### The Red Spot on the Water

A Story of the Borderland of Immortality

By F. A. MITCHEL

The day of witches, vampires, fairies and the like is over. We read of the Lorelei of the Rhine and peruse such poems as Keats' "La Belle Dame Sans Merci" (the beautiful woman without mercy) or Heine's water fay, not because we believe either the woman or the fairy to have existed, but because of the sensations aroused by the weird pictures drawn.

Nevertheless there is a class of people among us who are not disposed to break down the barriers between the natural or the supernatural. And have we not societies for psychical research, composed of earnest and many of them extremely intelligent persons, who make it their business to gather information about supernatural appearances?

Personally I am neither convinced nor unconvinced as to the feasibility of such investigations, though I have had an experience calculated to throw me on the affirmative side. That experience I will give just as it occurred or, rather, as it communicated itself through my senses, leaving each reader to make for himself or herself an explanation to fit the case.

During the spring I worked hard in order to get ahead with my office duties that I might enjoy a vacation during the summer. Nevertheless when I left home about the 1st of July I never felt better in my life. mention this because the state of one's health is an important factor in coming to an explanation of such happenings as the one that came to me. It is a well known fact that persons suffering from bodily ills are more apt to see ghosts than persons in good health.

The scene of my outing was on the coast of New Hampshire. I stayed at a hotel where there were a great many young ladies and but few young men. I thought at first that I would be in clover, but since I knew no one to introduce me I was obliged to see them going about in each other's company, ignoring me completely.

I was told afterward that there was searcely any of them but would have been glad to meet a marriageable man, and I considered myself a fair specimen of a bachelor. Why I should have been so completely ostracized I don't know. I am of opinion that it was the spirit of clique so strong in these girls that it overpowered their natural disposition to mate.

After trying in vain to break through the shell that kept me away from them I undertook to amuse myself in other ways. I was fond of boating and spent a part of my time on the water. I took long walks. did not bathe, for the water was too

A few miles up the shore from my botel was a cliff a hundred feet high. A path led around its edge, fenced by a rail over which one could look down. Immediately below was a flat rock surface against which the waves rolled, then deflected, pushed off in an other direction, surged in through a cleft, then out again. All day long this process continued, and as I watched it I could not but wonder why. And why was I there looking down upon it? All was query, no answer.

Nevertheless the place was fascinating to me, and I went there often. One evening, when at twilight the great globe of the moon was rising out of the water, I thought I would like to so to the cliff and see it as it would appear under the different light. The young ladies of the hotel were walking in couples and platoons, with their arms around each other's waist, back and forth on the plazza, and as they naw me start off, evidently for a moon-Eight walk, I thought I could detect wistfulness in the faces of some who maw me depart. If any of them would have liked to be my companion she was obliged to restrain her desire, for she had not been introduced, and even of she had I did not belong to the set of her associates and she would have been shocked at herself to become intimate with any other.

The moon was exactly in position to the cliff, he looked down and saw what east its rays into the recess in the he at first supposed to be a red shawl rocks below. Slowly a wave, resem- floating on the water. Upon investibling for all the world a leviathan gation it was discovered that the girl of the sea, would sluggishly lumber in, he had seen had fallen over the cliff, roll against the rock, seem astonished had struck the rock surface below and at having been stopped, swim over to bounded off into the water. It was her dde, glance and move on into the cleft. garment. But what is that red spot on the waher beside the rock? Is it an afghan, a secret. First, I have shrunk from reshawl or some other wrap that has vealing it; secondly, I have not dared to fallen from the cliff, or has it been do so for fear of being considered of washed in from some boat out on the unbalanced mind. I have never since scean? So intent on it was I that I visited the cliff, nor would I do so for seaned over as far as I dare to get a the world. That which prevents me is better view of it. When a wave pass-having felt, while looking over it when her husband, William Holtz and Mary the place where it floated was in the apparition led me back to it after Holtz, his wife, Magdalena Saltzmann shadow the red spot was not visible; telling that she loved me, an almost then when the moon struck full upon uncontrollable desire to throw myself the it was like blood.

