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It frequently happens that the human mind, when at fault, attributes to the imagination certain phenomena the causes of which are supernatural or merely unknown. How many unexplained facts, we consider as demonstrated because we deduce them from certain causes which in very truth explains them not at all, will be one day perhaps, by the effects of chance or the progress of human knowledge, more clearly and more logically developed. In the mean time, here is an anecdote the authenticity of which has been warranted to us, and which we give up to the speculation of metaphysicians and searchers after occult causes.

In 1814, at the time when the French armies, so often victorious, experienced in their turn the chances of an adverse fate, the main body of the troops in Italy was effecting a retreat, when near Milan, the rear-guard was attacked by the Austrians. After a combat of several hours, the enemy retired leaving several dead on the ground.

A young Austrian officer, M. de Schennbrunn, remained on the field of battle, and his wounds were so serious that he had been left for dead. He was transported to Milan by some religious persons and every care lavished on him. His illness was long and painful, and he had nearly sunk under his sufferings, but at length by the aid of art and his youth he triumphed over the sickness.

On recovering his reason, his first care was to enquire where he was, where he came from, and who had succoured him. A sister of charity, who was at his side, and who had watched him during his agony, answered all his questions with kindness, and gave him the most minute details on the subject of his sickness. M. de Schennbrunn was touched by the interest which had been displayed towards him, and penetrated with admiration and gratitude for the devotedness of this pious woman, to whose care he was perhaps indebted for the continuation of his days. Witness each day to the cares she secretly bestowed upon him,