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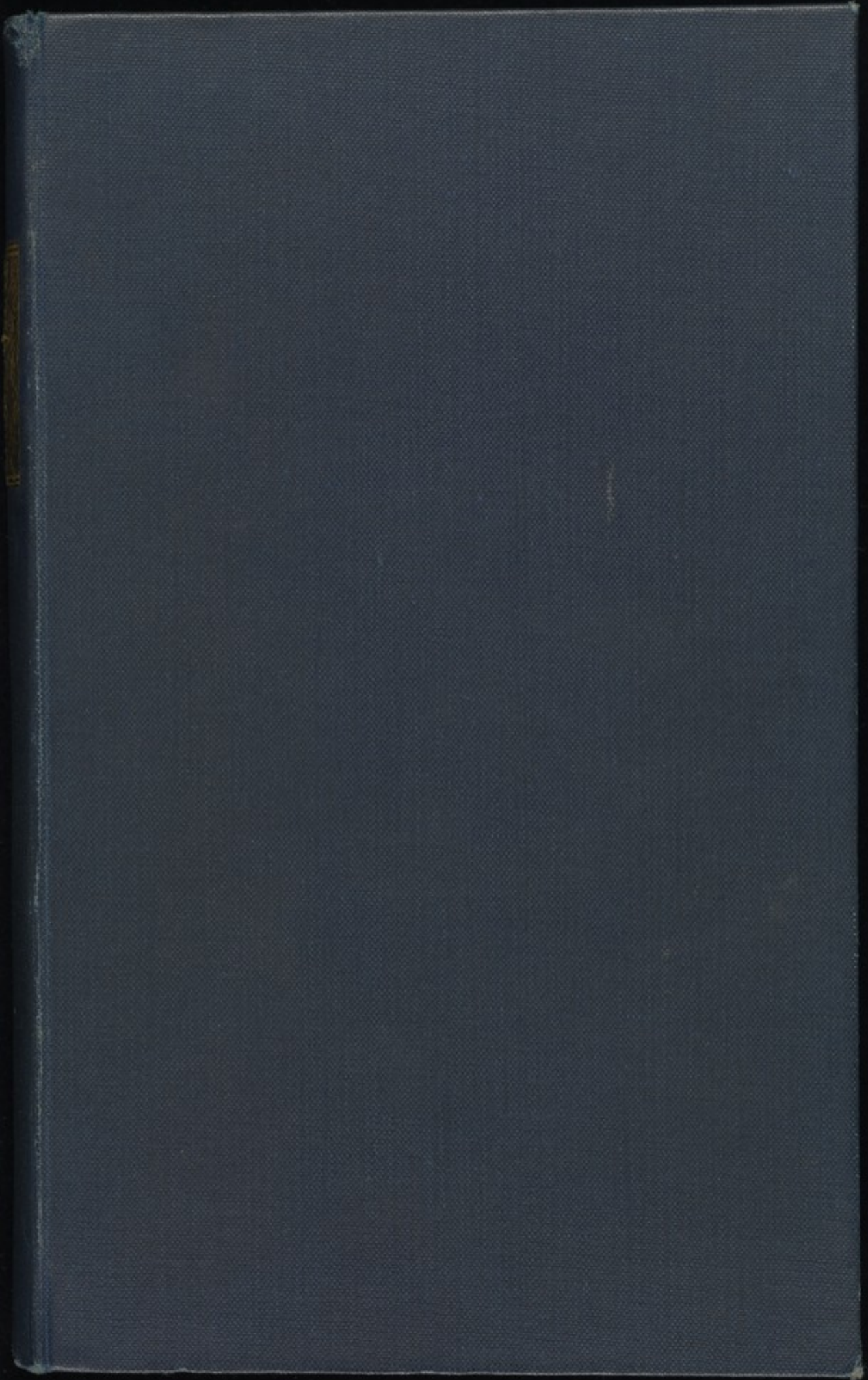
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Opposite the Bude Haven Hotel, formerly the Old London Inn.

