

GHOSTS WALK AT MID-DAY TRADITIONS OF THE PAST

MOONLIGHT IS NOT ALTOGETHER
ESSENTIAL TO SPECTRES.

Apparitions Are a Winter Subject, and
Do Not Belong to Hot Summers.

It is a little village in Cornwall, the spot where the infamous once worked his wicked will, a ghost only seen in summer. This took the form of a pale, a pale ectypus which gambles in the dark, which gambles in the dark outside the church.

Many extraordinary facts regarding the position of the natives in the Transvaal are given in a series of reports just issued by the Transvaal Land Owners Association.

The reports are made by special commissioners sent out by the association, one writer says:

"It has become quite a common practice for white men to plow land for natives. The latter pay the former so much per acre."

A decided advance is noticeable among the natives as regards their method of cultivation. In former years most of their land was tilled by women, who used the hoe, practically their only implement of agriculture, whereas at present it is quite common to see the natives using plows drawn by either oxen or monkeys."

"Another of the commissioners writes:

"The rapid strides the natives are making toward civilization and the earnestness they display in endeavoring to

LEARN TO READ AND WRITE have of late become very marked. I regret to have to say it, but it appears to me that the native children, as regards education, are comparatively advancing more rapidly than the children of the pioneer whites in the outlying districts."

"I find that most of the schools visited a large number of boys and girls attend, and I find some adults I have seen the women are old men; all the younger men being away," writes another commissioner.

"From conversation with the natives, they all state their willingness to work, all as formerly stated in my report, not underground. They also strongly desire to be recruited, as they will in vain except all state that they have been cheated by labor agents to such effect that they prefer to go and look for work by themselves, as then they will know exactly what work they will have to do, and what the remuneration will be."

Dealing with the native but tax, the same writer says: "I note that a native government does not charge a native anything more than \$10 extra."

FOR THE SECOND WIFE.

"By this I mean that a native, with two wives, pays the same as a native with two. Until recently this, of course, was different. He had to pay for every wife above one."

Owing to its proximity to agriculture, it is pointed out that the first sowing of the winter crop of Kaffir corn has been de-

stroyed by locusts, which necessitate a second sowing. Unfortunately, a number of farmers of the Bokwana class have been unable to purchase a second supply of seed.

Owing to immunity from horse sickness by inoculation, mules are increasing, and are now generally used for transport purposes, replacing donkeys which were largely used after the war.

This season the game generally has increased. This is especially the case with kudu, steinbuck, pheasant and guinea fowl.

"Wild dogs are increasing, and complaints are constantly being made, more particularly from natives, of losses of cattle and sheep killed by these animals."

There is another ghost who is a boulder in the River Tilt. A ghost it is, for it takes the form of a phantom chieftain of old times, and is seen in the gloaming of a starlit evening sitting there gloomy and less on the rock in the middle of the river. The ghost is only interested in other love, and she steals the phantom himself, so that he cannot return, and whenever he is seen to hang at least one of those before him.

On the other islands of the East Mediterranean the peasants are not much afraid of venturing abroad, though they are of being alone, as they are of being alone at midday. The hot, still noon is the hour of danger, for the birds are at liberty to leave home in the hearts of anxiety, and all believe that the human eyes upon them of these beautiful and divinities must surely go

back again, Arab and Ceylon, their daylight ghosts. In the of Sinai strange sounds are heard in the mountains, when the highest and hottest.

LIFE WAS NEVER DULL.

A Friend for Adventure on the Uganda Railway.

To those who are acquainted with it, the Uganda Railway seems to be a fit subject to be dealt with in comic opera. Named after a colony through which it does not run, starting from a fortress placed so far as possible from the port it serves, running for miles through natural game preserves, with the result that trains are frequently held up by wild animals, every mile of the road is always a fruitful field for adventure, and nearly every mile has had some humorous tale attached to it.

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You cannot be happy while you have enemies. Then no better delight in getting a bottle of Holloway's Corn Cure. It removes all kinds of corns without pain; Fitter with it is unknown.

The Guest after dinner: "Your wife is such a beautiful woman it's a wonder you're not jealous of her." The Host: "Oh, I am! I never invite any man here that any sane woman would take a fancy to."

She gained a pound a day in weight.

ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.

A New Orleans woman was thin.

Because she did not extract sufficient

nourishment from her food.

She took Scott's Emulsion.

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AN OLD GIRL WITH YOUNG WAYS.

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CURIOS BURGLAR TOOLS.

Up-to-date Crackmen Now Use Rats and Dogs.

Rats and dogs may now be included among the assistants of the expert burglar. These animals are used by the burglar to ascertain if the coast is clear, the modus of operation being somewhat as follows:

"The crackman may have fixed upon certain premises where he suspects there are burglary alarms. He accordingly forces open a small window and puts through two or three rats, brought to the scene in a basket. Accompanying him also is a setting terrier, and this animal he lets out through the window. If there is a burglary alarm anywhere about, the barking of the dog after the rats will set it in motion, and the rats to their fate. Should there be no ringing of bells he enters."

Another common dodge is for the burglar to send a telegram to a suburban housewife, as follows: "Come at once to my house. Hospital. Hospital and very ill. Should the telegram effect its purpose the burglar gets to work."

Oysters are sometimes used to a deadly effect. After the husband has gone a man will call at a house with two or three dozen oysters displayed on a tray. These he will declare have been ordered by the master of the house, and while they are being gathered up by the servant or wife a second rogue will enter the house by the back door, pick up all he can and hide. In a little while the oysterman will return with the statement that he has mistaken his house.

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"The requirements of the Prince are a pretty girl or young widow with at least 5,000,000 guineas, who may be also in favor of flashlights, buoys, which are to be placed at the entrance to the Mersey."

Inside was the following letter:

"High-born Sir—I take the liberty to approach you with the following proposition: I have on hand the son of a German Prince, his father was a ruling Prince, fifty-eight years old, so far uninterested in politics, with \$30,000,000 assets, and wants to get married."

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