

DISEASE CURED BY AUTO-SUGGESTION?

Mental Therapeutics Must be
Distinguished from Di-
vine Healing.

Cults' Fads and Isms—Ignorance of Power of Mind to Heal Body Responsible for Fraud, Says Health Specialist.

(Montreal Gazette.)

There are people on this continent today who are healing by the power of auto-suggestion, and who are making use of the publicity thus obtained for the furtherance of some fad or cult or ism, and representing themselves as "divine healers," said Dr. J. C. Elliott, health specialist, at St. James Methodist church last night, where he spoke on "The power of the mind over the body."

In pointing out the vital difference that exists between healing by auto-suggestion and cure of disease by divine power, Dr. Elliott said if he were actuated by a desire to make money, with his wide knowledge of the power of the mind over the body he could command immense riches. "People are doing this very thing," he said. "I don't think there is so much of it in Canada, but in the United States, and particularly in California, there are men who travel over the country in special trains, engage huge auditoriums in the big cities of the United States, and who have millions pouring into their coffers. Quite recently there was a man arrested in New York on a charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes, and his correspondence was found to be bringing him in an income of \$15,000 daily. His dupes were benefiting by his knowledge of the power of auto-suggestion and he was representing himself as a divine healer."

Long-Neglected Science.

Having examined and paid due tribute to divine healing and its presence in the world as an act of God's mercy, Dr. Elliott spoke of what a tremendous influence over the functioning of the body, a bad suggestion, will cause perfectly wholesome food to become poisonous and indigestible, and the mind is responsible for much of the functional diseases of the body, such as indigestion and melancholia. The mind has power to stop the flow of every digestive juice of the whole body. "Many of the leading physicians of this continent," said Dr. Elliott, "say that from 50 to 75 per cent. of the diseases of the body are produced directly or indirectly by the power of the mind over the body."

"In the past," said the lecturer, "this science of mental therapeutics has been neglected by the scientists, by the physicians, and by the clergymen, with the result that there has been an open field of error and superstition which has caused the church to suffer enormously. The study of these conditions shows us," said Dr. Elliott, "that this superstition and ignorance is responsible for some of the greatest frauds in the history of the world. Various cults, fads and isms are being imported into these countries from lands where this practice has produced the most utter savagery for the past thousand years."

Just as the mind is responsible for disease, so anything that would lift the mind out of self, would be of benefit to the sufferer, and stop the contemplation of self. There are thousands of bed-ridden persons all over the continent and many of these are genuine sufferers from disease, but a great proportion of them are people in whom the disease had long been gone from the body, but had been perpetuated in the mind. When a mental suggestion, stronger than the suggestion of the disease, is given these people, then a cure by the power of auto-suggestion is effected. The lecturer advanced several examples of actual cures in support of his theme. Amongst them the case of a man who had been bed-ridden for years, and who found himself in a burning house. For a moment the thought came to him that he must burn, and then a stronger thought forced itself on his brain, with the result that he left his bed, and insisted on carrying the furniture of his room down the stairs.

The text Dr. Elliott used was "Let this mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus," and having elaborated his theme on the power of auto-suggestion, he pleaded for a greater morality amongst the men and women of today.

WILD CAT KILLS MANY DEER.

Heavy Snow in Maine Results in a Wholesale Slaughter.

Patten, Me., April 6.—Wildcats have wrought havoc with the deer in the Maine woods this winter, according to "Big Game" Mitchell, chief warden of Penobscot County, who has just returned from an extensive tour of the northern part of the state. Evidence of wholesale slaughter by the beasts were found, Mitchell reported here.

Deep snow, softened but not melted by the spring sun, has sealed the door of hundreds of deer, according to Mitchell. In trying to escape from the cats the deer break through the snow and founder helplessly, while their pursuers, of lighter build, can travel on the crust and overtake their quarry.

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ROYAL CHILDREN WHO HAVE WEDDED SIRE'S SUBJECTS

Marriage of Princess Louise Broke Precedent of Five Centuries—Romances of Long Ago.

(Montreal Gazette.)

When, more than fifty years ago, the Duke of Argyll married the Princess Louise, daughter of Queen Victoria, he was reverting to a precedent last followed more than five centuries before, for the last occasion on which a subject had married the daughter of the reigning sovereign in England had been in 1389, when King Edward III. gave his youngest daughter, Margaret, to John Hastings, Earl of Pembroke, says the London Times.

To find the last precedent for marrying a king's daughter in England it was only necessary to go back to 1315, when the young widow of King Louis XII. of France insisted on marrying the English ambassador in Paris, Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk, although she had been married by proxy to the King of the Romans and he still had one wife living, although the death of a second had left him partly a widower. It was, however, a genuine marriage of affection, and King Henry VIII. had agreed that his sister should have her own way as a widow when she sacrificed herself to serve Wolsey's policy by becoming queen at the age of eighteen of the elderly King of France.

