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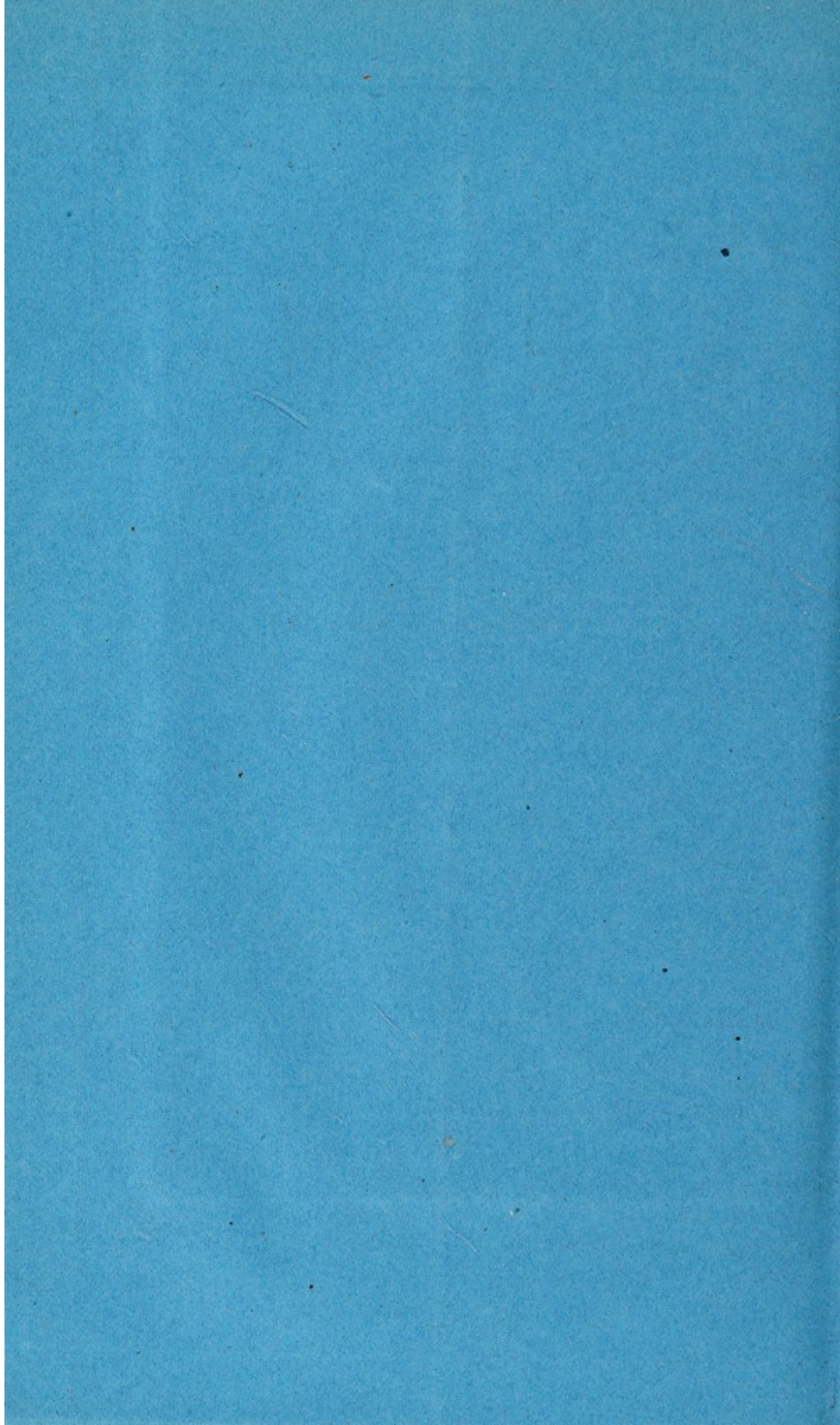
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# THE SKEUASMA.

