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"VALDEMAR'S CASE."

it not-especially under the circumstances. these gentlemen aside, and obtained from Trhough the desire of all parties concerned them a minute account of the patient's con- was very slightly elevated. great deal of disbelief.

had been repeatedly drawn to the subject ossification had proceeded with very unuof Mesmerism; and, about nine months sual rapidity; no sign of it had been disago, it occurred to me, quite suddenly, that covered a month before, and the adhesion in the series of experiments made hitherto, had only been observed during the three there had been a very remarkable and most previous days. Independently of the phthisunaccountable omission-no person had as is, the patient was suspected of aneurism of yet been mesmerized in articulo mortis. It aorta; but on this point the osseous sympremained to be seen, first, whether, in such toms rendered an exact diagnosis impossicondition, there existed in the patient any ble. It was the opinion of both physician susceptibility to the magnetic influence; that M. Valdemar would die about midnight secondly, whether, if any existed, it was on the morrow (Sunday). It was then se- ance was certainly not that of death. impaired or increased by the condition; ven o'clock on Saturday evening. thirdly, to what extent, or for how long a On quitting the invalid's bed-side to hold period, the encroachments of Death might conversation with myself, Drs. D and kind of a half effort to influence his right "voice." I mean to say that the sound was As I rapidly made the mesmeric passes, be arrested by the process. There were F- had bidden him a final farewell. other points to be ascertained, but these had not been their intention to return; but, latter gently to and fro above his person.— lingly distinct—syllabyfication. M. Valde-bursting from the tongue and not from the most excited my curiosity—the last in es- at my request, they agreed to look in upon In such experiments with this patient I mar spoke—obviously in reply to the ques- lips of the sufferer, his whole frame at once pecial, from the immensely important cha- the patient about ten the next night.

racter of its consequences. the year 1839, is (or was) particularly no- witnesses than these people, in case of sud- ted by a very slight shivering, the eye-lids could not be induced to return. My own be liberally supplied with water. trast to the blackness of his hair—the lat- quaintance (Mr. Theodore L——) relieved "Yes;—asleep now! Do not wake me! to revive Mr. L——l. When he came to Camellias will now be in full bloom subject for mesmeric experiment. On two first, by the urgent entreaties of M. Valde- obeyed the direction of my hand. I quesor three occasions I had put him to sleep mar, and secondly, by my conviction that I with little difficulty, but was disappointed had not a moment to lose, as he was eviin other results which his peculiar constitution had naturally led me to anticipate.

Mr. L——I was so kind as to accede to the endeavored in vain to make it follow the in a light sandy peat.

Valdemar?"

The answer now was immediate, but even endeavored in vain to make it follow the in a light sandy peat.

tion, as of a matter neither to be avoided or of mesmerizing him in his then condition. did so, saying:

natural that I should think of M. Valdemar. deferred it too long." too well to apprehend any scruples from passes which I had already found most ef- of the question, he said, very faintly, almost pany with the two physicians and Mr. surprise his interest seemed vividly excited. exerted all my powers, no further perceptil say to my surprise; for, although he had ble effect was induced until some minutes should be suffered to remain undisturbed in cussion as to the propriety and feasibility of latter part of the month.

It is now rather more than seven months

The following article, from the pen of I received this note within half an hour EDGAR A. POE, Esq., will be found "passing after it was written, and in fifteen minutes merism to the world in an entirely new palled by the fearful alteration which the light. It assumes the appearance of truth, brief interval had wrought in him. His yet appears to be woven with the thread face wore a leaden hue; the eyes were utof fiction—if truth, we must say it is stran- terly lustreless; and the emaciation was so Of course I shall not pretend to consider pencilling memoranda in a pocket-book. it any matter for wonder, that the extraor- He was propped up in the bed by pillows.

to keep the affair from the public, at least dition. The left.lung had been for eighteen for the present, or until we had farther op- months in a semi-osseous or cartilaginous pertunities for investigation—through our state, and was, of course, entirely useless; representations, and, very naturally, of a was merely a mass of prulent tubercles, running one into another. Several exten-