Applications having become so numerous for the relief of mental and bodily sufferings by the aid of Mesmerism, Mr. J. B. PARKER, (resident surgeon of this City for Twenty-one Years) has taken the above Premises for the remedial application of Mesmerism, combined with medical and Surgical Treatment, where qualified Mesmerisers, under his directions, will be in attendance; as Mesmerism has proved beneficial, where all previous Medical and Surgical Treatment has failed, particularly in all painful and nervous affections—such as APOPLEXY, ASTHMA, DISEASES OF THE BRAIN, BURNS and SCALDS, CANCER, as well as other DISEASES OF THE BREAST, CHOLERA, COLIC, CONSUMPTION, CLAMP, DROPSY, DEAFNESS and other DISEASES OF THE EAR, EPILEPSY, DISEASES OF THE EYE including all operations on the Eye, particularly CATARACT, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, FEVER, GOUT, HEAD-ACHE, DISEASES OF THE HEART, particularly PALPITATION, INSANITY, LOCK-JAW, PALSY, PILES, RHEUMATISM, SCROFULA, SEASONS, ST. VITUS' DANCE, SPINAL DISEASES, TOOTH-ACHE, TIC DOLORÉUX in every part of the Body, &c. In addition to which, the most DANGEROUS, PAINFUL and DIFFICULT OPERATIONS in SURGERY have been performed, without the least pain being felt by the Patient, and without its proving fatal or prejudicial in any one Single Instance, a FACT unprecedented in the Annals of Surgery.—All inflammation subsequent to Operations is perfectly controlled by Mesmerism.

Mr. J. B. PARKER, has performed upwards of One Hundred, Surgical Operations during the Mesmeric Sleep, including the tying the Radial Artery—upwards of Twenty most painful Operations on the Eye, and a multitude of minor Operations; and during the last four Months, Mr. J. B. PARKER, has extracted upwards of Thirty Teeth during the Mesmeric Sleep.—from TEN to SEVENTY Persons have been present at each Operation, and on awaking the Patients they have been unconscious of the progress made by the Instrument. *Private Mesmeric Institution, under the sanction and authority of the Reports of the Lords of the Council, the House of Commons, the Nobility and Members of Parliament, as well as Scientific and Medical Men, who were engaged in the following:*

The DUKE of MARLBOROUGH,  
The ARCHBISHOP of DUBLIN,  
The EARL of DUCHIE,  
The EARL of CARLISLE,  
The EARL of STANHOPE,  
The EARL of DALHOUSIE, Governor  
General of India

VISCOUNT ADARE,  
The BARON DE GOLDSMID,  
Sir E. L. BULWER,  
Dr. ELLIOTSON,  
Dr. GREGORY, Professor of Chemistry,  
Dr. ESDALLE,

Dr. ASHBURNER,  
Dr. ENGLEDEU,  
MONCKTON MILNES, Esq., M. P.  
Mrs. SOMERVILLE,  
MISS MARTINEAU,  
&c., &c.

There will be accommodation for Patients, who may wish to have operations performed whilst under the influence of Mesmerism.

Illustrations of Mesmerism, under the directions of Mr. J. B. PARKER, will be given at the Institution on Monday and Friday Evenings, at Seven o'Clock, to which the public will be admitted by Ticket, to be obtained by personal application at the Institution between 1 and 2 on the above days.

There will be a Mesmeric Circulating Library, and Electrical, Electro-Magnetic, and Galvanic Magnetic Apparatus at the Institution, to illustrate the analogy between Metallic Electricity and Animal Magnetism, or Mesmerism.

Donors and Subscribers to the Exeter Mesmeric Institution will be entitled to recommend poor Patients for Medical, Surgical, and Mesmeric treatment, where Mr. Parker will attend on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between twelve and one o'Clock, to give gratuitous advice.

Half-Yearly Reports will be published of cases cured or relieved, with a list of Donations and Subscriptions received.

