I see it is raining so fast. The séance for to-morrow eve and Thursday eve, is given up on account of the illness of the medium, so we shall have no meeting here. I saw an advertisement in the *Standard* last eve which I thought referred to your house. When you go away, or any time, Mrs. Fletcher says she shall be more than happy to keep any of your things for you or store any boxes, as we have so much room, and we will give them the best possible care. We shall see you to-morrow at two. Kind regards to your husband, believe me,—Sincerely yours,
"J. W. FLETCHER."

GRATITUDE FOR PRESENTS RECEIVED—THE "SISTER IN SPIRIT."

No. IX.—August 20th, 1879. From Mrs. Fletcher. The close of this quotation shows that Mrs. Fletcher felt she was unworthy to receive Mrs. Hart-Davies into her house.

"Tuesday Evening.

"My gracious little Queen,—Your most delicately sent present is just now in my hands, and dear little sister from the bottom of my most grateful heart I thank you. Dear Mama's sweet life I find in every fold of the filmy lace, while its fine white delicate and artistic whole finds a fitting rival in your own dear soul life. Dearly beloved sister I am so thankful to our good Father for sending me such a royal sister and gracious friend, that I feel inclined to bless him every moment for this priceless treasure, darling little blue-eyed dove; you are the Carrier Pigeon of the dear Angels, and your mouth is ever filled with glad messages of joy. I wait with patience for to-morrow, for when you are quite in my arms I feel you are safe. I know you will think me very foolish in all this dear Juliet, but I have so longed for a dear loving sister that my heart will overflow in spite of all the effort I make to restrain my words. The room is already for any boxes which you may wish to store, and if you wish to bring anything to-morrow to be kept for you everything is quite prepared.
"Remember you are to stay to dinner (in our poor

humble little way is wholly unfit for your dear dainty self) so not to hurry back and bring on one of those dreadful head aches. Good night, my Sweet, may God bless you."

No. X.—From Mr. Fletcher.

"22, Gordon Street, W.C.

"Dear Sister in Spirit,—I only send a line to say that Bertie's foot is so painful and swollen that she will not be able to come to Farquar Lodge to-morrow. I am hoping it will be nothing serious. I hope you were not ever so headache after you got home. We were so very sorry not to see you in your place at dinner, however, when we are neighbours then all will go well and we shall see more of you than we are able to now that will be something bright and sweet to anticipate. We shall see you on Saturday. G. N. Hart-Davies will give us the pleasure of his company to dinner at 6. Good night and heaven's blessing fall upon thee is thy brother's wish."

No. XII.—August 30th, 1879. From Mrs. Fletcher.

"You will not think it flattery if I say that such appreciation and warmth as you have expressed for our (sic) dear Willie and myself together with our work has never before come to us, and your example of quick responsive love has carried as much rejoicing to the dear band of arisen souls who return to do earth a great service as to us. Their eyes are as full of tears as are mine, for they toil on sometimes working for years before even one dear soul has been redeemed in answer to all their prayers and love, while we have been too thankful to be called their humblest workers, to think of reward or even desire. Sometime dear Julieta when that poor timid heart of yours is rested I will tell you how we have suffered for this cause we all love so well, but, darling sister, your dear love and great kindness would have fully compensated for it all, had it even been a thousand times greater than it has. I cannot thank you dear one, thanks are so tame, but if loving trusting, admiring and what is even dearer, respecting you with all my heart can thank you, then I do it."

With the above were enclosed two notes from Mr. Fletcher, in the latter of which he said:—

"I have never had a sweet sister, and your life is each day drawing me into a closer realisation of all that the word may mean, and I believe I can bring some rays of sunshine into your life. I shall try very hard."

No. XVI.—This letter is from Mr. Fletcher:—

"Tuesday Eve, 22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.

"Dearest Sister,—I meant to have called to-night but the Countess of Caithness kept me until seven o'clock and then it was too late for my other meeting. We had a cup of tea (from the service in the box). I saw Mama come in and smile, she looked so lovely in a long robe of silvery whiteness and brought a bunch of heartsease, kissed them and said these are for my sweet pet Juliette. I send the spirit of them in this. I never saw her look so resplendently beautiful, and she moved across the room with the grace of the true Queen. I shall hope to see her soon again. Bertie is so tired she has been rather busy. Good night Sweet Sister mine, your Brother."

From this time the Fletcher letters take a brief and business-like tone.

