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THE NEW SORCERY.

A valued correspondent in Europe regrets that so much effort is being made in America to spread abroad a correct knowledge of occult philosophy, and a proper conception of the relation of the occult sciences to life in its ethical and moral aspects. "Give not that which is holy to the dogs." "Cast not your pearls before swine." These are the sentiments of many in older lands whose training and natural conservatism preserves in secret those mysteries of the kingdom which, communicated now with mouth to ear and at low breath, are destined to be proclaimed from the housetops. The fact is that conditions in America and Europe differ so widely that entirely different methods are necessary in rendering that assistance to the race in its evolution to a higher plane, which even the most conservative in older lands do not desire to withhold. If men are to be helped at all they must be helped in the way that is of most benefit to them, independent of any tradition. It has been said that quite new methods were inaugurated in dealing with the great Fifth Race, when, eons ago, it began to make its appearance; similarly, the increasing signs on the American continent of the approach of a new sub-race, quite justify the introduction of methods which would be unnecessary and possibly pernicious under other circumstances.

In Europe there is certainly no such widespread recognition of the existence of supernormal forces as one finds all over the western hemisphere, and especially on the Pacific slope. Testimony which would be received with absolute incredulity in England abounds

in every city, and receives confirmation in the experience of nearly every family. It is true there are many who close their eyes and deny all this, or when confronted with positive evidence, prefer to accuse their neighbours of fraud or of stupidity, rather than change their opinions. But the development of psychic powers is one of the characteristics of the new race, and those who have the welfare of the race at heart will do what they can to ensure this development taking a healthy and wisely-guided direction.

The sorcery of past years partook of the degree of development of certain portions of the race and of the knowledge at their command, inspired by that selfishness and egotism which is always the subversive factor in human affairs. The new sorcery, while different in degree and lacking the ceremonial adjuncts of the old, is more dangerous in the greater subtlety of the forces at its command, while the old motive of selfishness is no less potent, and the liberty accorded by ignorance and the superstition of incredulity permits it a wider scope.

Publicly in the United States, and privately in Canada, on account of hostile legislation, practices covering the whole range of what used to be known as witchcraft are indulged in, generally with the most innocent intentions, but with results as disastrous as ever characterise the foolish proceedings of those whose plea of "didn't know it was loaded" avails little for their victims.

In occult matters there is only one plane of existence with which the uninformed have any business, and that is