

cians are good when they have no theory concerning mind-reading. Mr. Cumberland thinks there must be some kind of physical contact in such feats. He states that he has performed some tests without direct physical contact, but he was "sufficiently near his subject to receive any impressions that he physically might convey," and that he had never seen a test successfully made without such physical connection.

THE CHARLESTON EARTHQUAKE AND HEALTH.—Dr. T. Peyre Porcher, physician to the City Hospital, writes to the *Medical News* an account of the effects produced upon the health of the inhabitants of Charleston by the earthquake shocks. In addition to the effects produced by alarm and fright, many persons were attacked with nausea and vomiting which lasted in some instances for several days. Mrs. M. was nauseated during the first shock (Aug. 31), and had repeated attacks afterward with vomiting, and nervo-electrical disturbance. Miss M. was nauseated at the first vibration. Mrs. K. suffered from giddiness, with a feeling as if the floor were trembling under her feet, and experienced instead of "sadness a tendency to laughter." There was no tingling or electrical disturbance. She was nauseated at once. Mr. S. and Mr. H. had nausea and both had colic and diarrhœa following. Mrs. G. suffers from extreme nausea after every shock. She was sound asleep after the second shock (Friday, 28th September), yet awoke nauseated. "Many persons testified to feeling delicate and almost imperceptible vibrations of the earth." Mr. F. informs me that he could anticipate the recurrence of shocks by his sensations, nervousness, tingling, etc. A great many testified to experiencing the tingling—like "pins and needles"—affecting the lower extremities. Those affected could generally anticipate the approach of a shock by the peculiar nervous electrical sensations. "One gentleman has been completely cured of his rheumatism; another who for months was nervous, depressed, and entirely unable to attend to business, has regained his former activity and energy through the influences generated by the repeated