MR. MORTON APPEARS ON THE SCENE.

No. XXIV.—The following undated letter, from Mrs. Fletcher, was written in October, while Mrs. Hart-Davies was living in Vernon Place, Bloomsbury. Morton, at that time, was busy in ascertaining what property Mrs. Hart-Davies had, and in drawing up the deeds.

“22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, W.C.

“Dearest Sister,—Brother is sitting, so I make bold to answer. Mr. Morton is not and will not be in till the evening, but unless I hear to the contrary, I will ask him to call with the papers to-morrow, or perhaps you will come this evening here to see him. We unfortunately will be obliged to be invisible, but you won't mind that. Excuse great haste and half-sheet. Always your devoted

“BERTIE.”

No. XXX.—This letter, from Mr. Fletcher, refers to the obtaining of money from Mrs. Hart-Davies, to cover legal expenses connected with the transfer to them of her property; also to the withdrawal of some of the legal work from Messrs. Murray and Miller, solicitors.

“Dolce Domum, 22, Gordon Street.

“Dear Julie,—Perhaps Mr. B. will come another day. How is the little sister to-day? I did not thank her half enough for the sweet, fair blossoms she brought to me. They are looking so beautiful this morning. I think you had better write to Mr. Burrows for the money; I think it will be quite prudent. I shall see you at 7.30 to-night. With Bertie's love, au revoir, W. The address you want from Mr. Morton is 6, Whitehall Place, and he would like the papers sent as soon as possible to-day. Mamma says the sooner you get the papers from Mr. Murray the better.”

No. XXXI.—From Mr. Fletcher. Undated:—

“22, Gordon Street.

“Dearest Julie,—Have you sent that coat of arms—the blue shield that was in your bedroom over the mantle; if not, will you send it, as it would look so well over the drawing-room mirror.—As ever,

“WILLIE.”

No. XXXII—From Mrs. Fletcher.

“Dearest Julie.—How like your dear considerate self to think of dear Willie's feelings about Sweden, but do write Julie dear, for Mama wishes it, and Willie knowing his sister a little better each day wishes it as well. There is work to be done for our handsome Captain which dear Mama is anxious to accomplish. Mama came last night, and said hasten the work dear Bertie as fast as possible, for Julie must go to France as soon as possible. Darling Sister, my heart and head are with you in this trying hour; let them serve you if they can. Always affectionate, BERTIE.”

No. XXXVI.—From Mr. Fletcher. After the Fletchers obtained the property, the appended recommendation was written to Mrs. Hart-Davies to leave England quickly.

“Dearest Sister Julie.—I was so sorry to see her looking so ill and wan, and I asked the Doctor to-night, and he says that you need to get out of England for the winter at least, otherwise you will not be so well, and you need a more bracing atmosphere than you can possibly find here. I thought the Sister would feel happy to get a few lines. My poor lungs

are so unkind. I am going to give them some nice syrup to see if that will quiet them. I left you so much to-day but you see I can't help it, there are so many coming and going. A box of linen came to-night by the delivery, was it from Julie? I thought it must be it had an influence about it I recognised. Well little one good night and heaven bless you is thy brother's prayer.”

The linen referred to was a bundle of unwashed servants' linen.

THE OFFICERS, THE FIFTY POUND NOTE, AND THE ALBERT HALL BOX.

No. XXXVIII.—From Mrs. Fletcher, November 7th, 1879, to Mrs. Hart-Davies in Tours. The sentences about the officers refer to some jocular comments by Mrs. Hart-Davies.

“Darling Sister Julie.—What a bad Sister Julie must think Bertie for not writing to the precious little absentee before, but dear one you will not be cross when I tell you that I have been so tired and pained with neuralgia that it has been quite impossible. I made Willie promise not to tell dear little Julie until Bertie was quite able to write herself. Our boy is dreadfully tired, and is missing a certain dear Sister, so much so that he is quite unhappy. O Julie darling why does not money grow, if it did I would soon gather a £50 note, and send my boy to Tours for a week, for Mama assures me it would help our baby Juliet almost as much as it would our boy, but we must wait and hope for the good time coming for us all. Thursday night, Mama's box at the Albert Hall was opened and consecrated before the concert commenced. What do you think the dear little Mama said,—How I wish the name of Fletcher was on the door instead of Heurtley—was not that kind? I thought so, and thanked her for myself and kissed her for you. Dear Willie is most dreadfully exercised about those officers in your house, fearing some of them may steal his baby's heart away. Dear modest child, he does not know how twined about his life are the tendrils of Julie's heart or he would not think that. I know no other will ever share his place in our Juliet's heart, and sometime he will know so too. Darling your rain cloak and wrap were sent you yesterday. I hope you will receive them all right. Are you just a wee little better my precious girl, I do hope and pray that God will send you to us soon and in better health. With fondest love in which your Nephew joins. Always darling, yours faithfully, BERTIE.”