I was suddenly conscious of the presknow not, for I heard no sound, not a result of a temporary mental aberra-There, leaning upon the rail in the certain leanings toward the infinite to same position as I, was a young girl. It occurred to me that she must be strangers.

one of a party that had come-probably from the hotel where I was stopping—for a moonlight walk. I looked quick-ly over my shoulder for her companfor a moonlight walk. I looked quickions, but saw no one. There were only the rocks here and there covered with verdure, the trees standing back, the path winding on eastward, the girl beside me, all bathed in the soft light of the moon. I was embarrassed at this being standing so near me at such an hour without the slightest appearance of reserve. I was trying to think of not sound brusque, when she broke the silence:

"Isn't it beautiful?"

there seems something awful about it. What is that red thing floating below? In certain lights it looks like blood."

you unpleasantly."

She turned and walked back a short distance from the verge of the cliff, What could I do but follow her? She sat down on a rock surface that formed a convenient seat and such position as to make room for me beside her. Wonderingly I asked:

staying?"

as to where she came from.

"any of those young ladies coming here alone and at this hour."

"There is not sufficient to tempt them to break through the conventional forms that bind them. Perhaps it is well that they do not. I stayed at one of the botels hereabout one season and was bound by the same code as they are bound. I pined for freedom. came here alone. I have been coming the unknown heirs and devisees of Michael

"Why?"

"I cannot keep away."

There was silence between us for a few moments while I wondered. Presently I asked:

"And why can you not keep away?" tell you what it is it would shock you. It would have shocked me had I known that it was to happen. For a brief space it filled me with horror. Then"-She paused.

"No," she continued. "I am not here to increase your burden of life. know that you have been looking forward for months to your outing and now that it has come you are disappointed. You see about you that companionship which would enable you to enjoy every moment of it, but between you and me it is that hedge of conventionality which you find impossible. know what it is, for I was once fettered by it myself. Now it is nothing to me. I can go where I like, express what I feel. I am disenthralled. And

to prove it I will tell you that tonight I come here to meet you."

"To meet me!" "Yes. You do not know me, but I know you. Often I have seen you leaning over the rail looking down into the chasm. Every thought that passed through your brain vibrated in my being. You are nearer the line that divides the finite from the infinite than one mortal in millions, and when you look over the cliff down upon that scene, the sluggish waves following one another in never ending succession, you feel within you that which is akin to the infinite."

She paused while I looked at her in wonder, then added:

"And why have I come to you tonight-I who have seen you so often here? Why have I made myself known to you? I will tell you, and I am not ander Fowler and Eliza A. Fowler, his ashamed to tell you, for I am absolutely pure. It is because I love you." I have a dim remembrance of her rising and going to the cliff, of my following her and leaning on the rail

beside her and looking down into the chasm. Then I was alone. The scene below was beautiful as before, and the red spot was gone.

it had been, now limpid, like the rest, while an awe crept over me. Then I cast glances about me for my companion and shuddered at the vacancy she had left. Then I was seized with a desire to get away from the place as quickly as possible.

I walked back to the hotel filled with emotions of which it would be impossible to afford the slightest inkling. All I can say is that they were such as

I had never experienced before. At the hotel I found no one to tell me anything about the cliff, but on one of my walks, stopping at a house for a cup of water, an old man told me there had been a special reason for placing the rail at the verge of the abyss. Years ago, when the region The distance to the cliff was about first became a summer resort, a farmer three miles, and when I had traversed saw a girl standing there. He turned at I approached the rail cautiously, put away his glance, and when he looked a hand on it, then stood looking over. again she had disappeared. Going to perpendicular surface on the other blood that appeared to him like a red

Until writing this I have kept my

down into the chasm. While I do not pretend to assert that known heirs and devisees of James Kelly ence of some one beside me. Why I my experience may not have been the footstep nor even a person breathing. tion, I cannot refrain from thinking drew back and turned my head, that some mortals may have in them

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF DU PAGE-88 IN THE CIRCULT COURT OF DU PAGE COUNTY.

