

profession. The practitioner, who by a lifetime spent in patient study and untiring devotion to his profession, has made a justly world-wide reputation, when his time has come, and Death has marked him for his own, can no more console himself with the thought that he is about to leave a weary world for one of endless peace. Ah! no, the spiritualist has changed all that; henceforth he must be at the beck and call of any medium who may require his services; which, however flattering to his pride (if a spirit can have any such feeling), must be irksome, especially without the accustomed stimulus of a fee. The medium consulted by the patient, entering into communication with the spirit of some departed physician, orders it or him to make an examination of the case. It does not matter much to what school he belonged, or in what age he lived, as now he must be supposed to be well "posted" in all the latest ideas. The perturbed medical spirit accordingly makes his diagnosis; the patient being transparent to him, he can do this easily and precisely; indicates the treatment to the medium, who dictates it to an assistant, by whom it is handed to the duly impressed patient.

There are two features in common between the spiritualist and clairvoyant "doctors;" both are as a rule females; in the case of both it is by no means necessary for the patient to be present in person at the *séance*; a lock of hair from his head, no matter how far away his body may be, will do just as well. In fact, time and space being nothing to the piercing eye of the clairvoyant or to the ghostly Galen, they are able to "spot" the owner of the hair anywhere.

Possessing, as they maintain they do, such ample means and opportunities of clearing up many obscure points in pathology and physiology, which as yet the light of science is unable to elucidate, and thus doing a vast amount of good to the world, it is singular they have not even originated an idea or suggested a theory on these subjects. In fact, it appears as if they were dependent on, and limited by, the advancement of science for what little knowledge they possess, and were unable, in spite of all their boasted advantages, even to indicate a new line of treatment or introduce a new remedy.

It is a noticeable fact that the prescriptions given by these persons are very similar in character, no matter what the disease