MISINTERPRETED UTTERANCES.

No. XXXIX.—Nov. 14th, 1879. Fletcher put a revolting construction upon a dream Mrs. Hart-Davies had. She wrote to his wife a severe rebuke, enclosing his letter, and the following is a part of his reply to the rap over the knuckles.

“I never associate an impure thought with my little one, and when I take her in my arms she is to me my own dear sweet child, all your heart ache and pain have been wholly uncalled for. I would like you to feel you had a place all your own that you could call your own, and when I said ‘Trespass on forbidden ground,’ I meant for the world to know, and for you to feel that you were my Sister. You are quite wrong in your interpretations and my sorrow is very great that you should have been so pained. I shall say no more

about it dear one. No one has dared to breathe a word against my Julie, if he or she did they would know me no more. You are in the fold little one, let that suffice. Believe in Bertie and Willie, as they love and trust you, and never draw any inferences sweet one."

By the same letter it appears that *The Spiritualist* was at this time making the temperature warm for these two interesting American mediums, and putting its readers on their guard. Fletcher says:—

"I thank you, dear one, so much for all your plans, but he must postpone them a little, why? If you read *The Spiritualist* you would see the jealous people have begun, and Willie has been having a hard pull for the last month, such a fearful way they have been writing about me that to leave (*sic*) just now would be ruin. I will not say give it up, for I have given myself the pleasure of coming, and of the "joli" little times we shall have, and I have a fancy for a ride or a drive somewhere off by ourselves, quiet and pleasant, away from the maddening crowd. Bertie is away for the eve, but I hurry to send this to my little one, so let me hear as soon as possible that all the tears are dried, the smiles have come, and Julie is herself again; that the world is fair, and then Willie will be happy again in his little sister's love."

FLETCHER'S VISIT TO PARIS.

No. XLI.—In November, 1879, Mrs. Fletcher wrote:—

"Julie will have to think that Bertie's spirit comes to Julie in Willie's body, for I fear it will be quite impossible for both the old birds to leave the nest at once. Dear little sister, my love comes with this.—

"Thy BERTIE."

No. XLII.—November 27th, 1879, Mr. Fletcher wrote:—

"I shall come to Paris by the first train on Monday, a.m., via Dover and Calais, for a day, just to see you. You had better come to Paris on Saturday or Sunday, and please again send me the hotel."

In the same envelope was a letter from Mrs. Fletcher, in which she said:—

"You will see by our boy's letter that he is really coming to Paris to see his sister. Julie dear, I am so glad you are to see dear Willie, but it will be dreadfully lonely for poor Bertie at home. Try hard, sweet one, to let Bertie's spirit be felt, for all my sweet desires for Willie's good will go with Willie to Paris. I suppose you will go away south before long, after seeing Willie, and do try hard to go anywhere after strength and health."

MORE ABOUT MR. MORTON—A PROPOSED VISIT TO CANNES.

No. XLIII.—December 5th, 1879, Mr. Fletcher wrote:—

"There is a letter at the lawyer's, Mr. Francis, from America, about the N. Y. property. You had better write to Mr. Morton and empower him to receive your letter—you would then be obliged to enclose a note to Mr. Francis; it may be of some immediate importance. Mama in bringing Uncle Theo. did mean something after all, she has been so near, and has said that Julie's trip to Paris was a good thing for her. We are still bothered by our servants who try and annoy us. Let me know when you go to Cannes, won't you little one."

No. XLIV.—December 10th, 1879. Mrs. Fletcher thus suggests to her then unsuspecting correspondent, that Mr. Fletcher should also go to Cannes.