The Exeter Mesmeric Institution will be opened on January the 1st, 1851.

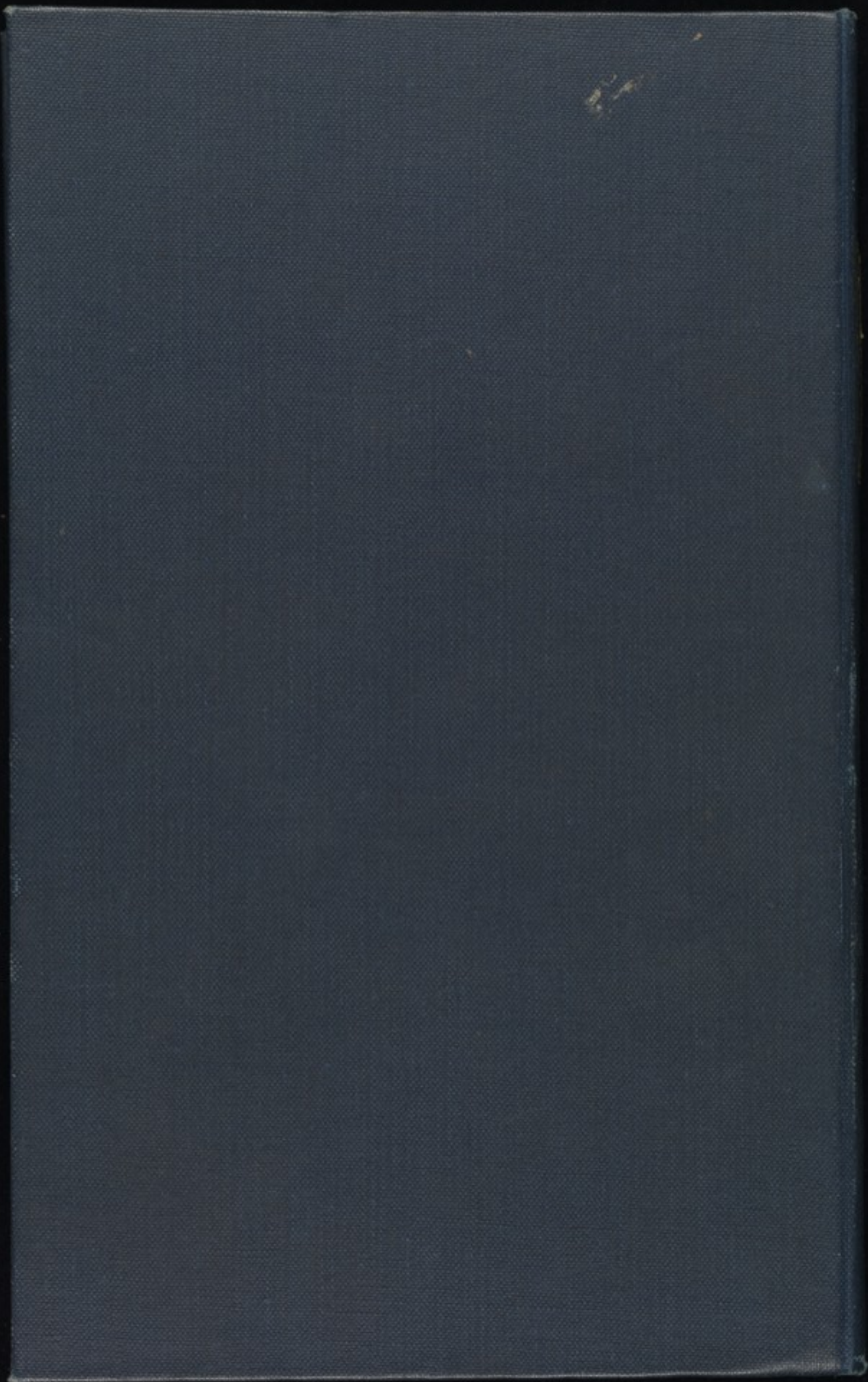
For further enquiries, application to be made to Mr. J. B. PARKER, Cathedral Yard, Exeter.

