

Some Still Skeptical of Water Divining, but It's Actual Fact

The writer of this story could tell you of more than one person around Stouffville who have that additional sense or nerve centre or whatever you call it, to "divine" water or minerals. In fact many people may possess this added sense and not know it. We particularly recall one or more farmers who made use of their added sense in "smelling for water" on some neighboring land where a well was sought. But Tiji's story has to do more with another phase of its value than that of locating underground water for a well.

It's pretty well taken for granted now that there is something to water divining. The writer says that "after a period of skepticism it is now recognized as a real and very useful gift." Diviners have not only shown they can find water, but have also "divined" a variety of other things from minerals to lost children.

Watched by villagers and the police recently, a Devonshire, England water diviner began a search for two youths who had disappeared and were presumed drowned in a river. An all-night search had failed to provide any clue. The diviner used a whalebone divining rod and held a pair of braces belonging to one of the youths, and after tracing the path followed by them, found a row-boat hidden in the reeds. Here the rod twisted over and the diviner pointed to a spot in the water. The bodies of the youths were later brought up from the water at this spot.

This is only the latest in a remarkable series of instances of bodies being found by diviners. Some time ago, for instance, a diviner ended the search for a nine-year-old boy who was missing by leading the searchers to a water-filled clay pit. This diviner used a hazel twig and held a pair of the dead boy's trousers.

There are instances on record of the victims of crimes being found and the remarkable diviner Abbe Mermet who died a few years ago on one occasion found the body of a child who had been carried off by the Valais mountains by an eagle. The Abbe used a pendulum instead of the more usual divining rod.

There have, of course been a great number of failures. The average diviner would be the first to admit that where the bodies of people, either dead or alive, are concerned, divining is nothing like one hundred per cent certain. But there remain records of more than sufficient cases to show that saying "There must be something in it" is not over-stating the case.

How is it done? Diviners themselves explain their powers in various ways most of which come down to "vibrations" which are detected by the divining rod. Scientists have been unable to record or measure these vibrations even with the very sensitive electrical recording apparatus now available. And on the face of it, the possibility of the "vibrations" being picked up by a twig of hazel, a piece of whalebone or metal or even a pendulum seems

remote. The qualities of these materials are so diverse that it is difficult to conceive of a type of vibration that would be equally well picked up by all of them. Moreover, the force required to twist a hazel twig can be measured and if it is produced, as some diviners say, by the water mineral ore or body "pulling," then there exists a form of invisible communication of a type of which we know nothing. It would be impossible, for instance, to transmit this force across the distance by any of the vibrations called "wireless," even with the most powerful transmitter and receiver.

Any sort of explanation of the phenomena of diving seems to call for some "force" which is detected by the diviner and which he then interprets, probably quite subconsciously, through his twig or pendulum. What kind of "force" could it be? Some scientists are frankly skeptical of the existence of any force, but we have only to consider what a person of the year 1800 would have thought if confronted with the wonders of broadcasting and radar today to rule out this negative attitude.

The kind of "force" it might be is that which, if one can believe the experience of millions of people, enables one to feel that there is someone in a room in pitch darkness. We casually call it a "sixth sense." The ability to feel such forces undoubtedly is highly developed in animals. How does the homing pigeon find its way? How does a wild animal "smell" water from many miles away in a strange country.

It does not seem to be straining probability to suggest that primitive men all had this "instinct" or "sixth sense," much more highly developed. It was necessary to their survival. The diviner would, therefore, be a man in whom this primitive instinct survived. There is nothing incredible in the suggestion that the degree to which the senses are developed in different men and women varies very greatly. And in fact a great many people undoubtedly have the ability to divine water who do not realize it.

The most credible theory suggests that the twig, rod or pendulum has nothing to do with divining at all and that the diviner could, in fact, walk with nothing in his hands and find water. In fact there have been a number of skilled diviners who have done this. They just "felt" the water or mineral was there. Be that as it may, we have stood by and seen a birch twig twist in the hands of the diviner when he passed over a spot where water was beneath him, and that was his one way and only means of telling there was water below.