"My dear sister Juliet,—I am more than delighted to hear that you are so much better than I feared, and Willie (bless him) is quite rejoiced over the prospects of your full recovery. The poor boy is quite done out with his hasty departure and return, and the bitter cold of his last night's journey. I am dreadfully anxious about him my darling sister, but suppose I ought not to trouble you with a matter of such importance to you as his health. He needs a winter in Cannes, and neither work nor worry to wear him out; but darling we must all bear our little cross with patience, and I try hard not to rebel against mine. Such dreadful weather as we are having in London you never experienced I am sure, and although we both miss more than I can tell your little invasions, yet every morning when the fog penetrates every square inch of his (Willie's) body he exclaims 'Thank God Julie is out of it all.' I can fancy how quietly happy you were with my boy, having him all to yourself for twenty-four hours, a treat I have been deprived of for almost years, but when the dear times comes when we are all together, won't we have a nice long cuddling rest together."

A SCENE AT THE ALBERT HALL.

No. XLV.—December 14th, 1879—From Mr. Fletcher.

"I sometimes long for rest for a week or a month that I can call my own, and wherein I can be happy with those I love, and shut the world out for a time. I suppose I am not ready for it yet, or it would come. It may be one of the pleasant things that the future holds, who can tell! I believe it was Mama often times places her soft white hands on my forehead and says 'patience to wait, thy work is almost done,' and her sweet words and influence are indeed comforting to me. We all went to the Albert Hall to hear Judas Mac-cabeus; it was very fine, we enjoyed it so much, the Duke of Edinburgh and party were next box, and I saw Mama standing just in the shadow of the curtains, so smiling, so we placed a chair and called it yours, which made it seem more as if you were there. Bertie wore a pink watered silk dress with black lace, and it looked so charming. I think Mama likes beautiful dresses as much as ever."

The following sentence caused much amusement when it was read at the Old Bailey:—

"This land is one run over with Lawyers, Judges, &c., whose chief aim it seems to me, is to make the things seem more muddled than ever."

No. XLVII.—From Mrs. Fletcher, December 24th, 1879:—

"What a naughty postman is living somewhere between Gordon Square and Tours for my precious sister has had but one letter from her sister, whereas she should have had four. I cannot tell you my darling girl how very much we are all wishing for you this Christmas time, and longing to see the bright neat little figure flit into our dining room, who used to make everything so much sweeter that all the naughty cares flew out of the window. I have such hard work to keep my pen from writing—do come home Julie for just a wee little—but I know it would be neither nice nor wise, and so refrain."

A SPIRIT MESSAGE.

No. XLIX.—From Fletcher, enclosing the following message from the mother of Mrs. Hart-Davies:—

“Sphere of Light in Heaven.”

“To my dearest Child,—God be praised that I am permitted to be with you. Heaven has indeed brought us its richest gift when it brings us this sweet communion. I am so happy and am so near to you in spirit, and I can read your heart: how little it would take to make you happy. I am each day able to help you more and more. God bless you and your and my dear friends.

“MOTHER.”

The letters following this contain allusions to the projected journey to America, with occasional references to the spirit of the mother of Mrs. Hart-Davies.

No. LXII.—February 21st, 1880. While Mrs. Fletcher was in Italy, Mr. Fletcher wrote:—

“I think Bertie will write to me soon. I have not heard much of late. She is not a good correspondent, only when she is with me. I make her write then; she gets so much praised for her diligence. Dear sister, I shall be glad to see you back.”

CURIOUS STATEMENTS—THE INDECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF MRS. FLETCHER.

No. LXVII.—March 19th, 1880. From Mr. Fletcher. The last part of this letter refers to the photograph of Mrs. Fletcher which the Judge described as an indecent one. She was represented in the undermost garment of the mother of Mrs. Hart-Davies, and in some of the daughter's jewels, as Mrs. Hart-Davies deposed at the Old Bailey.

“Of course ——— is like four-fifths of the world which we nourish until they grow strong, and then they knock us over. He floats with the tide, only he deserves a sound thrashing for his pains. I suppose he never sends you the five he borrowed, but is returning it with interest in this way:—Those letters mean nothing, for in my house you are safe, and it is not long before we shall go to the States, and there will be a long time of absolute rest from even the shadow of a bother; only four months, little one, and that will pass quickly. Bertie sends you much love; she has been having some lovely photos, and will send you some; one or two are rather naughty, but are very, very good indeed. She is having plenty of trouble with her admirers, who are a little too persistent. We shall have to keep them in order when you return. Keep good courage, little one, and don't trouble, all will be well yet.—As ever, with love, “WILLIE.”

In the next letter Fletcher asks Mrs. Hart-Davies to put off her return to London from April till May. She wanted to come to London to see her spirit brother and sister.