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CONSCIOUS of the great superiority of the Patent Skeuasma over any other remedy yet placed before the public for the cure of bodily ailments, I feel that but a slight task devolves upon me in calling attention to its special virtues. Unlike many so-called curative agents, it needs no extensive advertising to insure its selling. Within the last few months the sale has more than doubled. For upwards of four years it has been used in all parts of the United Kingdom, and the verdict pronounced by hundreds upon hundreds of correspondents who have tested its curative powers is, that it far surpasses any remedy they have yet tried. In most cases it has effected a radical cure where all other means have signally failed after years of trial. In another part of this pamphlet I publish a few of the many testimonials I have received. In those letters any of my readers have a ready means of testing the *bona fide* nature of the invention. They can easily ascertain for themselves whether or not my statements bear the impress of truth. That they should at first be somewhat sceptical is what I fully expect. In fact, the great difficulty we have to contend against is the general incredulity of the public. They have so often been imposed upon by the veriest shams, plausibly set forth by unprincipled quacks, whose only object is to fleece unsuspecting victims, that they are naturally sceptical when a genuine article is placed before them. We certainly find it so. Many a suffering one whom we could restore to health declines to give us the opportunity so to benefit him. With an incredulous shrug of the shoulders, he passes wearily and despondingly on, perchance to fall into the hands of those unscrupulous impostors



who lure their unsuspecting victims into their meshes by the medium of skilfully-worded quack advertisements, that many editors—to their shame be it said—admit into the columns of their papers. The advice I offer to those who are inclined to give the Skeuasma a trial is, that before they invest a single shilling of their money they institute careful inquiries as to its genuineness, and in coming to a decision not allow *prejudice* to influence them in the slightest. Because a thing is new and the inventor promises that it will accomplish more than anything of a like nature which has preceded it, it does not necessarily follow that it is a delusion and a snare. That so little has hitherto been accomplished in this scientific age to alleviate or cure “the thousand and one ills that flesh is heir to” should excite surprise, not that towards the close of the nineteenth century a curative article is brought out that promises to revolutionize the whole art and practice of healing almost all bodily ailments. Upwards of a hundred years since, John Wesley, the honoured father of Wesleyanism, records in his work on Electricity many marvellous cures effected by Electrical agency. Since that day generations have come and gone, yet it is only of late years that any serious attempt has been made to improve upon the primitive frictional machines of those far-off days. Indeed, most practitioners of the healing art have fairly set their faces against Electricity as a curative agent. Happily in many quarters wiser counsels are beginning to prevail.

One of the first instances in which our Magnetic Appliances were used was in the case of a child eight and a half years old. Two years previously to my seeing her she had a diseased hip which necessitated her using crutches. An abscess forming, she became worse and worse, spite of all that could be done for her by the Physicians at the London Hospital and the Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children. When thoroughly prostrate, and apparently dying, her mother called upon me. In six weeks our Appliances had thoroughly restored her to health. Were every mother acquainted with the good the Skeuasma is capable of doing in restoring and maintaining the



health of children, few homes in the land would be without one. I believe there is scarcely a complaint to which children are subject that would not readily yield to the influence of Magnetism. Croup, Convulsions, Fits, Hooping Cough, Water on the Brain, Derangements during Teething, Heat Spots, Blotches on the Face, Constipation, Diarrhœa, Incontinence of Urine, Inflammation of Eyes, and a host of other infantile complaints, might be warded off with the greatest ease. For instance, no child wearing the Skeuasma could *possibly* take Croup. It is not, however, only for the cure of those serious ailments to which children are subject that it is useful. As a means of soothing and comforting them when in comparative health its power is marvellous. How often do mothers make the remark, "What a cross child mine is! it's always crying." Now the crying is no proof whatever of the child's crossness. It does not cry for the "pleasure" of so doing, any more than an adult would. It cries simply because it is in pain. If the pain from which it is suffering could be removed, the little one's tears would soon cease to flow. There is a logic in this reasoning which no one can gainsay. Yet how few mother shave ever looked at it in this light. If the dear little ones could only be kept altogether free from pain, they would sleep away the greater part of the first three or four months of their lives. Sleep, indeed, is the natural state of infants. It is then that nature infuses into their system strength and power for future development. It is a slander upon the dear little helpless ones, whose tears are their only medium of telling their sufferings, to stigmatise them as cross. Again and again have I had practical proof that infants take no delight in crying, and that it is their special mission to cheer us by their happy, innocent smiles, rather than to annoy by their tears and shrieks. Not many days since a lady came up to me at a railway station. "Mr. Darlow," said she, "I am sure I do not know how to express my gratitude to you, for since I put your Appliances on my little one, not only has he been quite restored to health, but he has almost left off crying. I now get regularly what I seldom got before, a good night's rest." This is one mother's testimony.



