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WHAT WAS IT?

It is, I confess, with considerable diffidence that I approach the strange narrative which I am about to relate. The events which I purpose detailing are of so extraordinary a character that I am quite prepared to meet with an unusual amount of incredulity and scorn . I accept all such beforehand . I have, I trust, the literary courage to face unbelief .	diffidence - brak pewności, nieśmiałość incredulity - niedowierzanie scorn - gardzić, lekceważyć, wzgardzić, odrzucić, szydzić, drwić, pogarda beforehand - wcześniej unbelief - niewiara, bezbożność
I have, after mature consideration, resolved to narrate , in as simple and straightforward a manner as I can compass , some facts that passed under my observation, in the month of July last, and which, in the annals of the mysteries of physical science, are wholly unparalleled .	mature - dojrzały, dorosły narrate - opowiadać, opowiedzieć straightforward - proste, prostolinijny, bezpośredni compass - otoczyć, knuć, dopiąć, spiskować, kompas, zasięg, zakres, cyrkiel annals - kroniki wholly - całkowicie unparalleled - niezrównany
I live at No Twenty-sixth Street, in New York. The house is in some respects a curious one. It has enjoyed for the last two years the reputation of being haunted . It is a large and stately residence , surrounded by what was once a garden, but which is now only a green enclosure used for bleaching clothes.	twenty-sixth - dwudziesty szósty is in - być w; być dostępnym, urzędować; być w domu lub biurze; wpłynąć (dokument) haunted - straszyć, nawiedzać, nawiedzić stately - okazały, majestatyczny residence - miejsce zamieszkanie enclosure - obudowa, klauzura bleaching - wybielanie, (bleach) wybielacz, środek wybielający i dezynfekujący
The dry basin of what has been a fountain , and a few fruit trees ragged and unpruned , indicate that this spot in past days was a pleasant, shady retreat , filled with fruits and flowers and the sweet murmur of waters.	basin - dorzecze, umywalka, basen fountain - fontanna, wodotrysk ragged - (rag) nabijać się, dokuczać, szmata, gazeta, wystrzępiony, poszarpany, umęczony unpruned - nieprzycinane shady - ocieniony, podejrzany, zacieniony, ciemny retreat - odosobnienie, wycofać się, uciekać, schronienie, azyl, kryjówka, ucieczka
The house is very spacious . A hall of noble size leads to a large spiral staircase winding through its centre, while the various apartments are of imposing dimensions . It was built some fifteen or twenty years since by Mr. A, the well-known New York	spacious - przestronny, obszerny noble - arystokrata, szlachcic, szlachetny spiral staircase - schody kręcone winding - nawijanie, (wind) wiać, przewijać, pozbawić tchu, wiatr, zakole dimensions - wymiar well-known - słynny, powszechnie znany

merchant, who five years ago threw the commercial world into convulsions by a stupendous bank fraud. Mr.	merchant - kupiec convulsions - drgawki, konwulsje, gwałtowne niepokoje stupendous - wspaniały
A, as every one knows, escaped to Europe, and died not long after, of a broken heart . Almost immediately after the news of his decease reached this country and was verified , the report spread in Twenty-sixth Street that No was haunted.	broken heart - złamane serce decease - umierać, śmierć, zgon verified - potwierdzić, sprawdzić
Legal measures had dispossessed the widow of its former owner, and it was inhabited merely by a caretaker and his wife, placed there by the house agent into whose hands it had passed for the purposes of renting or sale. These people declared that they were troubled with unnatural noises. Doors were opened without any visible agency.	dispossessed - wywłaszczony, wysiedlać, wywłaszczać widow - wdowa, bękart inhabited - zamieszkały, zamieszkiwać, zajmować, wypelniać merely - tylko, jedynie, jeno caretaker - opiekun, dozorca, dozorczyni unnatural - nienaturalne
The remnants of furniture scattered through the various rooms were, during the night, piled one upon the other by unknown hands. Invisible feet passed up and down the stairs in broad daylight , accompanied by the rustle of unseen silk dresses, and the gliding of viewless hands along the massive balusters . The caretaker and his wife declared they would live there no longer.	remnants - resztka, pozostałość scattered - rozrzucić, rozsypać, rozejść się, rozrzut, rozproszenie invisible - niewidoczny, niewidzialny passed up - odrzucić (np. ofertę), zrezygnować z szansy daylight - światło dzienne rustle - szelest, szeleścić unseen - niewidoczny, bez przygotowania gliding - szybowanie, szybownictwo, ślizgać, sunąć viewless - bez widoku, niewidoczny balusters - tralka, balas, balaska, balasek
The house agent laughed, dismissed them, and put others in their place. The noises and supernatural manifestations continued. The neighbourhood caught up the story, and the house remained untenanted for three years. Several persons negotiated for it; but, somehow, always before the bargain was closed they heard the unpleasant rumours and declined to treat any further.	manifestations - oznaka, przejaw, objaw untenanted - nie wynajęte rumours - pogłoska, plotka
It was in this state of things that my landlady , who at that time kept a boarding-house in Bleecker Street, and who wished to move further up town, conceived the bold idea of renting No Twenty- sixth Street.	was in - być w; być dostępnym, urzędować; być w domu lub biurze; wpłynąć (dokument) landlady - właścicielka, gospodyni, kierowniczka boarding-house - pensjonat conceived - wyobrażać sobie, stworzyć

