

ing party to which he was invited. Among the persons whom he succeeded in mesmerizing was a young woman who is said to have come under the mesmeric influence very readily. Unfortunately, however, the exhibitionist found himself unable to dispel the mesmeric state in her case, do what he might. She insisted on following him about whithersoever he went. Medical men were called in, but nothing was of any avail. The man was advised, and indeed it seems to have been his own conviction, that he ought to make the only reparation possible, that of marrying the girl. This, accordingly, he is said to have done, although he was already under engagement to another woman. Whatever may be thought of the alleged facts in this case, there can be no question regarding the propriety of forbidding exhibitions of the sort, as has already been urged in Paris and elsewhere.

—The Indiana State Medical Society carries off the honors this year among successful annual meetings. We are not quite so certain about its scientific work, but the social features, and especially the banquet given by the Marion County Society, showed that our Hoosier friends possess wit, poetry, and oratorical powers of a superior order. There were two good poems, many bright speeches, a kind of spook-letter from the long-dead Daniel Drake, and a telegram from Bill Nye, as follows :

"Sorry I cannot be there. May you and associates continue to take life easily, as heretofore.

"BILL NYE."

This was received with great applause, which commenced as a murmur and increased to a roar.—*Medical Record*.

MR. LAWSON TAIT ON ONANISM.—Mr. Lawson Tait recently contributed an article to a French contemporary on the subject of onanism, which is by no means uninteresting reading. He attributes its ravages largely to the horror-stricken silence with which the discovery of its existence is greeted, and appears to regret that it is not made the subject of conversation, if only to express one's detestation of so vile a habit. He would treat it as a contagious disease ; and in girls, is disposed