I could go on naming similar evidence almost indefinitely. But any mother who has a "cross child" can, for an outlay of Seven Shillings and Sixpence for the purchase of a pair of Pads, satisfy herself of the correctness of my statements. I, however, go farther than recommending that our Appliances should be placed on "cross children." I should advise their being worn by every child, aye, and by every adult too, both in sickness and in health. I may state that each member of my own family wears them. The consequence is general good health all the year round, and in seasons of epidemic we have but little fear that the dread visitant will enter our home, and make a gap in the domestic circle. I would direct special attention to the fifth and sixth testimonials. In the first case, the child which had suffered from Erysipelas and Ulceration of Lungs for six years was well in a fortnight after she had worn a couple of Pads, and has continued so ever since. In the second, the little sufferer was nearly blind, and had been so for three years, in consequence of imperfect circulation. The Physicians of Moorfields Hospital for Children, and various other Medical Practitioners, were unable to do anything for him. When the mother brought him to me she evidently had not the slightest faith in my remedies, but merely came because she had failed everywhere else. Like a drowning man, she was ready to catch at a straw. In three months, however, she had the pleasure of seeing her child as well and happy as her heart could wish. The preceding testimonial tells how a little boy, of six years of age, who had been suffering on and off from infancy from a running at the ears, was cured in a single day, and how his brother, when attacked with what threatened to be a serious illness, was restored to health in an equally short space of time. The father has since informed me that his boys continue to wear the Appliances, and that they are better in health than ever they were. There is, he says, a clearness of complexion, a brightness of expression, and an exuberance of boyish spirits he has never witnessed in them before. Such testimony speaks volumes. I have referred somewhat at length to the improvement mothers may effect in the health of their little ones



by calling in the aid of Magnetism. Parenthetically I would just hint at the comfort and relief they may bring to themselves prior to child-birth, avoiding all those unpleasant sensations resulting from spinal weakness and nauseating sickness to which they are so subject. In the suckling and weaning of infants, the sufferings resulting from bad breasts might in almost every instance be altogether avoided.

In the cure of Gout, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Neuralgia, and the like excruciating complaints, we have been singularly successful. In fact, where our instructions as to use of the Skeuasma—which are few and simple—have been adhered to, I can unhesitatingly say that in no single case have we failed to effect a cure. This is a bold statement to put forth, but I do it without the slightest fear of contradiction. How many a sufferer from these terrible complaints could bear testimony to the curative powers of the Skeuasma! This soft, comfortable Appliance, which needs neither attention or cleaning, and gives no shocks and genders no sores, has in a marvellously rapid and apparently magical manner given them relief. The very ease and rapidity, however, with which it effects a cure often renders parties sceptical. If as soon as the Appliance touched them there commenced a series of excruciating, jarring shocks, they would believe in its efficacy; but when they feel nothing, or at most only a slight tingling sensation, they frequently incline to the belief that they are not indebted to it for restored health. In cases of Asthma, Spinal Debility, Tumours, Loss of Voice, Weakness of Sight, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Affections, Bronchitis, Incipient Consumption, Sore Throat, Erysipelas, Hysteria, Swellings, Thick Neck, Sprains, Diarrhoea, Heart Disease, Palsy, and Cutaneous Diseases, the Skeuasma has proved an unfailing remedy. Even where it has failed to effect a cure, the relief it has afforded has been considerable. In enumerating the various complaints the difficulty is not to say what it will, but rather what it will *not* cure. To ministers, statesmen, barristers, and public speakers the Skeuasma would be of great service, exerting as it does a marked influence in strengthening the voice and preventing that feeling of exhaustion which invari-



ably follows the delivery of a long address. Singers and players on wind instruments would also derive incalculable benefit from its use. Rowers, cricketers, writers, pianists, and others whose special work or pleasure brings great stress upon the hands and wrists, would be surprised to find the increased strength a pair of Wristlets would give them. As these Appliances are very tastefully got up in velvet, they are even serviceable as articles of dress. For renovating shattered constitutions the Skeuasma is of immense service, imparting all the strength supposed to be given by alcoholic stimulants without any of the after exhaustion which always follows the use of those beverages. Persons recovering from sickness would find Magnetism greatly facilitate their restoration to health by giving the much-needed stimulus to exhausted nature. As a protection to the chest it is impossible to estimate the worth of our Appliances. Even in this damp, humid climate the chances are that anyone wearing a Skeuasma Chest Protector would, even during the most changeable and trying seasons, be altogether free from Cough, Cold, or Sore Throat. Consumption, that most terrible disease of northern latitudes, may, as a rule, be successfully combatted by our Invention. In removing blotches from the face, and giving a clearness and healthiness of complexion, it is especially effective.

