

we shall learn that what is needed most is an improvement of the mind of the individual by whom it is practiced.

And when we consider the fact that its influence is felt, and power is demonstrated where ever there is a mind that thinks or a brain that acts, we shall learn the folly of attempting to do away with the phenomena of hypnotism. I see no reason why we should attempt to put a stop to the practice of hypnotism simply because some persons WILFULLY use it to accomplish an evil purpose; or even because some persons IGNORANTLY have rendered its influence injurious to others. In accordance with this idea, you might assume that it is right and proper that we deny ourselves the privilege, and enact a law to prevent all experiments in Chemistry, because some have ignorantly become victims to explosive combinations, and others have wilfully taken the advantage of the ignorant through a knowledge of chemistry and have administered poison in the place of medicine or food. If the evils of hypnotism lies simply in a knowledge of its principles; then we assert that a knowledge of chemistry is equally dangerous, and equally deserves our condemnation. And what is true of hypnotism and chemistry in this particular is also true of all arts and sciences; for in all branches of industry, science or art, a knowledge of the principles involved renders it possible for the unworthy to take the advantage of the ignorant: while a knowledge of the principles involved qualifies us for the perception of errors, and enables us more successfully to contend against those who would become our adversaries.

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## Premonition of Danger.

“Coming events cast their shadows before” is a worthy proverb, of which the following narrative is an instance:—

Miss D. and her father had lately gone to occupy an old