No. LXIX.—From Mr. Fletcher, March 30th, 1880, contains remarks tending strongly to widen the separation between Mr. and Mrs. Hart-Davies. Enclosed with it was one from Mrs. Fletcher, containing the following passages:—

“I am beginning to understand now why Mama insisted that you should not be let home until May, for the weather is almost as cold as in February; and on Sunday we had quite a fog besides. Yesterday I saw H. D. passing the house, and most earnestly looking into the windows. He is harmless, but you must not and shall not be troubled. I am so longing to see you, dear, and have your help in all things which must now be ours, for will not Julie be one of us, and not her own any more.”

THANKS FOR GIFTS.

No. LXX.—From Mr. Fletcher. Post-mark April 2nd, 1880, contains the following:—

“As for the money it will be all right dearie, you could not be kinder. I am doing but very little business now and I fear I shall not be able to manage the American trip as I have done so badly all the year, however, we will hope for the best. So glad your headache is passing away, we are all thinking of the 1st of May.”

No. LXXII.—From Mr. Fletcher. Post mark April 16th, 1880:—

“My dear tired Julie,—I am only about the same but I will try and send you a few lines because I want to tell you how wonderful I think your vision of dear Mama was. I am sure it must have lifted you into that serene air that is above all this world and removed from its influences, and now I have her sweet face before me, and thank my dear little sister many times for her precious gift. I hope to be better soon, my lungs are so bad and the continual coughing is so wearying, it will pass as everything else does I suppose. Bertie is tired too with much to do—too many callers and bothers at the house.”

No. LXXIII.—April 23rd, 1880. From Mr. J. W. Fletcher:—

“22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square, Thursday.”

“My dear Julie,—I cannot ever tell you how happy I am to hear from you and that all goes on well in the new home for you. I hope it will remain so although your stay is almost done. Julie will, like the swallow, soon homeward fly, the nest is all ready for the bird, as soft as loving hearts filled with every tender thought and desire can make it, and as it is now so warm that we scarcely have a fire except in the morning I think the air will not be too cold for you. I am much better and shall soon be myself, I think; that is, my health is straight, I have not much to fear, for that cough grows less and my head is clearer. I regret to say that all business is fearful, I have never seen anything like it in my whole life, the elections have so turned the tide that everything is stopped. I scarcely know yet what to do, for it is an emergency I have never been warned of, having always heretofore had more than I could possibly do. I can only wait, fretting does no good whatever, so I am doing up all my work, so if a busy time should come, but it does annoy me not a little, the odd thing is that I have never been so popular with the public that gives me hope. I have seen Captain Lindmark several times, he has remembered to call. I believe he was much engaged before. I have seen him only a little. Bertie is very poorly again which is trying. There is not much that is new in Spiritualism now, or in our lives. London is absolutely deserted, I never saw anything like it. As the Queen has returned I suppose the social wheels will soon begin to revolve. Allie is going on very well, he often asks is not aunt Julie coming home pretty

soon, to which I am so glad to be able to give a hopeful answer. What joy if money were a thing unknown—Don't you think so. All the pets are thriving now and the monkey is full of mischief; he has learned how to untie his string, and is continually getting away, much to our grief; to train him his impossible. Well July bon soir que Dieu vous garde toujours avec beaucoup de mon amour. Je suis votre fils WILLIE."

SPIRIT MESSAGES.

In the course of the correspondence, messages from the spirit mother of Mrs. Hart-Davies were occasionally sent her, of which the following are three specimens:—

"22, Gordon Street, Gordon Square.

"My dearest Juliette,—Once more I move the pen of a loved one to communicate with you, and to try and give your poor heart hope and courage that you may endure life's troubles to the end, that you may bear the cross uncomplainingly, and thereby be made ready for Heaven's blessed rest and peace. Let your heart rest content, and I am ever guarding and guiding you, and holding sweet communion with your spirit. As to aunt, why trouble; she is not an accountable being, and has never had any sympathy with us, to her we were another race of beings, and belonged to a different sphere with which she has not the smallest feeling in common. We must not expect figs from thistles. To a common nature like hers, her letter was only world true, the vulgarity was not apparent. Remembering this it is far better to ignore that which, as my daughter, you cannot condescend to notice.

"I am glad to find your heart happier, the warm spring will soon be here, may it bring happiness and health to all my loved ones.

"God's blessing be ever with thee is thy mother's prayer."

"Sphere of Rest in the Spirit World.