One of the greatest benefits, however, of the Skeuasma the protection it affords the wearer against attack from Epidemic Diseases and Fever. In fact, he may be said to enjoy almost an immunity of risk from Cholera, Small-Pox, and Fever. In reviewing Mr. Sedgwick's work on Cholera, the editor of the *Lancet*, in the number of that journal published on Nov. 17, 1866, says, "Mr. Sedgwick adopts the view which, in various forms, has always had many supporters—namely, that Cholera depends upon an affection (of the nature of paralysis) of the sympathetic nerve. He considers the *failure of the circulation* to be one of the *most distinctive* features of *Cholera*. He avers that this has been repeatedly observed to recur before any characteristic discharge from the bowels has taken place; that the pulse has often ceased before the blood has undergone any important change. The principal use of the sympathetic he



# THE “SKEUASMA.”

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[FROM MATHER'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY PRICE CURRENT,  
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considers to be the regulation of the distribution of the blood, and the prevention of an excessive accumulation in its particular organs during an increased and temporary activity of their functions. This function of a portion of the sympathetic he considers to be in abeyance to Cholera; and to this circumstance, rather than to change in the composition of the blood itself, he attributes indirectly the failure of the general circulation. The sympathetic ganglia particularly affected are the great semi-lunar ganglia. Out of the supposed paralysis of these ganglia Mr. Sedgwick gets the explanation, not only of the accumulation of blood in the internal parts and consequent failure of the general circulation, but also of the flux in cholera. He refers to the experiments of M. Bernard and others, in which section of the sympathetic was followed by hyperæmia of the parts supplied. In the case of skin, this is shown by redness and increased temperature; in the case of mucous membrane, by the symptoms *plus* increased secretion. *Blood accumulates in the internal parts in cholera* from the paralysis of the sympathetic, and the flux results from its accumulation. Although the author does not attribute the difficulty of circulation primarily to the fault of the blood resulting from the flux, he is far from thinking that the flux does not greatly aggravate the difficulty of the circulation, by causing a thickening of the blood." Referring to the causes of epidemics, Mr. D. Todd, in a recent work on that subject, says, "They are regular phenomena, and their appearance and disappearance depend not so much on the temperature, humidity, or dryness of the atmosphere, as on the condition of its electrifying force, and consequently on variations of the earth's magnetism." Dr. Dickson says, "Electrical or magnetic perturbations of the Magnetic Needle have been observed during their continuance." As man is constituted of the elements of matter and influenced by the same laws, any disturbance of the Magnetic condition of the earth must necessarily have a tendency to produce a similar disturbance in his system. During the late visitation of Cholera the above phenomena were frequently observed, and it was publicly noticed that Telegraph Clerks, and those who were continu-



ally brought within the sphere of the Magnetic influence, were EXEMPT from CHOLERAIC attacks—the close proximity of the Magnetic element doubtless neutralising the subtle effects of the earth's disturbed Magnetism. That such might have been the case is easy of explanation. Under the influence of the earth's magnetism, the needle of the compass turns toward the north. But if a magnet be placed in close proximity, the influence of the earth will be thoroughly neutralised. Iron ships, under the influence of the earth's magnetism, in building, acquire a magnetic polarity that often renders the compass useless. The remedy is to demagnetise them by a local application of magnetism. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to suppose that a similar plan of operation may be successful in neutralising the injurious effects of the earth's disturbed magnetism on man's organisation. His powers of resistance are proportioned to the vitality of his system. When in a low, languid state, he is specially open to attack from epidemic diseases. The great object, therefore, is to keep the resisting powers of the body at the maximum. This is most effectually accomplished by means of the Skeuasma, which is simply an application of Nature's own powers in a manner suggested by herself.

In speaking eulogistically of the Skeuasma, I am placed in a somewhat difficult position. In strict justice, I ought not to hesitate in testifying to its marvellous curative powers; yet I am somewhat diffident in putting myself in the forefront, among those whose special privilege it is to cure or alleviate the sufferings of those stricken with pain or disease. It is from no special knowledge of my own, however, that I am enabled to speak in such confident tones concerning the restoration to health of many whose ailments have fairly baffled all the remedies of the world's most skilful physicians, but because I have been providentially led to utilize, for the benefit of suffering humanity—by a plan as simple as it is efficacious—a curative force which the All-wise Creator, in His infinite wisdom, has placed in almost every object by which we are surrounded.



