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FOR IF BRUTES SEE GHOSTS THEN  
THERE MUST BE GHOSTS.  
Examples to Prove That Dogs Have  
Been Frightened in Houses in Which  
Spirits Were Said to Have Appeared.  
Question of Animal Immortality.

Some time ago I had something to say  
on animal immortality. In that article  
I briefly referred to the argument, now  
not uncommon, that some animals ap-  
pear to have intercourse with beings, or  
forms and states of being, unseen by us.  
This sort of fact is not impossible; but  
it may be a stretch of our own imagi-  
nation to assume that this is a vision  
of ghosts. But if it can be shown first  
that, as Wallace affirms, objective phan-  
tasms appear to men sometimes, and to  
ghosts sometimes, it would be hardly  
fair to assume that men are to have a  
spirit life hereafter and the dog not.  
It might become necessary for us to  
look back our dividing line between im-  
mortal and mortal beings, and take our  
own side at least some of the beasts. Is  
the Indian right who, in Pope's language,  
believes "his faithful dog will bear him  
company" in the spirit land? These  
things, however, are not a question in  
the minds of some observers that dogs  
not only sometimes, but at all times, see  
and hear what we do not hear.

First of all, in justice, let us get the  
facts, or the alleged facts, of the Fox and  
Gun appears the following letter: "At  
least there is reason to believe that animals  
can see spirits. At any rate, I have a  
very remarkable fact to relate. There  
is in Devonshire a large, rambling old  
house, which has long had the reputa-  
tion of being haunted. Family after  
family tried to make it their home. One  
after another they gave it up, all for the  
same reason—that was frequent spec-  
tral appearances in one of the corridors.  
Sometimes the ghost was seen by one  
member of the household, while it was  
invisible to others close by," which, of  
course, would indicate that the seeing,  
or not seeing, depended on the peculiar  
condition of the family. At least a  
skeptical would strongly urge that the  
probabilities were in favor of visual dis-  
turbance. "Sometimes mysterious sounds  
showed the ghost to be about, while he  
was not visible to any of the waiters."

A SCARED DOG.  
Hearing easily follows hysterical see-  
ing. I have myself seen wires and lamp-  
work that I knew none existed. "The fam-  
ily that had occupied the house through-  
out a fierce dog might settle the problem,  
on the supposition that a human sick-  
ster was at the bottom of the distur-  
bance. On the first night of the dog's  
seeing, the spectral rattlings were  
heard. The watchdog took the dog to  
the corridor. True to the instincts of  
his nature he rushed to the front, bark-  
ing savagely. Suddenly, when half way  
through the corridor, the dog stopped  
and he appeared in evident terror.  
His tail drooped, and then he retreated  
trembling. But to the human eye  
nothing was visible." This story is  
authenticated as coming from persons of  
unquestioned veracity and excellent  
powers of judgment.

If you will excuse me for turning  
aside from the main thought I will give  
one or two illustrations to show that  
ghost seeing is not so improbable as you  
have judged. Emily Kemble tells us  
that when residing in Kitterston  
square her maid, sitting so that she  
faced and could see the staircase and  
upper landing, saw the door of her bed-  
room open an inch, and a white dress  
flashed through, with a bouquet on  
her head, come out, walk the whole  
length of the passage, and then return  
deliberately in the same manner. The  
maid knew the room to see if she  
could see the ghost, and she did. All the  
time she was in the room she was  
afraid her mistress would be disturbed  
by some similar apparition. She there-  
upon came on a portrait in the house  
suddenly that was an exact copy of her  
ghost. A good deal of interest was  
excited, but it was of course, for an  
imaginative maid, or a cunning one, to  
work up a fine yarn. Yet it is something  
that Miss Kemble believed the girl did  
see an apparition.

STRANGE CASES.  
The Epworth paragon case, involving  
John Wesley, is of great value be-  
cause it links both man and beast in the  
sensing of apparitions. Mr. Wesley says:  
"Soon after our large mastiff dog came  
and sat at the feet of my wife. At the  
disturbance continued he used to  
bark and leap at a snip on one side and  
the other, and that frequently before any  
person in the room heard any noise at all.  
He barked two or three days in a row  
till he had crept away before the noise  
began. And by this the family knew it  
was at hand; nor did the observation  
ever fail." The testimony here is cer-  
tainly credible, merely as honest associa-  
tion, but we are free to be sceptical, for  
it was some electric or magnetic phe-  
nomenon that the dog felt or was glistly  
presence.

A very strange case is reported by Mr.  
Hodgson in September, 1890, in which a  
white lady appeared. "The third night  
the haunted men's dog crouched and  
stared, and then acted as if driven around  
the room. Brother saw nothing, but  
heard a kind of rattle, and then the poor  
dog howled and tried to hide, and never  
again would that dog go to that room."  
Robert Dale Owen reports a case of a  
haunted man who had not been able for  
years to leave a dog. "I confess these cases  
are not of the order of evidence which  
all seem knowledge of dog nature. I am  
sure that a scared man would scare a  
dog out of his wits.—St. Louis Globe-  
Democrat.

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