Rabbi Gives Timely Warning of Anti-Russian Conspiracy

Spiracy is apparently being formed, to isolate Russia from the western powers, Rabbi Abraham L. Feinberg declared at a special Feast of the Week's service in Holy Blossom temple last week. "If successful, it will inevitably result in the separation of mankind into two extremes of reaction and radical, with World War III as the final gasp of a selfish, blind civilization. The history of 1918-33 may be repeated in that the expectant and cynical German war-lords will again be armed by the western democracies to push 'bolshivism' back into Asia—and make another effort at world conquest.

"The Nazi war-criminals, after being interviewed like defeated wrestlers or dethroned movie stars, will exploit every technicality of outward international law, which they themselves despised to make their trial a boresome farce. At the same time, the brave people of Soviet Russia, whose blood and tears mingled greatly with ours to preserve their existence and our freedom, who want only peace and elementary security, will be subtly, and then blatantly pictured as a threat to our economic system and way of life.

Polish Issue Distorted
"The Polish issue has been distorted to focus a false flare of martyrdom on the bitterly anti-Soviet, undemocratic London exiles, whom the Russians do not trust to refuse collaboration with an incurably arrogant and military minded Germany. The German nation, still unrepentant, and adamantly refusing to admit guilt, is being encouraged by elaborate gold-braid amenities and political ineptness, to preserve its view of war as a gentleman's game, not wrong or immoral, but penalizing the loser temporarily. To the Germans, Hitler was apparently not evil for plunging mankind into the bloodiest conflict of all history; he was merely a poor dolt for not following the counsel of the old-time generals.

"Soviet Russia a few weeks ago was hopefully viewed as a potential ally against Japan. Her help would shorten the mounting agony of that conflict, thus saving hundreds of thousands of British, American and Canadian lives, and returning mankind all the sooner to stability and peace. But the opportunity to have the Red army march into Manchuria and Soviet airmen take off from Vladivostok is being frittered away in self-righteous argument at San Francisco. Sons and husbands will die on countless Japanese-held islands because the Russian bogey is being kept alive.

"Perhaps the loss of Roosevelt has just begun to exact its price. His expert hand and generous human understanding might have continued the Teheran and Yalta atmosphere of good-will and trust in which alone a new order can be born. Perhaps Russia's memory of her isolation at Munich, and of the anti-Soviet agitation still being carried on in Allied countries, has led her into exaggerated suspicion. Perhaps reactionary Red-baiting influences in the United States department of state have joined with the enemies of stability, pro-German elements, and many otherwise reasonable persons who hate the Soviets so vehemently that any-



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thing seems preferable to co-operation with them.

Challenge Becomes Urgent
"In any case, the challenge to self-discipline, hard thinking and a brotherly spirit becomes urgent in relation to Soviet Russia. Unless the mass of Canadians refuse to be stamped into a new wave of misgiving and fear of Russia's intentions, the essential and redemptive unity forged by the sacrificial fires of a common war will surrender to a hostility that must wreck the hopes of suffering humanity.

AN UXBRIDGE WEDDING

Flowers in colors to harmonize with the bridesmaids' dresses were arranged in Trinity United church, Uxbridge, for the wedding last week, of Jennette I. Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watson, of

Uxbridge, to F.O. Roy L. Painter, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. R. L. Painter of Uxbridge. Rev. L. E. Atkinson officiated. Wedding music was played by Mrs. W. E. Remion. Given away by her father, the bride wore white satin with bertha and peplum of guipure lace. Her finger-tip veil was held by a halo of braided satin and she carried gardenias, calla lilies and forget-me-nots. Maid of honor was Miss Margaret Watson, bridesmaid Miss Kay Veale, flower-girl, Miss Mary Weston, in short dresses of Oriental blue crepe with lace trimming and tie-on peplums. Best man was F.O. Wm. G. Smith, R.C.A.F., and ushers were Melvin Painter and Frank Downey.

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REMAIND ALLEGED BANK ROBBERS

Last week, Edward Knbyn and John Owad, both of Windsor, were remanded in custody for one week on a charge of armed robbery of the Canadian Bank of Commerce at Port Perry over three weeks ago. Another man was also arrested in connection with the robbery when a squad of detectives arrested Joseph Pellier in a Winnipeg hotel.

All details of this last arrest are not known here yet, but it is said that Pellier was arrested by Winnipeg police in the company of a young Windsor girl. He was armed and had a large sum of money in his possession. When he was confronted by police he tried to get his revolver on them but was overpowered.

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