## MAGNETISM NOT GALVANISM.

WE wish it to be clearly understood that our applications are *Magnetic*, not *Galvanic*—a most important difference. Galvanism developes electric action by the decomposition of metallic substances, thus necessitating a constant cleaning of the appliances, in order to prevent the corrosive effects of acids; and as it is a *sine qua non* that there must be *contact* with the body, sores are often engendered which are most difficult to heal. The acids, too, stain and spoil the under-garments to a considerable extent. Another great objection to the use of Galvanic appliances arises from the fact of their soon becoming almost useless, on account of the oxidation of the metals employed in their construction. Magnetism being an *ever active* force, permeating every substance in nature, can be applied without any of these serious objections. The great distinctive feature, however, and the one to which I desire to draw especial attention, is that Galvanism acts upon the nerves, Magnetism upon the *blood*, which is the source of all vitality in the human system.

During a course of very carefully conducted experiments—the results of which were published in the *Lancet*—Dr. R. C. Shettle, of Reading, Physician to the Royal Berkshire Hospital, clearly proved that arterial blood is magnetic, demonstrating the existence of electricity in the life fluid by the needle of the galvanometer. Dr. H. Scoutetten's experiments were equally conclusive. A great authority on the subject, whose experiments on this important branch of science I have quoted at length in another page, says: "All the evidence we have obtained from animals struck fatally with electricity is to the effect that *the blood is the prime conductor of electrical current*, and that *even the nervous centres themselves are reached through the blood.*" It is, therefore, at once apparent that where there exists a want of vital electricity in the body, the deficiency should be made good through the circulating system by the medium of magnetism, more especially as uncomfortable and cumbrous appliances, and the use of acids, and in fact all fluids, are thus dispensed with. Our Patented Magnetic Belts, Bands, &c., developes vital electricity without the aid of acids or any fluids. They require no cleaning or any attention whatever; will retain their electric power *indefinitely*, unless tampered with; are made of a light elastic material, and may be worn under or over first garment with equal effect.



## DR. RICHARDSON ON BLOOD AS A CONDUCTOR.

THE following extract from a lecture on "The Cause and Phenomena of Death by Lightning," delivered by Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., at the Royal Polytechnic Institution, is conclusive evidence that the blood is the best conductor in the human body.

"The last question," says Dr. Richardson, "on which I touch to-day relates to the conduction of the electrical or lightning current through its structures when the body lies in its course. *If the body be wet, or if there be on it any conducting points, the current may, as we have seen, be over surface only; but when the spark penetrates, and when it kills so rapidly as we killed to-day, what parts of the body convey it?* This inquiry opens up the whole subject of the relative value of the structures of the organism as conductors, an inquiry which Priestley commenced, and which has remained up to this time but imperfectly worked out. For fifteen years at least I for one have been trying by experiment to get at precise facts, and many others have been similarly occupied. Last year, aided by Mr. Becker, of the firm of Elliott Brothers, I hoped to arrive at some exact results, by testing the conductivity of nerve, muscle, blood, and membrane by a given standard of electrical resistance. In this research I had the most perfect of devised instruments, but so easy was the decomposition of the animal structures, I could get no two correctly corresponding series of results. This reward did nevertheless follow the labour: I found, as a general truth, that *blood was the best conductor of all the animal fluids; was better than water, better than muscle, and better than nervous matter, grey or white.* Our present researches sustain this same rule. All the evidence we have obtained from animals struck fatally with electricity is to the effect that *the blood is the prime conductor of electrical currents, and that even the nervous centres themselves are reached through the blood.* I have been very anxious to show you the preferential conducting power of blood by an experiment which should appeal visibly to the mind, and I have succeeded by the following method:—I place in glass tubes, a foot long and of equal diameter, portions of animal substance—blood, muscular fibre, brain matter, spinal cord, gelatine, water, fat; I arrange that the mass of each substance shall be the same. I pass a metal conductor the same distance into each, and I carefully insulate the tubes at both ends. I now make these tubes form part of the circuit of the coil, and acting on the very happy suggestion of Mr. Tobin, I interpose between the poles two of Gassiot's electric fountains or cascades. When the room is darkened, see how beautiful is the light as it streams over the glass within the globe; we are using at this moment a metallic conductor. See, now the light is decreased, and the current from the coil, instead of making its way silently, flies across from a point to a point: we have interposed our tube containing fat, and the current, resisted by that, strikes across. See, again, the fountain is nearly as beautiful as at first: we have removed our tube holding fat, and interposed blood. See, again, the light is less: we have changed blood for distilled water. \* Lastly, see a difference between blood and spinal cord. We take two cascade apparatus, and connect both with the negative pole of the coil; we take blood, and connect that with the positive pole, and also with one of the cascades; we take spinal cord, and



connect that also with the positive pole and with the second cascade. By this plan you will observe we allow the electric current to take which course it prefers—blood or nerve—and we discover the preference by the light in the globes. The result is perfect: the blood, we may say, takes all the current; the cascade of light in the circuit of the blood is brilliant as before; the cascade in the circuit of the nerve is not developed.”

