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THE EXPERIMENTS AT SALPETRIERE.

Salpetriere is a famous prison hospital of Paris. In that institution there is now conducted a series of experiments in hypnotism under official supervision.

The problem that is being worked out at Salpetriere is, "Can human suffering be mitigated or cured by suggestion?"

It looks very much, at present, as if an affirmative response will constitute the final official verdict of solution. It may be safely taken as demonstrated that to a certain extent suggestion is curative; also that the mental condition inseparable from it causes tissue changes.

Because these scientists are unsettled as to causes and reasons in this matter, they decline to render any verdict and are as close-mouthed as mutes.

What is now being done at the hospital is thorough experimenting, under the light of greater knowledge, in a form of what was once called animal magnetism, and to the "science" of which Mesmer gave his name and indulged, as did his followers, in a good deal of clap-trap and humbug concerning it.

The value of the research of the Nancy and Charcot schools is found in the spirit with which they pursue it. They are investigators as scientists, and have nothing to do with the mystical with which some credulous people seek to envelop the physical and mental state of the controlled.

The Parisian correspondent of the New York Times, who gives us much interesting information upon the subject, now reviews the most recent work of the Nancy and Charcot schools. The first was founded in 1856 by Liebault, the other in 1875 by Charcot.

Again, patients are thrown into the state and their teeth are extracted and old tooth roots dug from their jaws without immediate or succeeding complaint of pain.

hypnotic state in one case was induced by letter, and that the patient delivering it "fell asleep" at the command of the recipient, who was told in the note to will her to sleep, and that she had been commanded to obey him.

Under the "influence" emotions are administered with the direction that they are pleasant cordials, and no nausea follows. Even the beat of the pulse and the respiration are controlled by suggestion.

We must be expected to make a wide margin of allowance when asked to accept as accurate the report of an experiment at Salpetriere in which a cigar-case applied to the skin of a patient during hypnosis was made to raise a blister.

The correspondents indicate that the Nancy school of investigators dwell much upon the psychological phases of hypnotism, but they do not make clear to laymen their theories of the retention of ideas and "speaking with tongues," concerning which there is reason to believe there is much delusion.

What the Salpetriere experimenters most seek to ascertain is the value of hypnotism as a therapeutic agent, for whatever value there is in hypnosis "lies," say the Nancy school, "in the increased susceptibility it gives to suggestion, but the two are entirely separate."

To the charge that hypnotism is the work of charlatans, the Nancy investigators respond that it should no more be left in the hands of charlatans than medicine, which many of them successfully practice. When they are told that hypnotism is dangerous they reply, "all the more reason for ascertaining its true value and danger; it should not be treated as a toy, but lifted to the rank of a science or condemned as a fraud."

The Nancy school, now experimenting at Salpetriere, admit, say the correspondents, that there is real danger in hypnotism, as increased tendency to hypnosis, the possibility of inducing the condition against the patient's will, etc.

As to whether hypnotic suggestion has resulted in therapeutics beneficially the testimony of experimentation at Salpetriere is conflicting. The correspondents affirm that the proofs are affirmative more than negative, and that high and lasting good has resulted, as in treatment of nervous disorders, rheumatism, somnambulism, melancholia, the alcohol and morphine habits, etc.

is wise, since restriction tends to give the field of experiment to the occupancy of the scientists only.

PERSONAL property is the taxable value that most escapes taxation. It is not at all surprising, therefore, that the attempt to unearth these values should create a good deal of stir in some quarters.

The poor man's possessions are not easily concealed, nor can their value be misrepresented; but the case is very different with the greater possessions of many of the wealthy, of large business firms, and of great enterprises. About a year ago the RECORD-UNION took occasion to reveal the amazing surprises of the Assessors' returns. In one county few, if any, watches were listed; in another scarcely any jewelry; in still another but a meager return was made of values in merchandise stocks.

The American delegate to the Brussels Socialist Congress on Tuesday denounced the land in which he has found refuge, prosperity, freedom and equality before the law, as a veritable "hell."

If THE FARMERS' Alliance does nothing else worthy of commendation, its firm stand on the lottery question in Louisiana entitles it to public thanks and respect.

A good-looking young lady, with a pair of seashore shoes on was crossing City Hall Park the other day with the strings of one shoe slipping and flapping about with every step she took.

Special Notices. IF AFFLICTED with Sore Eyes use DR. ISAAC THOMPSON'S EYE WATER. Sold at 25 cents.

WATCHES, Diamonds and Jewelry. UNCLE IRE'S, 302 K street.

SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY BALL GIVEN BY THE Western Star Fraternity, TUESDAY EVENING, August 25th, at Turner Hall.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF California, County of Sacramento. In the matter of the estate of G. W. FLETCHER, deceased.

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE, CARPETS, HORSES, Buggies, on SATURDAY, August 22d, at 10:30 o'clock, at our salesrooms, corner Eleventh and J streets.

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To-Day FOR Gloves. Is the price we have put upon several odd lots of Kid Gloves, which we have reason to believe is the best bargain of the kind offered this season or many previous seasons. The collection includes: Biarritz Kid Gloves, slightly spotted, the \$1 grade. "Hale's Oliver" Black Kid Gloves, 4 and 6-button lengths, with colored stitched backs. Originally sold for \$1 25 and \$1 50. Plain Kid Gloves, in small sizes.

COMMENCING MONDAY, FALL OPENING. This evening the curtains will roll up on the largest and most comprehensive displays of Fall Goods ever seen in this city. The windows only hint of the elegant stocks behind them, and commencing MONDAY our various departments will make liberal interior displays of what have thus far reached us. This is our first installment of Fall Goods. We think it will interest you to see them.

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L. L. LEWIS & CO. 802-804 J Street, Sacramento.

Miscellaneous. HOSIERY. Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, extra length, 40-gauge, full - finished, French toe, three pair for \$1; worth 50c a pair. Ladies' Fast Black Cotton Hose, full-finished, French toe, 25c a pair. Ladies' Fancy Stripe Hose, full-finished, French toe, reduced to 19c a pair. Children's Ribbed Fast Black Hose, 12c a pair. Children's Ribbed Fast Black Hose, full-finished; very elastic, 25c a pair. Children's Fancy Stripe Lisle Hose, 60c, 70c and 80c a pair, reduced to 25c a pair.

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Amusements, Etc. METROPOLITAN THEATER. CHAS. P. HALL, Proprietor and Manager. Next Week, Monday, August 24th. ONE NIGHT ONLY! RUSSELL'S COMEDIANS. New York Bijou Theater Company.

California Baseball League. SNOWFLAKE PARK. Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 20th, 21st, 22d and 23d. SACRAMENTO vs SAN JOSE.

SACRAMENTO SWIMMING BATHS. OPEN FROM 6:30 A. M. TO 12 M.; 1 TO 6 P. M., and from 7 to 10 P. M.

Auctions. AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE Real Estate. BY ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATRIX B of the Estate of JOHN McNEILL, deceased, we will sell at public auction on Wednesday, August 26th, at 10:30 o'clock, on the premises, The Residence of the Late John McNeill.

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