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Mr. Noyes's talk last night on spiritual wife-dom, or "split beans," as he termed it, recalled to our recollection the excitement that prevailed in Northern Vermont on that subject, twenty-five years ago. There was a class in that region that followed in the train of the Second Adventists, and who believed as they did, more or less, but did not fully endorse their doctrines. S. K. Hazelton was one of that class. They were called spiritualists, because they professed to have made greater attainments in spirituality and to have reached a far more satisfactory stage of experience than the churches. They were distinguished for their fervency and zeal in prayer and their fanatical tendencies. There were some women among the number who took quite a leading position, and who accompanied the brethren from place to place attending protracted meetings held by the Second Adventists, and laboring with them to save souls. It was finally whispered round, that some of them believed in having spiritual wives and discarding their old ones, or treating them coldly. It produced quite an excitement, and gossip with her hundred tongues, was busy enough.

We are not able to trace the history of the affair fur-

ther, though we remember that one of the women, a young lady of fine appearance, had an illegitimate child as a consequence, we suppose, of finding her affinity, or the other half of the "spiit bean."

Mr. Nash returned at one o'clock this morning, from Watertown, where he had been to accompany Mr. Knowles, on his return home. When he reached Richland, he encountered a heavy snow-storm, and the snow was so deep (three feet), that when he arrived at Watertown, the train was more than five hours behind time. Egbert met his father at the depot, but Mr. Nash thought from his appearance, that he was far from welcoming him home. Mr. N. said it was evidently a concerted plan, between him and his mother, to get Mr. K. off *their* hands and on to the Community for the winter. It is hard for Mr. K., in his present weak state, to look on the side of faith, and his tendency is, to sink into discouragement and hypo.

We hope the grace of God will sustain and comfort him, in the exceedingly trying circumstances in which he is placed.

Mr. Perry in obtaining an order for Bags from a firm in LaFayette, Ind., on his late trip, gave a greater discount than he intended. The following was received in response to a letter apprising them that a less discount would be allowed them:

“Having been very well satisfied with your goods, the five per cent discount shall not keep us from ordering hereafter. Please add to our former order, &c.”

Letters were received yesterday from two firms, asking for more sweet-corn, “like that last sent.”

A firm in Kingston, Canada, writes, “Your fruits give good satisfaction.”—[We omit some *per contras*.]

The mercury was down this morning, to within six degrees of zero, and the day is cold but sunny.

Yesterday's temperature—

7½ A. M., 18. 12 M., 28. 6 P. M., 24. Mean 23½.