### DR. SHETTLE ON THE VITAL FORCE.

IN his excellent pamphlet, “The Nature of the Vital Force, shown from the growth of the Body and the laws regulating the Electro-Magnetic Force,” Dr. Shettle, referring to the mode in which magnetism is obtained by the blood, says:—

“One of the chief characteristics of arterial blood is that it contains a large amount of oxygen. Now oxygen is one of the most powerful magnetic bodies known, and acts the same part to the atmosphere that iron does to the earth; but it must be remembered that in this case we are not dealing with oxygen simply, but with oxygen in its allotropic condition of oxone—that is the state of its greatest density, and the state in which its magnetic and electro-negative characteristics are most marked—so that we do not hesitate in coming to the conclusion that arterial blood must by its absorption of oxygen be rendered magnetic. Acting upon this opinion, and notwithstanding that the late Professor Faraday had stated that fresh blood was diamagnetic, I deemed it expedient to find out whether arterial and venous blood did not differ in this physical respect. I consequently allowed arterial blood to flow through a tube, which tube had been previously tested between the poles of an electro-magnet, and found to be slightly diamagnetic, and then (whilst the blood was flowing through) secured the blood in the tube. The tube was next suspended as soon as possible between the poles of the same electro-magnet. The result was conclusive and most marked. The tube was then removed, and after a while suspended again, when it was found to be decidedly magnetic. The blood was next removed and the tube washed, and upon being suspended again it was found to have resumed its diamagnetic properties.”

When the advanced views of Drs. Richardson, Shettle, Scoutetten, and others concerning the vital fluid are generally adopted, magnetism will of necessity be accepted by the medical profession as a curative agent. It is not to be expected, however, that they will, as a body, at once shake off the pre-conceived ideas of life-long teachings. When they do, there will be inaugurated a treatment of disease considerably in advance of that at present in vogue. But what of the sufferers of to-day? So far as those who may peruse these pages are concerned, it rests entirely with themselves to say, whether they will patiently await the good time coming or at once avail themselves of the marvellous curative properties of magnetism. Unfortunately, our invention is somewhat in advance of the age; that, however, is not our fault, but our misfortune.



JOHN WESLEY AND ELECTRICITY.

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ALBERT the Magnetic Skeuasma is purely a modern invention, the curative power of electricity has been known and acknowledged for centuries. The following excerpts are from the Rev. John Wesley's work on Electricity, published in 1759. Most of the cures therein instanced are of a precisely analogous nature to those which we have effected with our Magnetic Electrical Appliances, without giving any of the pain and discomfort to which the unfortunate sufferers were subjected to from frictional electricity in the days of John Wesley, and from galvanic electricity in our own time.

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William Sinnock, cabinet maker, in Lombard-court, Seven Dials, was in February, 1758, seized with sharp pains in his feet, which continued three months, and for six weeks disabled him from doing any work. They returned in February last. He was electrified twice, and has felt no pain since.

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A young lady had been affected with fits near seven years, which seized her without any warning, and threw her flat on her face quite insensible. These frequently returned twice in a day. This was attended with almost a continual coldness in her feet. Her stomach also was much affected. She stood upon a wire coming from the coat of the phial, and to complete the circuit, another wire was laid upon her head, by which means the fire was conveyed to that part. By this means both the fits and coldness were gradually removed, and a complete cure effected.

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James Kitely, of Lambeth, had a sharp pain in his left side about three years. After being electrified three or four times the pain left him and came no more.

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A citizen of Upsal, who was thoroughly paralytic, was perfectly cured only by drawing sparks.

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Ann Campbell, living in Queen-street, Seven Dials, had a severe rheumatism fourteen weeks. For nine weeks she could not dress herself, nor get out of bed without help. She had the advice of several physicians, but in vain. In spring, 1758, she was electrified five times, and thereby restored to full health.

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A lad at Stockholm, who had a severe sciatica in the right hip, so as not to bear being touched, was cured in a few days.



