M. PAUL BOURGET's remark that "no man is a judge of qualities by which another man pleases the women" is aptly applied to Prado, the French criminal, who is described by one who was near him for about an hour in the court as a man of the vulgarest possible aspect, who reveals alike in voice and feature the lowest type of blackguardism, yet he did not find it at all difficulty to marry, to ruin, and to cut the throats of young, and in every case, beautiful women.

THE Duke Confucious, lineal descendant of China's greatest sage, is one of the greatest personages in Pekin. He is about twenty and of singularly aristocratic and prepossessing in appearance. His nose is of a kind very uncommon among the Chinese, being of the type known as the Roman, but small and finely chiseled. He has a bright and intelligent expression. He rides in a large green chair. His suite are well dressed and well mounted. Any obstruction to his progress in the streets is quickly cleared at the cry: "The son of Confucius comes!"

IT ASTOUNDED THEM.

Chicago Spiritualists Thumbfounded at the Attitude of the Fox Sisters.

The complete recantation of spiritualism and all its teachings by the celebrated medium Kate Fox, now Mrs. Kate Fox Jencken, has fallen with the force of a thunderbolt upon the teachers and disciples of the mystic science in Chicago, says the *Times*. That two of the three Fox sisters, Maggie, Kate, and Leah who were identified with the Rochester rappings in 1848, should unite in the assertion that spiritualism is an arrant piece of humbug and has been nothing but a gross deception from the beginning until now is a bombshell the spiritualists of the country are not prepared to meet.

Maggie Fox-Kane, whose husband is the famous Arctic explorer, had already struck a serious blow at the faith by the announcement of her lecture entitled "The Curse of Spiritualism," when her sister Kate, Mrs. Jencken, arrived in New York from Europe Tuesday. When asked whether she would actively co-operate with her sister, Mrs. Kane, in exposing spiritualism as a gigantic fraud she said she had not decided on what she would do, but admitted unreservedly that she did not care a fig for spiritualism, which she regarded as one of the most dangerous frauds the world has ever known. Nor did she stop there, but added that it was and ever had been a cloak for the grossest immorality. Leah, the eldest of the sisters, who was nearly 25 years old when Kate and Maggie were little children, still affirms the truth of spiritual manifestations, and is still teaching it. She is now Mrs. Underhill. Kate in her interview in New York a couple of days ago said that Maggie and herself had been induced to practice the grossest deceptions when they were little children, and that they had no alternative but to continue them in after years.

A prominent Chicago spiritualist said yesterday that the present attitude of Kate Fox could only be explained on the theory of ill health, and that her sister Maggie had for some time past been ailing. "Medium," she continued "are generally very erratic creatures. Their mode of living makes them so, and as their years increase many of them will say and do things which almost justify others in regarding them as utterly irresponsible. Either this is the explanation of it or else the women are controlled by a band of evil-disposed spirits. Their attitude upon the matter is, however it may be regarded, very remarkable, and their statement that they have been engaged in a gigantic deception for the past forty years certainly is most startling. I do not think, though, that these statements will have less weight with the spiritualists of the country than might be supposed, as the observant and thoughtful spiritualists of today have acquired a vast fund of personal knowledge and experience of their own as to spiritualistic phenomena."

The Bangs sisters said that in their opinion the two Fox sisters who have united in charging fraud and humbug in spiritualism do it for pecuniary motives. "Their mediumship is probably played out and now they expect to make money by writing and lecturing against spiritualism; that is all there is to it. Some of them has been an invalid for some time and is quite likely to have reached a point where the exercise of mediumship is difficult, if not impossible. Anyway it is a matter of business with them. That is our opinion of it. We could have done the same thing. Suppose we should have turned around and denounced spiritualism after we had our trouble. We could have made money out of it probably, but should have been simply pretending to expose spiritualism while all the time we knew it to be true. We keep on in our materializing seances the same as ever instead of pretending to exposures' that are simply another way of attempting to make money out of the public.

O. A. Turner, a well-known spiritualist, said when he found the Fox sisters had denied the finding of our remains in a cellar of a house at Hydeville, N. Y., where the first spiritual manifestations were made: "Why, I resided close by there at the time and know for a fact that the human remains were found as stated. They were supposed to be the remains of a murdered peddler, and subsequently a man who had moved away from Hydeville, some forty miles up the Genesee river, was arrested and an attempt made to prosecute him for the crime. This statement by the Fox sisters is only to advertise themselves, sell what they write, and push their lecture. Besides, I think a lot of the Talmage people have a hand in it and are getting the women up to it."

Col. John C. Bundy, editor of the *Religio-Philosophical Journal*, and one of the leading spiritualists of Chicago, says in reference to the matter: "Mrs. Leah Underhill, the eldest of the three Fox girls, is widely and favorably known in New York city and bears an excellent reputation. For about thirty years she has been more or less at variance with Maggie and Kate because of their waywardness. For most of this time she has had nothing to do with either of them, but has always stood ready to aid them whenever they should give evidence of repentance. Two or three years ago she again offered at Kate's solicitation to assist her and her children provided she would return to New York and behave herself. Kate came back and behaved fairly well for a time. The spiritualists of New York assisted Maggie with money until they found it was useless longer to try to help her. Kate and Maggie have borne Mrs. Underhill a grudge for many years. About thirty years ago Maggie joined the Roman Catholic church. The ceremony of her baptism at St. Peter's church in Barclay street, New York, is said to have been an impressive affair attended by a large assemblage.

Ever since then she has had spells of being a devout Catholic, then recanting and following her vocation of medium. Having exhausted the audience and hope of all her relatives and acquaintances she, with Kate, has now set about the task of paying back the favors and patience extended to her.

It can be proved beyond all question that the psychic phenomena for which these women are noted have frequently been observed in Maggie's presence when she was incapable of moving a muscle. In, their present association they are no doubt used as tools by parties desiring to coin money and notoriety out of their shame and falsehood."

A Pair of Plucky Herons.

My herons, "Tom" and "Peggy," says Dr. W. Van Fleet in the *American Magazine* were plucky to the extreme, and, though peaceable enough when not imposed upon, resented fiercely any domineering from the barn-yard inhabitants. Their combined forces were always more than sufficient to rout the enemy. Once only we witnessed an instance of their partial discomfiture. "Tom" had accepted the challenge of a bulling young rooster, and at the first pass was placed hors de combat, with a spur through his throat. Before the cock had time to sound his clarion of victory "Peggy," with a savage cry, came darting through the air, and alighting full on his back, by a fierce stroke of her spearlike bill deprived him of an eye. So vigorously did she follow up her advantage that most energetic interference was required to save the fowl from complete destruction. "Tom's" wound was so severe that a considerable portion of his internal anatomy was exposed; nevertheless he recovered rapidly. A contraction of the pallet followed, which afterward often caused him great annoyance by refusing to pass such large articles as formerly. Occasionally he would attempt to swallow a dried sun-fish or other spiny object, which, sticking fast, could be neither cast up nor down. A little water, with some careful manipulations, always relieved him from his unpleasant predicament; but to the last experiment did not render him wiser on this point. Their exceeding tameness exposed them to great danger when they chanced to wander from their adopted home; and their fate, at last, was that of being stoned to death.

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