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tific proof that man has a soul or that it is immortal. But I have abundant proof that he acts unconsciously as if he had an immortal soul, and that I cannot restore him ultimately to health and happiness unless he acts in conscious accordance with this unconscious conviction. There is a power in him which we cannot see any more than we can see the electricity in the cable, but we can use that power in his living engine exactly as we can use electricity to drive a motor, and if he consciously blocks that power he loses energy or he stalls completely. For my purposes as a physician, then, man is an animal with an immortal soul; and the fact that this is true in practice is the greatest proof to me that it is true in fact."

POSTSCRIPT

SEVERAL chapters of this book were published serially in the *Cosmopolitan Magazine* during the winter of 1919-20. They were received by many readers with the suspicion that "Doctor X" was an imaginary physician and his cases fictitious. Many others pleaded to be given his name so that they might consult him. It became impossible to preserve his anonymity. As the series continued, his