Mary Osgathorp had her foot *bruised* by a stone falling on it, which occasioned a running sore. It continued, though frequently healed for a time, upwards of eight years; but was entirely healed a month ago by electrifying, and has never broke out since.

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At Stockholm, a gentleman of distinction, who had been almost deaf a considerable time, with singing in his ears, was perfectly cured in three or four minutes.

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A man fifty-seven years old, who had been deaf for thirty-two years, was so far relieved in a few days as to hear tolerably well.

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A girl of seven, born deaf (who subsequently could not speak), began presently to hear words which were spoken very loud in her ear, and could repeat some of them in a few days.

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A woman troubled with *bronchocoele*, the most obstinate of all swellings, whose neck was about eighteen inches and a half, is already so far relieved that the largest part of her neck is but fifteen inches and a half, the smallest not thirteen, and the swelling now wastes so fast that there is hopes of a perfect cure.

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Angus M'Innon, of Fuller's Rent, in Holborn, was afflicted with a violent cough, till his strength wasted away, and he had all the symptoms of a true consumption. He was electrified three times about eighteen months ago, and restored to perfect health.

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Mary Baker, chairwoman, aged 27, living at Mrs. Hunt's, in Neal's Yard, Seven Dials, having been long ill of a Dropsy, was admitted last year into St. George's Hospital. But on November 28 she was discharged out of it as incurable, as she was also from the Westminster Infirmary. In Spring last she was electrified, and soon after parted with several gallons of water. After being twice more electrified she was well, and able again to earn her living.

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William Matthews, schoolmaster, aged 32, living at the Foundry, near Moorfields, had Epileptic Fits (supposed to be hereditary) from his birth, till he was six years old. Then he was free till thirteen. They then returned on occasion of a fright, and continued so to do twice or thrice in a year, till he was seventeen. From that time they came almost every month, till the year 1753. Since then they usually returned about once in ten or eleven weeks. In the middle of March last he began to be electrified, both through the head, and from head to foot. April 4, he had a slight fit, but from that time to this November 1 has had none at all. Can all England afford such a cure as this, wrought by a course of medicines?



# DARLOW & CO.'S

## PATENT

Magnetic Skeuasma Belts, Spine Bands, Chest Protectors, Lung Protectors, Lung Invigorators, Knee Caps, Wristlets, Necklets, Friction Gloves, Pads, &c.

THE following are a few of the many testimonials which have come to hand during the past four years. They have been quite unsolicited. As names and addresses are appended, anyone has an opportunity of ascertaining their genuineness. In fact, we court inquiry, being satisfied that the further parties inquire the more convinced will they become that our Patented Magnetic Skeuasma will effect all, and even more than we have stated.

### RHEUMATIC GOUT.

5, Nelson's Buildings, Kennington-street, London, July 2, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the great benefit I have received from the use of the Magnetic Skeuasma. Some years ago I had Rheumatic affections. Last month I had a severe attack of Rheumatic Gout in the left leg, which laid me by from work for nearly a fortnight, and for six days I could not put on my boot. I am thankful to say that, by the use of one of your Pads and a Friction Glove, the pain was removed in less than half an hour, and the swelling reduced so quickly that I was able to get out in two days. I am happy also to add that my wife, who had about the same time a severe attack of Neuralgia, was cured by same means in a few hours.

I remain, Sir, yours respectfully,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

T. NAPIER.

### BILIOUS SICK HEADACHE.

August 18, 1871.

Sir,—Allow me to bear my strongest testimony to the great efficacy of your invaluable Skeuasma. My wife for many years suffered from excruciating attacks in her head. All the usual remedies were resorted to, but the cause of the disorder increased, until life was almost a burden. You remember that I came to your establishment and you supplied me with a Belt. Since then Mrs. Embleton has scarcely had an attack of her complaint, except when she may inadvertently have laid aside her safeguard. I beg to say that I feel it my duty to authorise you to publish this statement, in the interest of those who may be suffering from afflictions similar to those which were so dreadful at times to Mrs. Embleton.

Your obedient servant,

W. EMBLETON.

Mr. Darlow.

Minister, United Methodist Free Church, Stratford.

### BRONCHIAL IRRITATION.

5, Pownall-street East, King's-square, Goswell-road.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the relief given to me by the use of your Magnetic Pads. I have been suffering during the last five years from Shortness of Breath and Acute Cough, which disturbed my rest at night, which I am thankful to say has been greatly relieved since I have applied the Pads, and I would strongly recommend them to all who are afflicted in the same manner.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours respectfully,

S. STEARNE



## NERVE DEBILITY, EAR DISCHARGE, AND FEVER.

London, August 19, 1871.