Happening to have in her house rather a plucky and philosophical set of boarders, she laid her scheme before us, stating candidly everything she had heard respecting the ghostly qualities of the establishment to which she wished to remove us. With the exception of two timid persons,-a sea-captain and a returned Californian, who immediately gave notice that they would leave,- all of Mrs.	have in - zawierać w sobie coś plucky - szczęśliwy, dzielny philosophical - filozoficzny boarders - pensjonariusz, lokator, członek oddziału abordażowego candidly - szczerze ghostly - upiorny, widmowy, zmorowaty establishment - założenie, zakładanie, ustanowienie, ustanawianie timid - bojaźliwy, płochliwy, nieśmiały sea-captain - kapitan statku californian - kalifornijski, Kalifornijczyk gave notice - notyfikować, wypowiadać; zawiadomić; give somebody notice; give one's notice zwolnić kogoś, wręczyć komuś wymówienie
Moffat's guests declared that they would accompany her in her chivalric incursion into the abode of spirits.	chivalric - rycerski incursion - wtargnięcie, ingerencja abode - przebywać, miejsce zamieszkania, siedziba
Our removal was effected in the month of May, and we were charmed with our new residence. The portion of Twenty-sixth Street where our house is situated , between Seventh and Eighth avenues , is one of the pleasantest localities in New York. The gardens back of the houses, running down nearly to the Hudson, form, in the summer time, a perfect avenue of verdure .	removal - usunięcie, zwolnienie charmed - zauroczyć, oczarować, zaczarować, urok, czarujące situated - usytuowany, umiejscawiać, umiejscowić, umieścić, umieszczać, ustawiać eighth - ósmy avenues - drogi, aleja, podjazd localities - lokalność, sąsiedztwo verdure - zieleń
The air is pure and invigorating , sweeping, as it does, straight across the river from the Weehawken heights, and even the ragged garden which surrounded the house, although displaying on washing days rather too much clothesline , still gave us a piece of greensward to look at, and a cool retreat in the summer evenings, where we smoked our cigars in the dusk , and watched the fireflies flashing their dark lanterns in the long grass.	 invigorating - orzeźwiać, orzeźwić, ożywiać, pokrzepiać, wzmacniać clothesline - sznur do bielizny greensward - murawa cigars - cygaro dusk - zmierzch fireflies - świetlik lanterns - latarnia
Of course we had no sooner established ourselves at No than we began to expect ghosts. We absolutely awaited their advent with eagerness . Our dinner conversation was supernatural. One of the boarders, who had purchased Mrs. Crowe's "Night Side of Nature" for his own private delectation , was regarded as a public enemy by the entire household for not having bought twenty copies.	awaited - czekać, oczekiwać advent - adwent, nadejście eagerness - zapał, pragnienie, ochota delectation - rozkoszowanie
The man led a life of supreme wretchedness while he was reading this volume. A system of espionage was established, of which he was the victim. If he incautiously laid the book down for an instant and left the room, it was immediately seized and read aloud in secret places to a select few.	 supreme - najwyższy, największa, naczelny wretchedness - niedola, nędza espionage - szpiegostwo, wywiad incautiously - nieostrożnie seized - chwycić, złapać, chwytać, łapać aloud - głośno