The first time on record after the Conquest that the marriage of a king's daughter to a subject in this country took place was when King Henry III's sister was the bride. The Lady Eleanor had been promised to the all-powerful William Marshal, Earl of Pembroke, in hopes of securing his support for the young king, whose throne had been menaced by a French pretender and factious barons, and when the wedding took place she was only ten years old. Widowed at sixteen, the Countess of Pembroke, who was on the point of becoming a nun, was suddenly married by the king in 1235 to a young and handsome French favorite, Simon de Montfort, who was soon invested with the Earldom of Leicester. He afterwards became a most important figure in the constitutional development of parliament, and finally was killed when in arms against his brother-in-law at the Battle of Evesham.

The Gloucester Marriage.

The first occasion on which the reigning king gave his own daughter to a subject was in 1290, when King Edward I. married the Lady Joan, who had been born at Acre, in Palestine, while her parents were on Crusade, to Gilbert of Clare, Earl of Gloucester and Hereford. The princess was nineteen, and had been betrothed to the King of the Romans, son of the Emperor Rudolf of Hapsburg. The Austrian had, however, died, and King Edward, by means of this new marriage, hoped to secure the loyalty and support of the formidable Gloucester, who had been in arms against him and had but recently divorced the king's niece, Alais de Lusignan, and at times refused to pay taxes. The wedding, although successful, did not entirely tame the great nobleman, and we learn that in the following year the king found it necessary to fine his son-in-law heavily (about £150,000 of our money) for having conducted a private war with his neighbor, the Earl of Hereford, devastating Breconshire in the process.

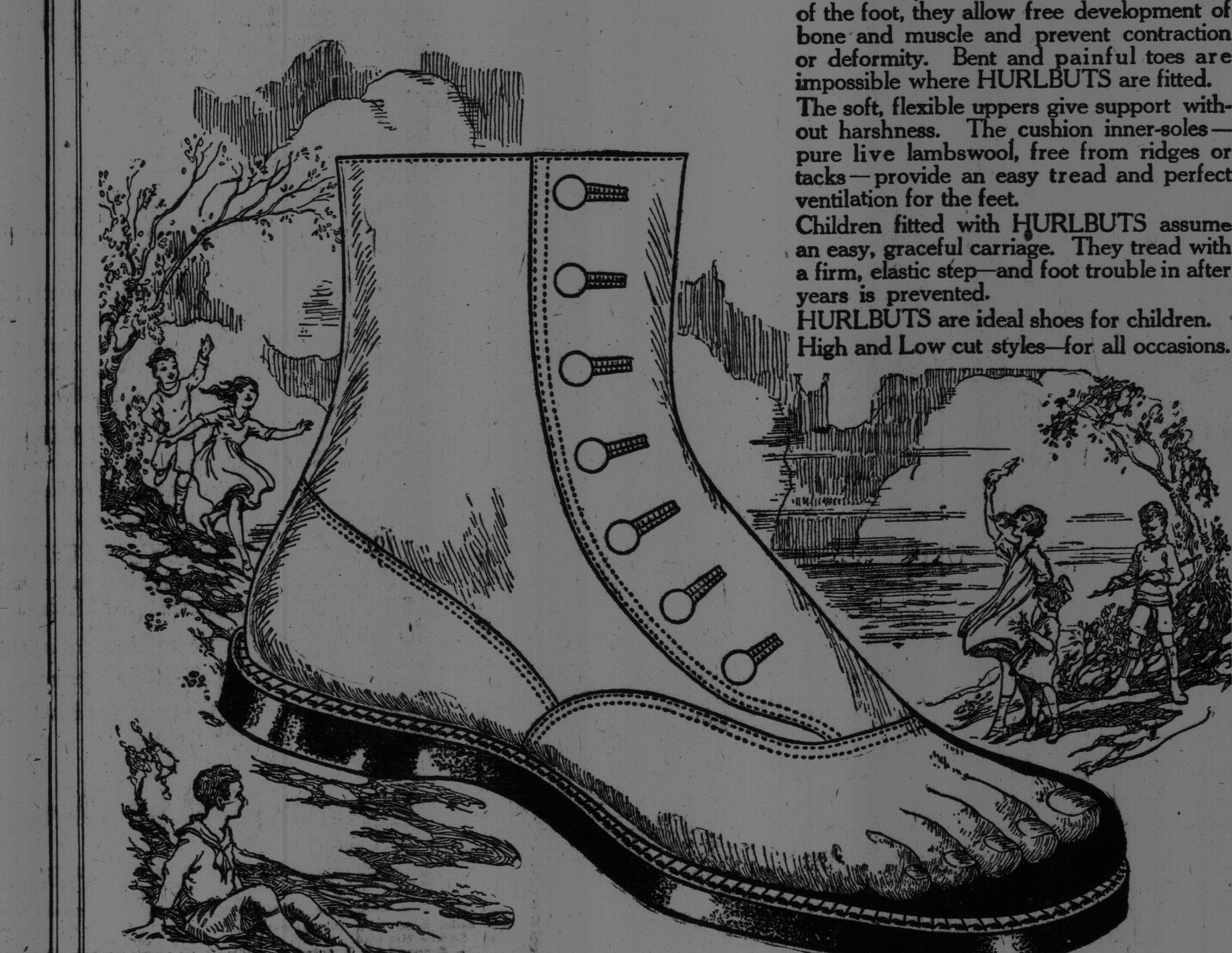
When the Countess of Gloucester became a widow at the age of twenty-three she secretly married Ralph de Monthermer, a handsome squire who had been in her husband's service. The king was furious as soon as he knew of this and imprisoned his new son-in-law, but, after a little, yielded to his daughter's persuasion and not only released the young man but summoned him to parliament in his wife's carriages, made him a privy councillor, and invested him with a variety of lucrative appointments.

