

## MRS. PIPER OUT-PIPERED

*Revelations of Louise.* By Albert S. Crockett. New York: Stokes.

One of the remarkable things about this book is the publishers' note, which in our judgment ought not to have been restricted to the wrapper. It is:

The decision to publish this book was reached only after the most careful consideration, and after consultation with several of the men named and others — men who have been associated with the author and have tested his accuracy of statement in their past connection with his work as a newspaper writer.

If a similar note could have been truthfully prefixed to the majority of psychic books published during the last few years, the subject would have been in much better repute.

If the reader of this document does not hold his judgment in absolute suspense — and no one will be able to do that — he has got either to admit the statements of the

book, or to believe one or more of the following propositions: (1) that the author is a super-monumental liar, or (2) that he was deluded every day for months in scores of ways absolutely inconsistent with sanity, or (3) that half a dozen well known and reputable people who vouch for his truthfulness and sanity were inconceivably mistaken, or (4) that a dozen people whom he alleges to have been co-witnesses, either do not exist or participate by silent assent in his lies or illusions.

Unless a denial can be found to those propositions, this volume contains accounts of the most remarkable series of phenomena in any volume known to us, and we should be slow to contradict the same assertion if made of all the other volumes put together.

The alleged medium is a young girl of thirteen. Her telekinetic phenomena surpass all those of which we have read except Home's levitations, elongations, and experiences with fire. Her "possessions" during the few months reported were probably at least equal to those of Mrs. Piper for any similar period, and some of them might perhaps be considered superior (if that word fits) to any of Mrs. Piper's. Mrs. Piper never gave any telekinetic manifestations, so far as we know, and that is our chief reason for giving this article its title.

Take it all in all, the book's "evidence" is in accord with that of the other books worth attention. Yet while, like virtually all of them, it depicts, on the whole, a rational Heaven, it has, in that regard, like most of the rest, its own fringe of nonsense carried over from previous speculations.

In reading the book, after we were satisfied that it was worth marginal marks for review, we soon found that we were marking pretty much the whole of it; so we will not attempt extracts, but refer those interested to the book itself as certainly well worthy of their attention in comparison with any similar book we know.

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