

The Dalby Spook

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The so - called Dalby "spook" sensation continues to create considerable interest in the Isle of Man, and quite a lot of people are making the long, mountain trek to reach Mr Irving's cottage, only to gaze upon the walls and reflect upon the possible explanation of this mysterious phenomena.

The Editor of the "Examiner" visited the cottage recently and had a chat with Mrs Irving and her daughter Voirrey. He was not fortunate enough to hear the quaint animal to which are attributed supernatural powers, but both the lady and her daughter are quite clear in their versions regarding the peculiar gifts of this inexplicable creature.

We were assured that the creature had been about continuously, and heard even that very day. Mrs Irving ridiculed the suggestions that Voirrey was responsible for the noises, which she had heard even when the girl was at school, and from our observations of the daughter we would be disinclined to say that this was the explanation. Indeed Mrs Irving is worried by the phenomena, and declared that if she could get near it she would hit it or kill it. Quite a lot of conversations in which the animal has taken part were retailed, and Mrs Irving is emphatic in her views regarding the existence of the creature.

The whole thing sounds amazing and incredulous, but we have to accept the versions of accredited people regarding the incidents. A Peel butcher who was at the cottage last week heard the animal at intervals for a full hour.

A number of people on research work have been over to investigate the phenomena, and one gentleman - a retired Naval officer - stayed at the Glen Maye Hotel over the week - end, and went thoroughly into the matter, but did not reach any solution. His theory seems to have been of a spiritualistic character.