(In Chancery.) To the October term thereof of A. D. 1913. Gen. No. 6722. John Vrba and Frances Vrba, complainants, vs. the unknown heirs and devisees of James B. Marvin, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of John some remark, some question that would B. Witt, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of William Durkin, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Nicholas, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Michael Carney, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Ira "Beautiful, but somehow just now Temple, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Fieming, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of James Fleming, deceased, and the unknown heirs and devisees of John Fleming, deceased, "It is blood! Come away. It affects Joseph Fuchs and Harold Fuchs, children, of Harriet Fuchs, deceased; John Behm and Lena Behm, his wife, Mary Welch, widow of Michael Welch, deceased, Kate Welch, a spinster (also known as Kate E. Welch). Anna Ambuel, daughter of Michael Welch, deceased; Thomas Welch, son of Michael Welch, deceased, and Clara Welch, wife of said Thomas Welch, Arthur Welch and George Welch, bachelors and sons of Michael Welch, deceased, Henry Ambuel, husband of Anna Ambuel. and to all whom it may concern, and all "Are you from the hotel where I am unknown owners of, and to all parties claiming an interest in or to, the following described property, to-wit: The E. 1/2 "No," she said, but offered no word of the W. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 and the W 1/2 of the W. 1/2 of the E. 1/2 of the S. W. 1/4 all in Section 26, Township 38. North "I cannot imagine," I continued, Range 11, East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, containing 60 acres more or less sittated in the County of Du Page. and State of Illinois. The requisite affidavits of publication

having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the said County of Du l'age, and State of Illinois, notice is hereby given to said defendants; the unknown heirs and devisees of James B. Marvin, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of John B. Witt, deceased; the unknown helrs and devisees of William Durkin, deceased; the unknown heirs and devisees of Thomas Nicholas, deceased; known heirs and devisees of Thomas deceased, are hereby notified and reand devisees of James Fleming, deceased; to the County Court of Du Page County, and the unknown heirs and devisees of for the purpose of having the same adwidower, Mary Fuchs, Joseph Fuchs and in the County Court Room in Wheaton, Fuchs, deceased; John Behm and Lena Monday of September, 1913, being the Behm, his wife, Mary Welch, widow of first day thereof. "Something happened. If I were to Michael Welch, deceased, Kate Welch, a spinster (also known as Kate E. Welch). Anna Ambuel, daughter of Michael Welch, deceased. Thomas Welch, son of Michael Welch, deceased, and Clara Welch, wife of said Thomas Welch, Arthur Welch and George Welch, bachelors and sons of Michael Welch, deceased; Henry Ambuel, husband of Anna Ambuel, and to all whom it may concern, and all unknown owners of, and to all parties claiming an interest in or to the following described of the S. W. 14 and the W. 16 of the W. of the E. % of the S. W. %, all in Section 26, Township 38, North Range 11, East of the 3rd Principal Meridian, containing 60 acres more or less situated in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois, that the above named complainants heretofore filed their bill of complaint in said court on the Chancery side thereof, and toat a summons in Chancery thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants, returnable on not their happiness .- Robert Burton. the first day of the October term of the said Circuit Court of Du Page County, aforesaid, to be held at the courthouse, in the City of Wheaton, in the County of Du l'age, and State of Illinois, on the first Monday of October A. D. 1913, as is by law required, and which said suit

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still pending.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF DU IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF DU PAGE COUNTY

