

her away. The circumstance excited the curiosity and credulity of the country people, far and near; many came to see her from all parts of the country; Dr. Wright Post and Dr. David Hosack, then the highest authorities in the medical profession, visited her from the city of New York. It could not be accounted for, and it made the girl very unhappy. She was brought to the Home at Wappingers Creek, and the knocking there was very violent; my mother told me she saw one of the leaves of the hall table fly up as she passed by it. She was taken upon the ice in the creek, and still the loud knocking was heard. The mystery could not be solved; none doubted but that she was possessed of a devil. These are facts that many then living can testify to. The house of Dr. Thorn is still standing in Hackensack. When Mr. P. M. Lydig and myself were on a shooting excursion in 1833 in that vicinity, we made inquiry of several farmers if they had ever heard of the Knocking Girl, and from every one we were told it was a well known fact and generally believed for many miles around.

The children of all that generation have heard it from their parents, and of course believe, because they could not doubt what their parents told them.