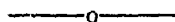


justly be considered examples of Christian faith and piety, maintain that these clairvoyant and spiritualistic "healers" are specially selected and divinely endowed instruments for the relief of suffering mankind. How can they believe this, and draw a parallel between them and the disciples of our Saviour, whom He sent forth, saying, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give?" Are their actions those of the dispensers of divine mercies? Do they freely give to suffering humanity the benefit of their miraculous gift? The pockets of their dupes can best answer this question. Their supposed power being from heaven, does it appear necessary or seemly to display it by public sensational performances, trances, &c. Again, it can hardly be said of them, "Behold I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves." Doubtless a good deal of the "serpent" enters into their composition, but the quality of the "dove" appears to be sadly deficient; and there is good reason to fear that some of them indulge in secret and forbidden practices, far more objectionable than humbugging the weak and credulous, and from which, if their eyes were open to it, men would shrink with horror and disgust.

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NOTE 3.

Having described the consequences and conditions attending the introduction of water-closets into dwelling houses, and the superiority of that admirable contrivance, if properly made and fitted up, over all others for the removal of excreta, I will now give some account of what is essentially requisite to secure for every dwelling house, in connection with its drainage, a safe, reliable water-closet, and the means to be adopted to ensure its permanent efficiency.