(In Chancery.) To the October term thereof, A. D. 1913. General No. 6721 Magdalena Mey and Henry H. Woelfern heim vs. the unknown heirs and devisees of Artemus B. Kellogg, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of William Smith Brookins, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of David Brookins, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of Ruby E. Brookins, deceased, wife of said William Smith Brookins, David Mey and caroline Mey, his wife, Laura Proctor and Alfred Proctor, her husband, William Holtz and Mary Holtz, his wife, Magdalena Salzmann and Christian Salzmann, her husband, Frederick Becker, a bachelor (also known as Frederick Baker), unknown heirs and devisees of Alexwife, both deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of James Kelly and Bruget Kelly, his wife, both deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of Joan H. Thielk and lisabeth Thielk, his wife, both deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of Harvey W. Brookins, deceased, Franklin Mey, a bachelor, Amelia Ahlers, a spinster, Joseph Ahlers and Etta Ahlers, his wife, Harry Ahlers, a bachelor, Maria Ahlers, a spinster, Herman Holtz and Anna Holtz, his wife, Charles Holtz and Tillie Holtz, his wife, Caroline Becker (also known as Caroline Baker), a widow, I stood gazing on the water where Charles Becker (also known as Charles Baker), a bachelor, Adolph Becker (also known as Adolph Baker), a bachelor, George Becker (also known as George Baker), and Lena Becker, his wife, Amanda Darnley and Harry Darnley, her husband, Lena Ballard and W. H. Ballard, her husband, Lizzle Wolff and narles F. Wolff, her husband, Valentine Becker (also known as Valentine Baker). a widower, Eva Catherine Becker (also known as Eva Catherine Baker), a spinster, Henry Domianus and Clara Domianus, his wife, Henry Mey, a bachelor, Jacob Mey, a bachelor, Franklin Mey, a bachelor, Mary Mey, a widow, and to all whom it may concern and all unknown owners of and to all parties claiming an interest in or to the following described premises, to-wit: That part of the southeast quarter (S. E. %) of the southeast quarter (S. E. %) of Section 35, Township 39, North Range 16, East of the Third Principal Meridian, described by commencing at the northeast corner of said southeast quarter (S 14) of the southeast quarter (8 thence west along division

line 9.51 chains for a place of beginning, thence south 11% degrees east, 15.94 chains to stake on Benjamin Lyman's line, thence south 69% degrees west 5.46 chains along said Lyman's line, thence south 72% degrees west along said Lyman's line 4.52 chains to a stake. hence north 6 degrees west (magnetic) 6.73 chains to post; thence north 721/4 de-grees east 4.58 chains to the westerly ine of land deeded from Artemus Kelogg to Valentine Baker, thence north degrees west 8.61 chains; thence north 53 degrees east 4.05 chains to the division line; thence east on division line 1.50 chains to the place of beginning, all the County of Du Page, and State of

The requisite affidavits of publication having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County of Du Page and State of Illinois, notice is hereby given to the said defendants: the unknown heirs and devisees of Artemus B. Kellogg, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of William Smith Brookins, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of David Brookins, deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of Ruby E. Brookins, de-ceased, wife of said William Smith Brook-ins, David Mey and Caroline Mey, his and Christian Saltzmann, her husband. Frederick Becker, a bachelor (also known as Frederick Baker), unknown heirs and devisees of Alexander Fowler and Eliza and Bridget Kelly, his wife, both de-ceased, unknown heirs and devisees of John H. Thielk and lisabeth Thielk, his wife, both deceased, unknown heirs and devisees of Harvey W. Brookins, deceased, Franklin Mey, a bachelor, Amelia certain leanings toward the infinite to which the great mass of humanity are strangers.

