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### Notes on "Modern Spiritualism"

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"Moam Spiritualism," so called, originated at, or near Rochester, in the State of New York, on the 1848, through <sup>"Rapping"</sup> Mediumship of Miss Kate Fox. These few long lines were regarded by ~~most~~ nearly all persons of intelligence, as being merely a second Edition of "The Cook Lane Ghost Story, the Rappings that Occurred in Cook Lane, London in the year ~~1848~~ and which the famous Doct, Saml, Johnson makes note of, and, I think, went to witness. - There were ~~discovered~~ <sup>denounced</sup> and ~~discovered~~ <sup>discovered</sup>, as mere Fraud - ~~by~~ and in interests of Church, that

Similar and very long sustained effort was made by Church, that denounced them during many years as being the work of mere lying Tricksters, and the Faculty of Medicine, to suppress the "Rocketer Knockings"

but they have failed in their purpose. Doctors of Medicine soon ~~became~~ <sup>became</sup> far more bitter against "Spiritualism" than the ~~Church~~ <sup>Church</sup>. Spiritualists

It must be evident that it was the Church that was the fraudulent ~~of the sick~~ <sup>of the sick</sup>, ~~afflicted~~ <sup>afflicted</sup> and gradually to a great extent, than the Church. Their

party, "The Lying Tricksters in this case of 1848, inasmuch as Church Regular Order, got him helped in a large number of the States of our Union, particularly the

and Doctors knew very well, if these "Medicines" (of whom there were hundreds very soon, after 1848) were the mere swindlers they pretended, even for Real practice in their own hands, and even then were careless.

They could have bought the Secret of the Trick, for a moderate ~~sum~~ <sup>sum</sup> but little, however -

Sum - ~~This was not~~ and this entire Tribe of Swindlers

be at once dismissed, and "Spiritualism" exploded.

The "Salem Witches" whom Church burned in Massachusetts, were merely "Spiritual Mediums", as were those of ancient Scripture, ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> were

~~not to be~~ also forbidden, and not allowed to live.

Then, for reason that Church <sup>claimed and</sup> had a most profitable monopoly of Spiritual matters, and knowing that if "Witches" were allowed to live Church must lose its power, and parish.

Probably there are very families having as many as four members, in which there is not a Spiritual Medium, "a Seer",

I will remember, that when I was about three years old, I used to see two nude mulatto children, that seemed to



about my own age, dancing in the air before, with most funny antics and grimaces. I supposed they were real, and watched them with interest. but I have now no doubt they were South Carolinian Slaves - who had died in comparative infancy, and were children of Slaves whom my mother had manumitted, there, and one of whom she brought to the North, and ~~stayed~~ <sup>became</sup> the young woman who had especial charge of me when I was a small boy.

I will here note that during - at least 110 years past, (I am now ~~nearly~~ 80) I have been accustomed <sup>to</sup> see many things, I know were not real, (or so supposed) and to see wonderfully beautiful scenes, scenery, &c. &c. - and, in two instances, at least, recognized ~~some~~ <sup>as</sup> the scenes of these visions, ~~One of these being years thereafter~~ <sup>when I visited them,</sup> at least a year thereafter. Though I had not seen them before, nor imagined where they were - <sup>at the time of the my vision of them -</sup> Thus, within the last ten years, or so,

One of them <sup>proved to be</sup> was the Island of Barbados, that is about 2000 miles from Beaulieu R. I., where I experienced this vision, and described the scene to friends who were with me at the time (in 1874, I think) and of which I drew a sketch, with many Palm Trees, &c.

I visited ~~the Island of Barbados~~ <sup>(in the year 1875, I visited Barbados)</sup> several West India Islands not long thereafter, and recognized my vision of Barbados, the moment I saw it, with its multitude of Palms, &c. &c.

The other Can, <sup>proved to be</sup> "Singapore", or rather its harbor and knolls, about it, on which <sup>a few</sup> small sized cottages were built, and painted white. - These must be at least 10,000 miles from Beaulieu,