I found myself a person of immense importance, it having leaked out that I was tolerably well versed in the history of supernaturalism , and had once written a story the foundation of which was a ghost.	immense - ogromny, przeogromny, niezmierny leaked out - wyciekać; wychodzić na jaw tolerably - znośnie versed - zweryfikowany, werset, poezja, wiersz, zwrotka, strofa supernaturalism - nadprzyrodzoność
If a table or a wainscot panel happened to warp when we were assembled in the large drawing-room , there was an instant silence, and every one was prepared for an immediate clanking of chains and a spectral form.	 wainscot - boazeria warp - wypaczyć, odkształcić, zwichrować, skazić, wykoślawić, osnowa assembled - zmontowane, montować, zbierać się, gromadzić się drawing-room - bawialnia, salon clanking - (clank) brzęknąć, brzęk, szczęk, brzęczący spectral - widmowy, upiorny
After a month of psychological excitement, it was with the utmost dissatisfaction that we were forced to acknowledge that nothing in the remotest degree approaching the supernatural had manifested itself.	utmost - najwyższy, największy, maksymalny dissatisfaction - niezadowolenie manifested - zamanifestowane, manifest
Once the black butler asseverated that his candle had been blown out by some invisible agency while he was undressing himself for the night; but as I had more than once discovered this coloured gentleman in a condition when one candle must have appeared to him like two, I thought it possible that, by going a step further in his potations , he might have reversed this phenomenon, and seen no candle at all where he ought to have beheld one. Things were in this state when an accident took place so awful and inexplicable in its character that my reason fairly reels at the bare memory of the occurrence . It was the tenth of July. After dinner was over I repaired, with my friend Dr. Hammond, to the garden to smoke my evening pipe.	 butler - kamerdyner asseverated - oświadczyć, zapewniać undressing - (undress) rozebrać, rozbieranie się potations - trunek, picie alkoholu reversed - odwrócony, odwracać, zmieniać, cofać, porażka, odwrotny, przeciwny beheld - widziany, ujrzeć were in - być w; być dostępnym, urzędować; być w domu lub biurze; wpłynąć (dokument) inexplicable - niewytłumaczalne reels - kołowrotki, motać, namotać, nawijać, nawinąć, wirować, kręcić się, krążyć bare - nagi, goły, obnażony, odkryty, odsłonięty occurrence - występowanie, wydarzenie, wypadek, zjawisko, pojawienie tenth - dziesiąty, dziesiąta
Independent of certain mental sympathies which existed between the Doctor and myself, we were linked together by a vice . We both smoked opium. We knew each other's secret, and respected it. We enjoyed together that wonderful expansion of thought, that marvellous intensifying of the perceptive faculties , that boundless feeling of existence when we seem to have points of contact with the whole universe,-in short, that unimaginable spiritual bliss , which I would not surrender for a throne , and which I hope you, reader, will never-never taste.	vice - wada, zły nawyk, występek, imadło, wice marvellous - cudowny intensifying - intensyfikacja, intensyfikować perceptive - spostrzegawczy faculties - wydział, fakultet, zdolność boundless - bezgraniczny, bezkresny unimaginable - niewyobrażalne bliss - błogość, błogostan surrender - poddawać throne - tron, sedes never-never - wyimaginowane miejsce, absurdalna sytuacja

Those hours of opium happiness which the Doctor and I spent together in secret were regulated with a scientific accuracy. We did not blindly smoke the drug of paradise , and leave our dreams to chance. While smoking, we carefully steered our conversation through the brightest and calmest channels of thought. We talked of the East, and endeavoured to recall the magical panorama of its glowing scenery . We criticized the most sensuous poets,-those who painted life ruddy with health, brimming with passion, happy in the possession of youth and strength and beauty. If we talked of Shakespeare's " Tempest ," we lingered over Ariel, and avoided Caliban.	 blindly - na oślep, po omacku paradise - raj, niebiosa steered - kierować, sterować, wół opasowy, wskazówka endeavoured - starał się, starać się, próba, staranie magical - magiczny panorama - panorama glowing - świecące, jarzyć się, żarzyć się, pałać, promienieć scenery - sceneria, krajobraz, pejzaż, dekoracja sensuous - działający na zmysły, zmysłowy ruddy - rumiany, czerwonawy, cholerny brimming - być pełnym, przelać się, rondo, kapelusz, krawędź, brzeg tempest - burza lingered - zwłekać, utrzymać, trwać, zostać, utrzymywać się
Like the Guebers, we turned our faces to the East, and saw only the sunny side of the world. This skilful colouring of our train of thought produced in our subsequent visions a corresponding tone. The splendours of Arabian fairyland dyed our dreams. We paced the narrow strip of grass with the tread and port of kings. The song of the rana arborea , while he clung to the bark of the ragged plum-tree , sounded like the strains of divine musicians.	sunny side - słoneczna strona skilful - sprawny, zręczny, wymagający dużej zręczności corresponding - odpowiadający, odpowiadać, korespondować splendours - wspaniałość, świetność, przepych arabian - arabski, Arab, arabus fairyland - baśniowa kraina dyed - farbować, ufarbować, farba, barwnik strip - zdzierać, zabierać, rozbierać się, pasek, skrawek tread - iść, wdeptać, zadeptać, nadepnąć, krok, bieżnik arborea - ślazówka clung - uchwycić się czegoś, przylgnąć, opinać bark - zaszczekać, warknąć, łódź, kora, szczeknięcie, ujadanie, szczekanie plum-tree - śliwa (drzewo) strains - nadwyrężać, odsączać, odmiana, szczep, obciążenie, wysiłek, napięcie, nuta divine - odgadnąć, boski
Houses, walls, and streets melted like rain clouds, and vistas of unimaginable glory stretched away before us. It was a rapturous companionship . We enjoyed the vast delight more perfectly because, even in our most ecstatic moments, we were conscious of each other's presence. Our pleasures, while individual, were still twin, vibrating and moving in musical accord . On the evening in question, the tenth of July, the Doctor and myself	vistas - widok glory - sława, chwała, gloria rapturous - zachwycony companionship - towarzystwo, asysta, asystencja ecstatic - ekstatyczny vibrating - wibrować, rezonować accord - porozumienie, akord, zgodzić się drifted - dryft, zaspa, dryfować
On the evening in question, the tenth of July, the Doctor and myself drifted into an unusually metaphysical mood.	drifted - dryft, zaspa, dryfować unusually - niezwykle metaphysical - metafizyczny