In looking round me for some subject by M. Valdemar on the subject of his ap-but to my astonishment, his arm very readibered, if he still slept. He now said: whose means I might test these particulars, proaching dissolution, as well as, more par- ly, although feebly, followed every direc- "Yes;—no;—I have been sleeping—and bed, before that whole company, there lay I was brought to think of my friend M. ticularly, of the experiment proposed. He tion I assigned it with mine. I determined now—now I am dead." Ernest Valdemar, the well-known compiler still professed himself willing and even anx- to hazard a few words of conversation. of the "Bibliotheca Forensica," and author jous to have it made, and urged me to com-(under the nom de plume of Issachar Marx) mence it at once. A male and a female He made no answer, but I perceived a tre- dering horror which these few words, thus of the Polish versions of "Wallesein" and nurse were in attendance; but I did not feel mor about the lips, and was thus induced to Mr. I. I the student are successful. "Gargantua." M. Valdemar, who has re- myself altogether at liberty to engage in a repeat the question, again and again. At its Mr. L--- (the student) swooned. The sided principally at Harlaem, N. Y., since task of this character with no more reliable third repetition, his whole frame was agita- nurses immediately left the chamber, and ticeable for the extreme spareness of his den accident, might prove. I therefore post- unclosed themselves so far as to display a impressions I would not pretend to render person—his lower limbs much resembling poned operations until about eight o'clock white line of the ball; the lips moved slug- intelligible to the reader. For nearly an need reporting and plenty of air and water; those of John Randolph; and also for the the next evening, when the arrival of a me- gishly, and from between them, in a barely love, we busied ourselves, silently—with- those in large-sized pots should receive ocwhiteness of his whiskers, in violent con-dical student with whom I had some ac- audible whisper, issued the words: ter, in consequence, being very generally me from further embarrassment. It had -let me die so!" mistaken for a wig. His temperament was been my design, originally, to wait for the markedly nervous, and rendered him a good physicians; but I was induced to proceed, rigid as ever. The right arm, as before,

His will was at no period positively under my desire that he would take notes of all less audible than before: my control, and in regard to clairvoyance, that occurred; and it is from his memoran-I could accomplish with him nothing to be da that what I now have to relate, for the

He replied feebly, yet quite audibly-

him; and he had no relatives in America fectual in subduing him. He was evidently inaudibly: who would be likely to interfere. I spoke influenced with the first lateral stroke of my "Yes; still asleep-dying."

For one year, if paid within six months, ... \$1 50 to the epoch of its termination in death; dy in the death agony. I proceeded with-repeated my previous question. if not paid until end of the year, 200 and it was finally arranged between us that out hesitation—exchanging, however, the While I spoke, there came a marked Valdemar would be merely to insure his of the sufferer.

tervals of half a minute.

Communications addressed to this office must be are agreed that I cannot hold out beyond to-morthis period, however, a natural although very use this expression, because the suddenness were continual.

unequivocal signs of the mesmeric influence. widely extended, and disclosing in full view warranted popular feeling. ertion of the will, until I had completely business, however, simply to proceed.

as cold as marble. Still, the general appear- as gelatinous or glutinous matters impress For what really occurred, however, it is

the sense of touch. As I approached M. Valdemar I made a I have spoken both of "sound" and of have been prepared. I arm into pursuit of my own, as I passed the one of distinct—of even wonderfully, thril-amid ejaculations of "dead!" absolutety never perfectly succeeded before, and assur- tion I had propounded to him a few minutes - within the space of a single minute, or When they had gone, I spoke freely with edly I had little thought of succeeding now; before. I had asked him, it will be remem- even less-shrunk-crumbled-absolutely

"M. Valdemar," I said, "are you asleep?" or attempt to repress, the unutterable, shud-

"No pain-I am dying." I did not think it advisable to disturb him cation, indeed, of the mesmeric influence, rarias, &c., in small pots, will require rerelied upon. I always attributed my failure most part, is either condensed or copied at these points to the disordered state of verbatim.