"My loved Child,—My thoughts are ever with you and the arms of my spirit infold you. I try to breathe life and strength into you that you may yet feel the happiness of life. You are never alone, unseen ones watch and guard and blend their life with yours; the struggles of life are passing, soon the trials of it will be over, and then I shall bring all my loved of earth together for a season of sweet enjoyment. There were no tokens of love I could give to my loved ones this Christmas time, but I breathed my spirit over each dear life, and turned the pure blossoms of the spirit around them, for human love seems very weak compared to that which now fills up my life and thoughts. The old year is dying with it, may your pain cease and your trouble pass away. May the new year bring only happiness for my dear ones. Do not be troubled by the lack of sympathy. Aunt, and others of her kind, may manifest they belong to a different world, it was always so. Heaven's sunshine fall warm and bright around thee.—Your loving mother, "MUMS."

"Hampton House, Bushey Park,
"Hampton Court, S.W.

"Angel greetings to my loved one,—Sweet child of mine, I breathe forth my love and blessing, for I have felt your warm true love about me and knew there was one of my earthly children who remembered me, who treasured thoughts of the past while Willie and Bertie have both held in sweet reverence the day and my memory. I felt to write to you upon this paper best; how the recollections flow in upon me as I see the well remembered name; joys that are past, friends that are lost, persons whose sting remains, pass before me; then the blessed change from the land of winter to the land of summer sunshine, from darkness into light, and then

the long many nights of pain which followed when my earthly loved ones were made to suffer and endure, and deceit and wrong seem to rise up on every side; and then, blessed privilege, I was permitted to return to them and breathe the thoughts and desires of my life upon them. Oh, my sweet one, can I ever tell you how happy it has made me to be with you and to read your every thought and purpose? The cross laid upon you is changing, and ere long the tired head will find rest. Would that life could bring us the knowledge that comes after life; would that I could understand you then as now. We shall one day stand side by side and reap then the blessings and joys that were denied us on earth. I know that Bertie and Willie will do all that loving hearts can suggest to make the sweet one too happy and peaceful. I have looked upon Percy to-day; he lives in the present, not the past or the future. Sweet child, God's blessing fall upon you; your mother's love will ever be about you and earthly friends shall cherish. Trust the future, and I will bear thee through.—With the love of MUMS."

The Fletcher letters cover nearly the whole of the first year of the two mediums' acquaintance with Mrs. Hart-Davies, and are altogether at variance, as Mr. St. John Wontner said at the time, with the defence set up in the Police Court. That defence is a warning to people who think of seeking justice at law.

THE FLETCHER TRIAL AND THE NEWSPAPERS.

The following letter was published in last Monday's *Times*:—

To the Editor of the "*Times*."

SIR,—My lawyer being out of town during the Easter holidays, I feel it incumbent on me, for self-protection, to ask to be allowed to state, in answer to the passage in the *Times* of last Wednesday that my acquaintance with Mr. Fletcher was one of "unbridled, if not criminal, passion," that I denied it on oath, and that the opposing counsel (Mr. Addison) repudiated his for one moment having suggested such a thing, adding that the whole tone of the correspondence was opposed to such an idea.

It is hard that witnesses can be slandered in court by questions unfounded on facts and likely to cause an injurious impression on the public mind. It tends to make individuals prefer to endure any amount of injustice rather than seek redress at law.—Hoping these lines may win your kind attention, I am, Sir, yours sincerely,

JULIET HART-DAVIES.

April 16th.

The following letter was sent to the *Daily Telegraph*:—

To the Editor of the "*Daily Telegraph*."

REG. v. FLETCHER.

SIR,—My attention has been drawn to your issue of the 8th inst., containing a report of the evidence in this case. I am there credited with saying, in reference to my husband, that, "if certain circumstances change, we might live together again."

Will you permit me to observe that these words were inadvertently attributed to me by your reporter, as I made no such statement.—I remain, yours truly,

JULIET HART-DAVIES.

The *Telegraph* did not print it, but put in the following paragraph:—

"Mrs. Hart-Davies wishes us to say that she made no such statement as that attributed to her with reference to her husband in reports of the recent trial—'If certain circumstances changed, we might live together again.'"

Thus, instead of honestly avowing its mistake, the *Telegraph* makes Mrs. Hart-Davies complain of "reports"—which she did not. This prejudices the matter against her, because if several reporters recorded the same words, she presumably uttered them.

