

The Latest In . . . over Mind Control Theory.

"They can make all the fun they like of the mind cure," remarked a "professor" of the science to a reporter, "but I tell you it's the only rational system of philosophical medicine." We learned back in his class, gazed at the polished gaiters with which they loomed and conversed with their gaiters with their gaiters continued: "You see, we believe that there is nothing in the universe but mind. There is no such thing as disease in the body. It is all the mind, and is all controlled by the mind. The time is coming when every one will accept this view and adopt our theory—treating the mind

"Then drugs have utterly no effect on the body whatever, and a physician might as well prescribe 10 grains of flour or as to dose his patient with 10 grains of quinine. The flour would have exactly the same effect, provided the patient thought it was a febrifuge."

"Except as they influence the imagination?"

"Not in the least. A man might as well take water or bread pills."

"If you poured nitric acid on a man's

"The professor beat a heel-and-toe tattoo upon the floor, and replied: 'The chances are that it would. The man himself might not be aware of the fact that nitric acid was being used, but the mind of the man who made the substance would be present. You see, our science doesn't depend upon one mind alone. If it did, all would be plain sailing. However, there are minds which have gone before us. The universal opinion is that nitric acid will burn the flesh.'

"I suppose that a rattlesnake's bite would be poisonous even though the person bitten thought it the 'bill' of a moribundo."

"Of course it would be poisonous, because it is universally agreed to be so, and the minds that have formulated this conclusion are more powerful than the mind of the sufferer."

"How was it with the first man ever bitten?"

previous opinion in regard to the effect of the bite, and he didn't know whether the bite was dangerous or not. Did the poisonous fangs prove fatal to him?"

"Young man, I see that you are not a believer, and—you'll find the door right behind you."

'A Fatal Spell.

A writer in the Missouri Republican repeats this story, told by an old lady of All Hallow'en; "This night thirty years,

She spread a cloth, laid a table with supper for two, and placed a skirt on a chair before the fire to air. As the clock struck 12, the door opened, and a tall man, clad in pilot-blue cloth, came in, looking weary and travel-stained, as though he had come a long way. In silence he went to the fire, turned the shirt, sat down to the table and began to eat. In her haste the girl had forgotten to lay a knife at his place, so putting his hand in his pocket

he drew out a large jackknife. Not word did he speak, and she sat there watching his every movement. He sighed and moaned as though in great pain. The fire went down and the candle burnt low, and as 2 o'clock struck he vanished as suddenly as he came, forgetting his knife on the table. Margaret kept it as a token in case she should ever see him again. Some years afterwards they did meet again and were married. One week after the birth of her baby she asked him to look for something in her trunk where she kept "the knife."

"Recognizing it as the one he had lost so many years before, he asked her how she came by it. She told him. He then remembered that his ship was in an American harbor that night taking refuge from a storm, to obey the summons he felt his spirit had to come, as in a dream, through the wind and rain, which lashed him like a whip. And, at the thought of the awful agony he had endured a sudden fury entered into him, and, seizing the knife, he killed her. Many a time have I seen it tried, but I never knew an instance in which that spell has not worked."

The First Watch.

At first the watch was about the size of a dessert plate. It had weights, and was used as a "pocket clock." The earliest known use of the modern name occurs in the record of 1552, which mentions that Edward VI. had "ornamentum or watch of iron, the case being likewise of iron gilt, with two plummes of lead." The first watch may readily be supposed to be of rude execution. The

The earliest springs were not coiled, but only straight pieces of steel. Early watches had only one hand, they could not be expected to keep the time near to than fifteen or twenty minutes in twelve hours. The dials were of silver and brass; the cases had no crystals, but opened at the back and front, and were four or five inches in diameter. A plain watch cost more than \$1,500, and when one was ordered, it took a year to make it.

THE REIGN OF BOODLE.
A Couple More Emigrants for Canada.
PORTLAND, Me, Nov 30.—The directors of the Canal National Bank authorize the statement that Howard T. Blackston, discount clerk, has embezzled funds from the bank to the amount of \$25,000 and has absconded.
DENVER, Col, Nov 30.—F L Carter, cotton manager of the North Poudre Land and Canal Co, and an extensive real estate operator at Fort Collins, is su-

posed to have absconded. He owes \$30,000, including \$50,000 to the Travellers Insurance Co, and \$100,600 to various New Englanders.

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