So useful had the Gloucester marriage been to the king's policy of getting control of the great fiefs that in 1302 he gave his daughter, the Lady Elizabeth of Rhuddlan, the twenty-year-old widow of the Count of Holland, whom she had married when fifteen, to Humphrey de Bohun, Earl of Hereford and Essex and Lord High Constable of England. As in the case of Gloucester, all his honors and estates were surrendered, to be re-granted to him and his wife jointly and their children. The earl was somewhat unfortunate in war, being taken prisoner by the Scots (to be exchanged against King Robert Bruce's son, held captive by the English), and was killed in battle at Boroughbridge in 1322 when in 1485 to Thomas Lord Howard, afterwards famous as the victor of Flodden, as Earl of Surrey, as Lord High Admiral, Lord High Treasurer, Lord High Steward, Earl Marshal, and as the Duke of Norfolk who so narrowly escaped decapitation in the Tower owing to the unexpected accession of King Edward VI.

The Lady Cecily Plantagenet was given to the Lord Viscount Welles, K. G., one of those who had supported the Earl of Richmond in arms and had helped him to become King Henry VII. on Bosworth Field. Sir William Courtney, son of the Earl of Devon, was chosen as the husband of Lady Katherine Plantagenet in 1495, but soon fell out of favor, as his suspicious brother-in-law imagined that he was plotting treason. The unfortunate young man was imprisoned in the Tower and attained, and only just lived long enough to recover his liberty and honors from his nephew King Henry VIII. dying soon after a magnificent tournament, in which he played a principal part, in 1511. His widow became a nun.

In Scotland in the time of the Bruce and the earlier Stewart subjects frequently married King's daughters, but one of the tragedies of Scottish history is that those Kings seldom lived long enough to see their daughters safely wedded. Indeed, while the last authentic case of a Princess of Scotland being married to a subject was in 1474, when James Lord Hamilton wedded the Dowager Countess of Arran, daughter of King James II. (who had been killed in 1460), the last time that a King of Scots actually gave his own daughter to one of his own subjects was in 1581, when King Robert II. allowed the celebrated Sir William Douglas of Nithsdale son of Archibald the Grim, Earl of Douglas, to marry the Lady Jill Stewart. The Princess, "a very beautiful lady," appears to have rejected the suit of her brother, who was known as a "black and a sacker of cities from Berwick Bounds to Solway, Sand-

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CHARGE MONOPOLY IN RADIO OUTFITS

Washington, April 4.—An investigation by Attorney General Daugherty into a monopoly alleged to control the price of radio apparatus was demanded in a resolution introduced in the House by Representative Fred A. Britten of Illinois.

The resolution calls for a report on the operations and accounts of the Radio Corporation of America, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, the General Electric Company and the United Fruit Company.

"Thousands of users of wireless instruments are today inconvenienced by the apparent inability of the Radio Corporation of America to accommodate the great demand for radio tubes even at extortionate prices," the resolution sets forth. "At the same time, the Navy and War Departments have now on hand, more than 300,000 receiving tubes and large quantities of transmitting tubes, head sets, receiving sets, etc., as war surplusage, which the government is anxious and willing to sell at a cost below 50 per cent. of the whole sale selling price of the Radio Corporation of America, but under agreement with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company or other agencies which

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CLASS HONORS SECRETARY.

The Sunshine class of the Charlotte street Baptist Sunday school held a very enjoyable shower on Tuesday night at the home of Miss Vida Bentley, Tower street, in honor of their secretary, Miss Vera Webb, who is to be married in the near future. The gifts were presented to Miss Webb in an aeroplane trimmed with the class colors, yellow and white. The house was prettily decorated with cut flowers. Many and useful were the gifts received. Music and games were enjoyed and refreshments served.

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