FUNERAL OF THE EARL OF CAITHNESS.

The remains of the late Earl of Caithness were interred in the Chapel Royal, Holyrood, last Tuesday. The coffin was removed from the vaults of St. John's Episcopal Church, where it had lain temporarily, and placed in front of the Communion table in St. Giles's Cathedral, where the mourners had assembled. The Rev. Dr. Cameron Lees, minister of the High Church, and the Rev. Dr. Macgregor, of St. Cuthbert's, conducted a service, after which the funeral procession was formed. The pall-bearers were Lord Berriedale, now Earl of Caithness, only son of the deceased, the Rev. D. M. Ross, Sir Andrew Bannermann, Mr. John V. Gooch, Lord Camperdown, Mr. J. C. Traill, of Raltar, the Rev. Dr. Macgregor, St. Cuthbert's, and Mr. Peter Keith, factor on the deceased estates. The hearse was drawn by six horses, and there were about twenty mourning and private carriages. The procession was witnessed by a large concourse of spectators. At the Chapel Royal a service was conducted by the Rev. James M'Pherson, Canisbay, in whose church the deceased nobleman was an elder.

MOSLEM BELIEFS.

THE EVIL EYE.

The Moslems have their fancies too. They abhor bells, which they say draw together evil spirits—the very opposite of the old European notion, which was that the sound of the bell drove evil spirits away. For bells the Moslems have men called Muezzins, who are stationed in the little balconies round the tops of the tall minarets, and who call out five times a day to the people to come to prayer. Their cry is, "There is no God but God, and Mohammed is the Apostle of God." Moslems must pray five times a day, wherever they are. At home, in the shops, in the street, or on a journey, when the proper hour comes, they fall down on their knees, and go through the prayers and prostrations. One day several of them called on the writer about 2 p.m., and after some conversation one of them rose and said to his companions, "I must pray."

They asked him why, for it was not the hour of prayer. His answer was, "When I went to the mosque at noon to pray, I had an ink spot on my finger nail, and did not perceive it till I left; so my prayer was of no account. I have just scraped it off, so must repeat my noontide prayer." He then spread his cloak upon the floor, and, kneeling on it with his face towards Mecca, began his prayers, while his friends amused themselves by talking about his strictness. One of them said, "He thinks he is holy, but if you saw the inside of him you would find him as black as pitch." He kept his head turned to hear what was said, and, on concluding, disputed a remark made by someone while he was praying.

Belief in the evil eye is very prevalent in Western Asia, as it is in Northern Africa, and even in Italy and Spain. One day the friends of a lady who had a baby called to see her. The moment they saw the child they all cried out in Arabic, "The name of Allah be upon him!" This was to avert the evil eye. Dr. Meshaka, of Damascus, says of those who entertain this belief, that they "think certain people have the power of killing others by a glance of the eye. Others inflict injury by the eye. Others pick grapes by merely looking at them. This power may rest in one eye, and a man who thought he had it veiled one eye, out of compassion for others. The Moslem Sheiks and others profess to cure the evil eye and prevent its effects by writing mystic talismanic words on papers, which are to be worn. Others write the words on an egg, and then strike the forehead of the evil-eyed with the egg." When a new house is built, the workmen hang up an egg-shell or a piece of alum, or an old root, or a donkey's skull, in the front door, to keep off the evil eye. The Moslem women leave their children ragged and dirty to keep people from admiring them, and thus smiting them with the evil eye. We are sorry to add that they think blue eyes especially dangerous. They believe the name of God, or Allah, a charm against evil, and repeat it as such; but they have some terrible imprecations against those who are thought to smite with the evil eye. Less objectionable than some is the following:

Upon you the name of Allah,
Around you Allah's eyes;
May the Evil eye be blinded,
And never harm my boy.

These lines remind us that the people are fond of songs, and, as an example, we quote one which the repeater spoke of as one of the most mournful he had heard in the desert:

I am like a wounded camel,
I grind my teeth in pain;
My load is great and heavy,
I am tottering again,
My back is torn and bleeding,
My wound is part relief,
And, what is harder still to bear,
None other knows my grief.

The Queen.

THE CURES AT KNOCK.

The following letters, received by Archdeacon Cavanagh, have just been given out by him for publication :

Tullow, Ballymurphy, Feb. 9, 1881.