I did not think it advisable to distant him was now found in the vibratory movement further just then, and nothing more was said of the tongue, whenever I addressed M. Cactuses will need a little water this his health. For some months previous to It wanted about five minutes of 8, when, came a little before sunrise, and expressed Valdemar a question. He seemed to be month. my becoming acquainted with him, his phy-taking the patient's hand, I begged him to unbounded astonishment at finding the pa-making an effort ot reply, but had no longer sicians had declared him in a confirmed state as distinctly as he could, to Mr. L-I, tient still alive. After feeling the pulse and sufficient volution. To queries put to him should be well watered. phthisis. It was his custom, indeed, to whether he (M. Valdemar) was entirely applying a mirror to the lips, he requested by any other person than himself he seemed Lilium Lancifolium, and its varieties. speak calmly of his approaching dissolu- willing that I should make the experiment me to speak with the sleep-waker again. I utterly insensible—although I endeavored should be planted into pots, if not done

"M. Valdemar, do you still sleep?" When the ideas to which I have alluded "Yes, I wish to be mesmerized"—adding As before, some minutes elapsed ere a I have now related all that is necessary to and if infested with green fly, fumigation first occured to me, it was of course very immediately afterwards, "I fear you have reply was made; and during the interval the an understanding of the sleep-waker's state with tobacco. dying man seemed to be collecting his en- at this epoch. Other nurses were procured; Carnations, Pansies, &c. in frames, should I knew the steady philosophy of the man While he spoke thus, I commenced the ergies to speak. At my fourth repetition and at ten o'clock I left the house in com- receive air every fine day.

to him frankly on the subject; and to my hand across his forehead; but although I lt was now the opinion, or rather the precisely the same. We had now seemed in Hotbeds, for the sowing of tender annu-

always yielded his person freely to my ex-after ten o'clock, when Doctors D-his present apparently tranquil condition, awakening him, but we had little difficulty BY E. WELLS, JR. & G. W. HODGES, periments, he had never before given me and F\_\_\_\_ called according to appoint until death should supervene—and this, it in agreeing that no good purpose would be any tokens of sympathy with which I did. ment. I explained to them, in a few words, was generally agreed, must now take place served by so doing. It was evident that, so His disease was of that character which what I designed, and as they opposed no within a few minutes. I concluded, how- far, death (or what is usually termed death) would admit of exact calculation in respect objection, saying that the patient was alrea-lever, to speak to him once more, and merely had been arrested by the mesmeric process. It seemed clear to us all that to awaken M.

he would send for me about twenty-four lateral passes for downward ones, and di-change over the countenance of the sleep-instant, or at least his speedy, dissolution. ADVERTISEMENTS.—\$1 per square for three inser- hours before the period announced by his recting my gaze entirely into the right eye waker. The eyes rolled themselves slowly From this period until the close of last open, the pupils disappearing upwardly the week—an interval of nearly seven months— By this time his pulse was imperceptible skin generally assumed a cadaverous hue, we continued to make daily calls at M. Valnot marked on the advertisement it will be pub- since I received from M. Valdemar, himself, and his breathing was stertorous, and at in- resembling not so much parchment as white demar's house, accompanied, now and then, paper; and the circular, hectic spots which, by medical and other friends. All this time This condition was nearly unaltered for hitherto, had been strongly defined in the the sleep-waker remained exactly as I have You may as well come now. D-and F-a quarter of an hour. At the expiration of centre of each cheek, went out at once. I last described him. The nurses' attentions

deep sigh, escaped the bosom of the dying of their departure put me in mind of no- It was on Friday last that we finally reman, and the stertorous breath ceased—that thing so much as the extinguishment of a solved to make the experiments of awakeris to say, its stertorousness was no longer candle by a puff of the breath. The upper ing, or attempting to awaken him; and it is apparent; the intervals were undiminished. lip, at the same time, writhed itself away the (perhaps) unfortunate result of this latstrange," and is calculated to present Mes- had not seen him for ten days, and was apcovered completely; while the lower jaw much discussion in private circles—to so At five minutes before eleven I perceived fell with an audible jerk, leaving the mouth much of what I cannot help thinking un-

The glassy roll of the eye was exchanged the swollen and blackened tongue. I pre- For the purpose of relieving M. Valdmar for that expression of uneasy inward eximi-sume that no member of the party then pre-from the mesmeric trance, I made use of the ger than fiction. We recommend all to read it, believing they will, at least, be repaid for that trouble. It first appeared before the public in December last, in the American

Review, a journal published in the city of New York, under the caption of New York, under the when I entered the room was occupied in lations vigorously, and with the fullest ex-startled into positive disbelief. It is my of a pungent and highly offensive odor. It was now suggested that I should atstiffened the limbs of the slumberer, after There was no longer the faintest sign of tempt to influence the patient's arm, as here-

dinary case of M. Valdemar has excited dis-cussion. It would have been a miricle had After pressing Valdemar's hand I took nearly so and reposed upon the bed at a charge of the nurses, when a strong vibra- put a question. I did so as followsmoderate distance from the loins. The head tory motion was observable in the tongue. "M. Valdemar, can you explain to us

