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For. P. Hygiene, Peabody, R. I. May 20, 1889,

In my records, I found to day,
as follows

" During the months of January
and February 1859, I occupied most
comfortable though plain apartments in
~~a~~ a house that is situated at No. 7
Blomberg ~~Square~~ Place London, that
is in a retired and quiet nook, though
it is a very central one, and was
then kept by "Mrs. Ridge; who was
kind and obliging as possible, and
very moderate in her charges.

I will here remark that I lived in
this manner a great deal ~~in~~ Elsewhere
^{Cities} & on the Continent, as well as in London,
and have almost ever found these women
much the same, as Mrs. Ridge.

I had been only a short time as
Mrs. Ridge's, when Mr.
Isaac Edward Clarke of "Connaught" (I think)
called to see me at my lodgings with a
letter of introduction to me, and I therefore
~~generally~~ asked him to come and see me
at any and all times, he might choose,
and that he would be pretty sure to find

at my lodgings, as early as ~~at~~
Ten O'clock P.M. in the evening, and thus
~~immediately~~ I rarely slept until
after midnight

Mr Clarke made his appearance
immediately, and spent nearly all of his
evenings with me. The last Omnibus
of the night on his route home, passed
near my door at midnight, that passed
his own lodgings that were about
three miles from mine

I soon learned that Mr Clarke was Grandson
perhaps Great Grandson, of the famous Bigot, John the
Elder, who was a learned man and President
(I think) of Yale College, in New Haven Conn.

I also soon learned (from others) that Mr.
Clarke had letters of introduction to influential
Citizens of London, who were devoted to him.

Mr. Clarke was ill at the time, and had
come to London for Medical Treatment and
then friends engaged the most distinguished
Physician in London at that time, to visit him
a daily Visit. The Physician Fee was

Two Guineas (more than ten Dollars a visit)
but at request of Mr. Clark's friend, repre-
senting the case, and Mr. Clark, conscientious
in New Haven, and his impetuosity, the
Physician generously consented to attend him
daily, for One Guinea a visit.

~~Mr. Clark~~ I soon mentioned the
subject of Spiritualism to Mr. Clark, and he
soon became interested in the subject; and soon
thereafter, he accepted my proposal to hold
a Spiritual Sitting. Accepting this,
we seated ourselves at a table (near the new
Coal fire, that was in my room, night and
day) and in a minute or two, the table began
to move, and before the close of the evening, it
would not only rock ^{but} ~~move~~ vigorously; and
on the following ~~evening~~ evening the Table
would ^{frequently} ~~run~~ ^{run} all about the room,

Having continued these sittings, a
week or two, it occurs to me to ask the Spirits,
if they could not advise Mr. Clark of some
remedy that might alleviate his case.

At the suggestion, the Table commenced running about the Room in the most frantic manner; ~~then~~ Then subsiding I asked what we should do, and received for reply in writing, a prescription, that was so badly written that neither of ~~the~~ us could imagine what it was; until I happened to remember that when I was a boy, a Physician advised me to take a few doses of "Black Cohosh" - This by writing through Mr. Clark's hand

At this, the Table immediately became Frantic again, for some time.

When the Census I remarked that I had not heard of Black Cohosh, for many years past, and that I presumed it ~~might~~ be difficult to find any, now.

~~The Table then indicated~~

The Spirits then said that this was the case, but there was one ~~shop~~ Apothecary Shop in London at which it could be found, and that this was about half a mile from my lodgings, and gave us its Location,

Isaac Edmund Clarke expressed & my own
in Lawton continued.

but could not give us the number,
but told us the way to it, and so
described the Building it was in, that
there would be no difficulty in finding it
at sight.

Sure enough, we soon found
it, and I applied to the Keeper thereof
for it, and asked him if there was
any such thing as "Black Etchahk"
[Mr. Clarke ~~saying~~ ^{telling} us had not made
out the name, correctly. He said, did it
seem to him,

He found the ship great,
its Keepers having nothing to do, and
the Proprietor thereof being there and at
leisure, he said he remembered very well
when Black Etchahk was very much used,
but that he had not had application for so
far many, and that he doubted if he
he had any, thought it seemed to him
that that he ~~had~~ ^{had} laid this away ~~&~~
somewhere, and that he thought, it

might be in a box that was then in the
Cellar or basement of the building that was
a part of his Shop.

He appeared to be quite interested
in our enquiry, and said he would
go down and see if he could find it
though he thought he could not.

He therefore went down Basement, and
in about ten or fifteen minutes, he came
up stairs with quite a large box, that
was full of Rabbits that was regarded
as being valuable. He found it in a few
minutes, and ~~g~~ handed it to me,
but refused compensation - and
would like to hear if it proved to be
of any service.

Such was the efficacy, that my
friend Clark, ~~has~~ considerably strengthened
his Physician, and in a few days was
in entirely comfortable condition, though
though not ^{quite} recovering his vigor, but soon
went to Washington where he has been
employed in the State department.

ever since, and is writing a book
for publication.