Rev. and Dear Father Cavanagh,—I am one of the sufferers who got relief by going to Knock. I was *ten years on crutches*, and I went to Knock on the 1st of April last, and I left my crutch there, thanks be to God, to His Blessed Mother and to your prayers! Since I've come home I've never needed stick or crutch.

I enclose you, dear father, a few shillings' worth of stamps, begging you to say a Mass for me. With my brothers I am going to America next Wednesday, and I will be safe when you shall pray for me in your chapel. And if it would not be too much trouble, send me, dear father, a small piece of cement. I have none now, as I gave away all to other sufferers.

Begging your blessing, dear father, I remain your dutiful servant,
NANNIE BOLGER.

The following is undated :

Thorpe Lee, Egham, Staines, Surrey.

Rev. Father Cavanagh,—I would feel much obliged if you will kindly send me a small portion of the cement from your chapel. I have a daughter, about four years old, who had a fall some time ago which completely paralyzed her limbs, so that for a long time she could not stand. Having procured a small quantity of the Knock mortar I applied it regularly to the child, but without observing any good result, when all at once she stood up and walked across the room, and now she can go about alone. She is still very shaky on her limbs, and I thought if I could get another portion of the mortar the poor child might be completely cured.

I must tell you I had a very bad toe myself, the nail growing into the flesh, and I applied the mortar to it. It continued, however, to grow worse, and I had to go to the doctor and get the nail cut out. It still continued getting worse, and at length I feared I should have to get the joint cut off. I again commenced with the mortar, and joining thereto prayer to the Blessed

Mother, my toe, which two hours before I could not bear to stand upon, became quite dry, and I could walk about without the least pain, and now, thank God, it is as well as ever.

I fear I am trying your patience, dear Father Cavanagh, but I think it right to acknowledge the benefits I have received through the patronage of the Blessed Virgin.—In conclusion, I remain, dear Father Cavanagh, your obedient servant,
THOMAS MOLONY.

WHAT TRUTH IS THERE IN ASTROLOGY ?

Astrologers are agreed that if any truth at all can be found in their subject of study, great moral and physical disturbances, and mostly of an evil nature, must occur in different parts of the world, owing to the conjunction of Saturn and Jupiter last Sunday. No such conjunction has occurred for 700 or 800 years. The evil effects are expected to last for several years to come. One writer in the *Pall Mall Budget* says that astrologers regard the aspect of the heavens for April 25th, with absolute terror. What news will that eventful day next week, bring forth ?

Raphael, the celebrated astrologer, says of the effects of the conjunction :—

"Terrific plagues and earthquakes will prevail during the next twenty years; and more especially may they be expected during the next ten years, when the superior planets will make their perihelion passages. Terrific storms of thunder and lightning; meteors; tremblings of the earth; the eruptions of volcanoes; tidal waves; most fatal colliery explosions; much wet; an unhealthy air; thickness or fog lasting for days; and a feeling of dread and dismay amongst the inhabitants of the earth

"In short, this conjunction will produce a *general European war*, and great pestilence, more especially in Poland, Ireland, Cyprus, and other places ruled by *Taurus*."

The *Entr'acte* contains caricatures of Mrs. Hart-Davies, Archdeacon Dunbar and Mrs. Fletcher.

Mr. MARTIN IRVING, the only surviving child of Irving the inspirational divine, is now in Australia. He holds the faith of his father.

At the Church Congress in Newcastle, in October next, the Duty of the Church to Spiritualism is on the list as one of the subjects to be considered. The "Subjects Committee" of the Congress, meets in St. Nicholas' Vestry, Newcastle.

The review of the English translation of Professor Zöllner's book in *The Spectator*, gave a favourable impetus to Spiritualism in St. Croix, one of the Islands in the Caribbean Sea, because of the reproduction of much of it in the local paper, the *Avis*, edited by Mr. Quinn.

In a letter in *The Banner of Light* of April 9th, 1881, Dr. T. L. Nichols says about Mrs. Fletcher: "The other day, when she wanted a certain amount for the enormous expenses of the trial, she telegraphed to a gentleman in India, who telegraphed back an order for all the money she required." *Pan*, an English newspaper, says that the expenses of the defence were £1,200.

NEXT Sunday at 7 p.m. Mr. Mac Donnell will discourse at the Quebec Hall, 25, Great Quebec Street, Marylebone Road, on "Our Christian Mission while here on Earth." On Tuesday a musical and elocutionary entertainment will take place, at which Little Salvini, the seven-year-old Shakespearian reader, will give three recitations.

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