Ahlers, a spinster, Joseph Ahlers and Etta Ahlers, his wife, Harry Ahlers, a bachelor, Maria Ahlers, a spinster, Herman Holts and Anna Holts, his wife, Charles Holts and Tillie Holts, his wife,

Caroline Becker (also known as Caroline Baker), a widow, Charles Becker (also known as Charles Baker), a bachelor, Adolph Becker (also known as Adolph Baker), a bachelor, George Becker (also known as George Baker), and Lena Becker, his wife, Amanda Darnley and Harry Darnley, her husband, Lena Ballard and W. H. Ballard, her husband, Lizzie Wolff, and Charles F. Wolff, her husband, Valentine Becker (also known as Valentine Baker), a widower, Eva Catherine Becker (also known as Eva Catherine Baker), a spinster, Henry Domianus and Clara Comianus, his wife, Henry Mey, bachelor, Jacob Mey, a bachelor, Franklin Mey, a bachelor, Mary Mey, a widow, and to all whom it may concern and all unknown owners of and to all parties claiming an interest in or to the following described premises, to-wit: That part of the southeast quarter (S. E. 14 of the southeast quarter (S. E. %) of Section 35. Township 39, North Range 10, east of the Third Principal Meridian, described by commencing at the northeast corner of said southeast quarter (S. E. 4) of the southeast quarter (S. E. 4), thence west along division line 9.57 chain for a place of beginning, thence south 114 degrees east 15.94 chains to stake on Benjamin Lyman's line, theree south 69% degrees west 5.46 chains along said Lyman's line, thence south 7214 degrees west along said Lyman's line 4.52 chains to a stake, thence north 6 degrees west (magnetic), 6.73 chains to post; thence north 7212 degrees east 4.58 chains to the westerly line of land deeded from Artemus Kellogg to Valentine Baker, thence north 1112 degrees west 8.61 chains, thence north 53 degrees east 4.05 chains to the division line, thence west on division line 1.50 chains to the place of beginning, all in the County of Du Page and State of Illinois. That the above named complainants heretofore filed their bill of complaint in said court on the Chancery side thereof, and that a summons in Chancery thereupon issued out of said court against the above named defendants, returnable on the first day of the October term of said Circuit Court of Du Page County, aforesaid, to be held at the courthouse, in the City of Wheaton, in the County of Du Page, and State of Illinois, on the first Monday of October A. D. 1913, as is by law required, and which said suit is still pending.

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ADJUDICATION NOTICE. Carney, deceased; the unknown heirs and DECEASED. All persons having claims devisees of Ira Temple, deceased; the un- against the estate of William J. Herring, Fleming, deceased; the unknown heirs quested to attend and present such claims John Fleming, deceased; John Fuchs, a justed at a term of said court to be held Fuchs, children of Harriett in said Du Page County, on the first

Dated Downers Grove, June 16, 1913. RALPH B. HERRING. ANNIE M. HERRING.

Executors. arnahan. Elsdon & Slusser, Attorneys

In the Library.

I never come into a library (saith Heinsius) but I bolt the door to me, excluding lust, ambition, avarice and all such vices whose nurse is idleness, the mother of ignorance and melancholy herself; and in the very lap of I take my seat with so lofty a spirit and sweet content that I pity all our great ones and rich men that know

Varied Weights in Use.

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Doubling Human Life.

In 1866 the public health conditions of New York were in so low a state that the average length of life of the inhabitants was 30 years. In 1912 these conditions had been improved so that the average length of life was 66 years. Thus the value of human life, reckoned in terms of time alone, had more than doubled in less than half a century.—Century Magazine.

There Lay the Worry.

"I say, Sambo," asked a man of an improvident negro who had lost a job for the third or fourth time, "aren't you worried over the question of wherewithal to support you?" "Lordy, Marse Henry," was the reply. "I ain't worryin' 'bout wherewithal, ise worryin' 'bout de wherefore fur de herein."

Toward the Right,

I find the great thing in this world is, not so much where we stand. in what direction we are moving. To reach the port of heaven we must sail sometimes with the wind and sometimes against it-but we must sail and not drift nor lie at anchor.-Oliver Wendell Holmes.