This continued for perhaps a minute. At what are your feelings or wishes now?" When I had accomplished this it was ful- the expiration of this period, there issued | There was an instant return of the hectic ly midnight, and I requested the gentlemen from the distended and motionless jaws a circles of the cheeks; the tongue quivered, present to examine M. Valdemar's condition. voice—such as it would be madness in me or rather rolled violently in the mouth (alendeavors to effect this, a garbled or exag- for all purposes of vitality. The right, in After a very few experiments, they admitted to attempt describing. There are, indeed, though the jaws and lips remained rigid as gerated account made its way into society, its upper portion was also partially, if not him to be in an unusually perfect state of two or three epithets which might be con- before;) and at length that same hideous mesmeric trance. The curiosity of both the sidered as applicable in part: I might say, voice which I have already described, broke physicians was greatly excited. Dr. D- for example, that the sound was harsh, and forth:

resolved at once to remain with the patient broken, and hollow; but the hideous whole "For God's sake!-quick!-quick!-put It is now rendered necessary that I give sive perforations existed, and, at one point, all night, while Dr. F.—took leave with is indescribable, for the simple reason that me to sleep—or, quick!—waken me!—

the facts, as far as I comprehend them myself. They are, succinctly, these:

permanent adhesion to the ribs had taken apromise to return at day-break. Mr. L.—I no similar sounds have ever jared upon the place. These appearances in the right lobe and the nurses remained.

I was thoroughly unnerved, and for ear of humanity. There were two particulike facts, as far as I comprehend them mypermanent adhesion to the ribs had taken apromise to return at day-break. Mr. L.—I no similar sounds have ever jared upon the ear of humanity. There were two particulike facts, as far as I comprehend them mypermanent adhesion to the ribs had taken appropriate to return at day-break. Mr. L.—I no similar sounds have ever jared upon the ear of humanity. There were two particulike facts are a local factors. The same that I am dead!"

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I was thoroughly unnerved, and for the factors are a local factors. The same that I am dead!" ear of humanity. There were two particu- I was thoroughly unnerved, and for an We left M. Valdemar entirely undisturbed lars, nevertheless, which I thought then, and instant remained undecided what to do. At until about three o'clock in the morning, still think, might fairly be stated as charac- first I made an endeavor to re-compose the when I approached him and found him in teristic of the intonation—as well adapted patient; but failing in this through total precisely the same condition as when Dr. to convey some idea of its unearthly pecu- abeyance of the will, I retraced my steps F-went away—that is to say, he lay liarity. In the first place, the voice seemed and as earnestly struggled to awaken him. in the same position; the pulse was imper- to reach our ears—at least mine—from a In this attempt I soon saw that I should be ceptible; the breathing was gentle (scarcely vast distance, or from some deep cavern successful—or at least I soon fancied that noticeable, unless through the application within the earth. In the second place, it my success would be complete—and I am of a mirror to the lips;) the eyes were closed impressed me (I fear, indeed, that it will be sure that all in the room were prepared to naturally; and the limbs were as rigid and impossible to make myself comprehended) see the patient awaken.

quite impossible that any human being could

rolled away beneath my hands. Upon the a nearly liquid mass of loathsome—of de-No person present even affected to deny, testable putrescence.

> FLORICULTURE. WORK FOR FEBRUARY.

FEAST, Florist. Azaleas will now be blooming and should

Pelargoniums in small-sized pots will out the utterance of a word—in endeavors casionally a little guano water.

himself, we addressed ourselves again to an give plenty of water and wash the leaves It remains in all respects as I have last sects, dust, &c., as nothing tends more to

arm failed. I should mention, too, that this Achimenes—the bulbs of this beautiful

direction of my hand. The only real indi- Verbenas, Calceolarias, Fuchsias, Cine-

Hyacinths in pots, coming into bloom,

to place each member of the company in last month.

mesmeric rapport with him. I believe that Roses should have plenty of fresh air,

The seeds of Pansy, Phlox Drummondi, Stock Gilliflower, Calandrinia and Tropæo-

In the afternoon we all called again to lum, should be sown in pots for early bloom.