Dated December 16th, 1850.

Please to read this and circulate it among your Neighbours and Suffering Friends.

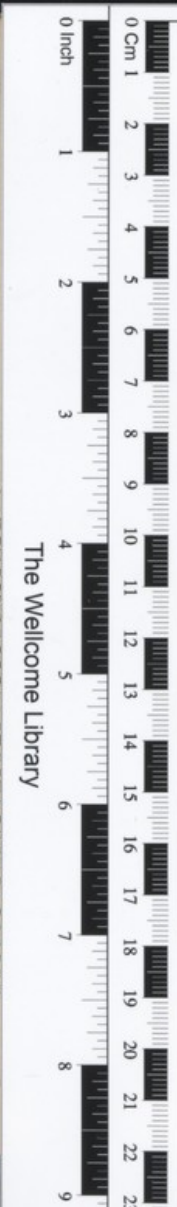








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could add some other fluid to it which would cause some yellow, lo! the brownish fluid upon the probe bright green or blue; still he was not called an ass. Doubt the propriety of the test. Lastly, we saw a man bring a little dog into his theatre, and give him a wound introduced into the system of the poor dog by means of a wound made for the purpose: in a few seconds, this poor little dog would rise, particularly of his hind legs, and die. We saw, and the poor little dog has continued to run in his private domain, behind his table, and never could see, otherwise than in a natural way. All this, however, exclaim "Oh! credulous professors might have observed a slight smile come upon his face before he died."



be facts already discovered relating to the matter? And truly we are not so well acquainted with the facts as to justify us in rejecting any truth, or any fact which may be offered us concerning it. Those to whom, by their profession, the public is entrusted, to lose no opportunity of acquiring knowledge, and to insure that safety to the greatest extent possible, it is the duty of medical men, how much more engaged in the instruction of the students of medicine, to have in any degree given their attention to the subject?—they have not even shown the inclination to be acquainted with its nature. There have, of course, and to these few should the public indeed be indebted to know whether this be or be not their senti-

To James Blundell M.D.  
From John Elliotson

NUMEROUS CASES  
OF  
SURGICAL OPERATIONS  
WITHOUT PAIN  
IN  
THE MESMERIC STATE;

WITH  
REMARKS  
UPON THE OPPOSITION OF MANY MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL MEDICAL  
AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY AND OTHERS  
TO THE RECEPTION OF  
THE INESTIMABLE BLESSINGS OF MESMERISM.

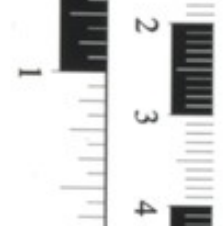
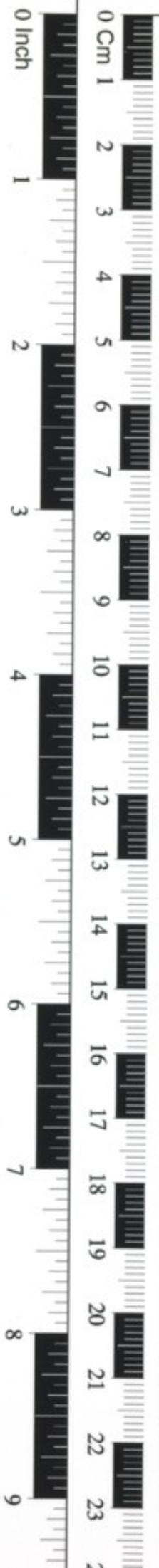
"In the whole domain of human arguments, no art or science rests upon experiments more numerous, more positive, or more easily ascertained."  
"To me (and before many years the opinion must be universal) the most extraordinary event in the whole history of human science is, that MESMERISM ever could be doubted."  
*Chenevix.*

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