

describer and practicer, can only be touched upon. Different practitioners have had such varying results from its use as to suggest that here, too, the personal equation is very important. Braid of Manchester, England, who first made a scientific study and attempt at utilizing it, was not successful; while an English surgeon in India, Esdraile, was highly successful, performing 268 operations on patients, with all the effect of anaesthetics, not then introduced. Its possibilities have been greatly exaggerated, not so much by the claims of the persons using it (except impostors) as by the eager credulity of the public. It seems not so much to create a new condition of sensitiveness to suggestion, as to increase what normally exists. In organic disease it is practically useless. Its great service has been found to be in various affections which may all be classed as of the nervous system; hysteria, spasmodic functional complaints, children's vicious habits, and the victims of the drug and alcohol habits; occasion-