

## THE SECRET SPRINGS

a case that hallucinates the evil self as a personal devil, after the manner of our Puritan ancestors.

A boy of eight years old was brought by his parents to Doctor X, suffering supposedly with some sort of obscure nervous trouble. His father was a minister, and the boy had been strictly trained in the way that he should go. Unfortunately, he did not go in it. For one thing, he frequently ran away from home, and no punishment on his return seemed to deter him. After gaining his confidence, Doctor X learned that he did not run away voluntarily; the devil made him. He had seen the devil several times, at night. He was sure it was not a dream. He described Satan's appearance vividly—though conventionally. The devil was stronger than he, and he had to obey if the devil told him to do a thing. He ran away, the last time, because when he got up in the morning he put his shoes on the wrong feet, and then he knew that the devil had him. It was a sign. Useless to resist! He ran off to a neighboring military camp and hung around there all day. Of course he was whipped when he returned home. He felt that there was no justice in punishing him for a thing he could not help. Still—

"It's a real relief," says Doctor X, "to