

which he had been offered thousands of pounds and refused. Now, both of you, will pledge me on your souls, that you will never reveal it."

"Why so?" asked St. George.

"For this reason, that the more it is known, the less benefit will it be to those who know it. I have never yet imparted it to a living being, and therefore, if ever after this I hear of its being divulged, I can easily tell that you have violated your pledge, as the information must necessarily come from you. This science is yet in its infancy—the learned man who taught it to me, saw the *effect*, but as to the *cause* he was as ignorant as you or I. But he had formed a theory, and it was this, that electricity is the messenger of the will—the mind. That the brain is the seat of the mind—and the brain is a mass of nerves, connected to other nerves with every portion of the body. Well the body is there—the mind is there—the conductors or nerves are there—but there must be a medium—a messenger—a connecting link between mind and matter. That connecting medium or messenger of the mind, is *electricity*. The mind wills that the arm shall move—with the speed of thought the electricity of the brain rushes along the nerves, carrying the impression to the muscles, which in their turn move the bone and flesh, and the arm moves. Let paralysis injure that nerve—that electrical wire—and the brain wills—the muscle, bone, and sinew is there—but the connecting nerve is paralyzed, and the electricity proceeds so far as the affected part, and no further—and the mind wills in vain. Why? Because the nerve—the road on which the mind's messenger traveled—is impassable. Mind cannot come in contact with matter—it cannot touch matter—unless it does so by a concatenation or chain, link by link. Of these links, there are seven—thus—the mind touches the *will*, which is merely an energy of the mind