Optimist and Pessimist.

One of the recent definitions of the pessimist and the optimist is, the pessimist is the man who sits in the last seat of the rear car of the train and sees everything apparently going from him, and the optimist sits on the front of the engine-on the cowcatcherand sees everything coming his way

Looking Forward.

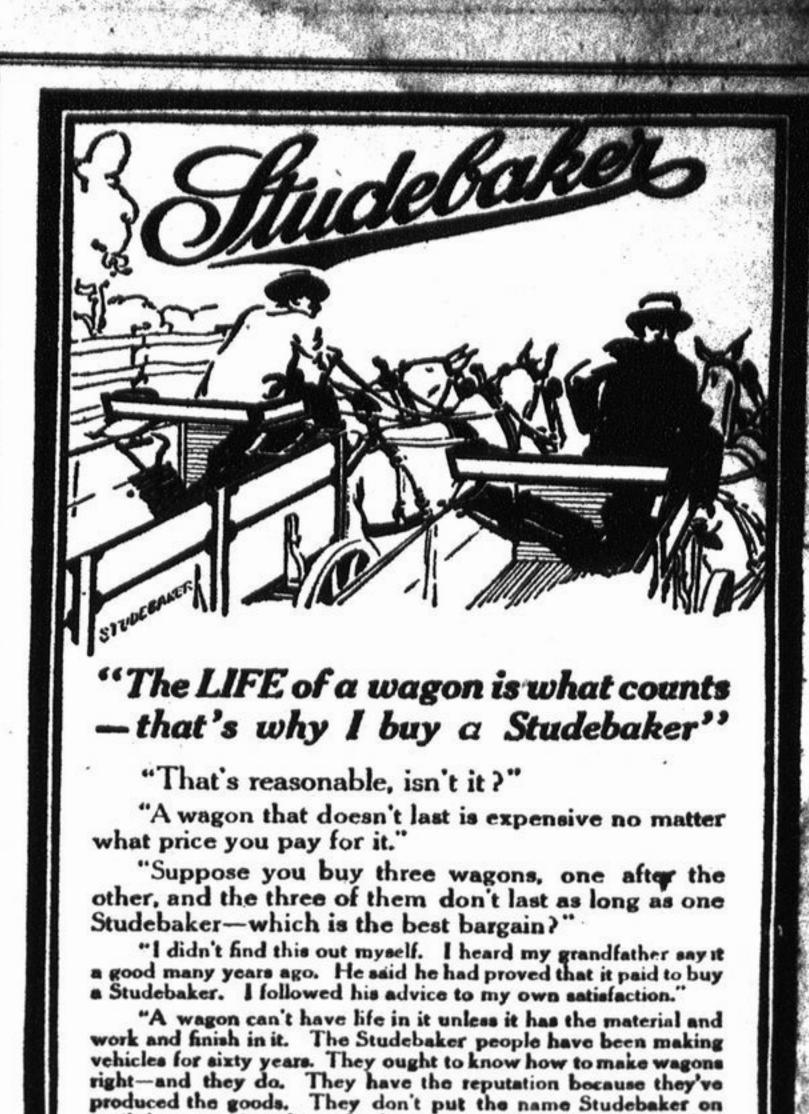
Who can see the brilliancy of char acter attained by individuals of our race without feeling that there is a pledge in this that what has been done already in the individual will yet be accomplished in the nation and the race?-F. W. Robertson.

"What a hollow mockery," exclaimed the elderly person with the aquiline nose, "a chaperon is!" As for herself, she had not had a morsel of supper yet; it was two o'clock in the morning and the band played ever on

Hollow.

Kind That Glows.

It is worth recalling just now that there is etiquette to be observed even in being warm. In an old volume for the instruction of youth a young lady declares herself to be "all of amuck of sweat," and is at once severely rebuked by her governess with "Hush, miss! Horses sweat, men perspire, but ladies only glow."



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