Sir,—Since wearing the Spine Band and Pad I had from you a couple of months since, my health, which had been failing for the last six years, has been thoroughly restored. For a length of time one of my children had a running at the ears. Thinking that possibly your remedy might avail in his case also, I applied the Band to the spine. The discharge stopped the next day, and has not since returned. On reaching home a few evenings since, I found my eldest son, who is about ten years of age, very ill. He was in a burning fever, and very sick. As your Appliances had done so much before, I decided again to put them to the test, so placed them on the chest and spine. *Immediately* the feeling of sickness was gone, and in half an hour I had the pleasure of seeing my child, who had been all through the day tossing about the bed, in a sound refreshing sleep. The price of those two Magnetic Appliances, which have already restored to health two of my children and myself, and still retain all the curative power they possessed when new, is Eleven Shillings and Sixpence. Surely no home should be without such never-failing remedies.

Yours obediently,

W.

Mr. Darlow.

P.S. Should you publish this, you are at liberty to furnish my name and address to anyone, and I shall be only too happy to reply to any inquiries.

## ERYSIPELAS AND ULCERATION OF LUNGS.

28, Scott-street, Plaistow, July 17, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in stating that my little girl, who from the age of ten months to seven years never enjoyed good health, in consequence of being afflicted with Erysipelas and Ulceration of Lungs, was thoroughly cured in the short space of a fortnight by the use of two of your Magnetic Pads, and has had no return of complaints since.

Yours respectfully,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

MARY WIGHTMAN.

## PARTIAL BLINDNESS.

9, Lawrence-street, Canning Town, London, June 12, 1871.

Gentlemen,—My little boy when seven years of age was almost blind. Your Magnetic Applications, however, quite brought back his sight in about three months. This was the more surprising to me, as the Physicians of Moorfields Hospital for Children and other Doctors were unable to do anything for him.

I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

S. MELTON.

## INCESSANT SICKNESS.

Walton, Suffolk, August 18, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have much satisfaction in informing you of the marvellous efficacy of your Magnetic Remedy in the case of my niece, who has been suffering for more than two years from incessant sickness, having taken scarcely a meal during that time without vomiting. She has been under the care of several medical men, and was for weeks under Hospital treatment as in-patient, being ultimately discharged as *incurable*. She was advised to send you a written statement of her case in June last, and had only worn the Appliances you sent her about a fortnight, when the sickness ceased, and has not since returned. You are at liberty to make any use of this statement you think fit.

Yours truly,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

S. R. DURRANT.

## GENERAL DEBILITY AND IMPERFECT VISION.

6, Spring Grove-terrace, Kingston-on-Thames, January 20, 1871.

Gentlemen,—Having suffered from disordered Liver and Lungs, health, in consequence, gradually going down, I tried Allopathy, Homœopathy, and almost all other systems without any avail; and being strongly advised to try Magnetism, with your Applications my health has been entirely renewed. One noticeable fact is this, I have always been near-sighted from earliest life, but my vision has now fully come to me.

Yours truly,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

JOHN SMITH.



## BILIOUS AFFECTION (SECOND TESTIMONIAL).

Cook's Tourist Office, 98, Fleet-street, London, E.C., August 9, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I think the time has now fully come for the fulfilment of a promise made after *three months'* trial of your Magnetic Belt for my life-long Bilious Affection: viz., that should the improvement then experienced continue for *six months*, you should have one of the best testimonials you have ever received.

I am happy to be able to report that that improvement has been fully maintained, not having been detained *a single day* from business since putting on the Belt in November last, in addition to which I have enjoyed a degree of general health and vigour beyond my most sanguine anticipations; and this in spite of a closer confinement and application to sedentary work than for twenty years past. After trying Allopathic and Homœopathic remedies for forty years, besides almost numberless medicinal and dietetic experiments, recommended by various sympathising friends, I consider myself justified in regarding my own case as one of the *most remarkable* amongst the numerous instances almost daily brought under my observation of striking benefit derived from the various Magnetic Applications.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

I remain, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

H. H. GILL.

## GENERAL DEBILITY.

17, Jefferson-street, Bromley, Middlesex, July 7, 1871.

Dear Sir,—I am happy to inform you that ever since I began to wear your Belt I have been improving in health, and, indeed, feel quite well at the present time. Before wearing it a medical man told me I should never be able to work again. I am thankful to say that I am at work now, and feel as strong as ever I did in my life. Two days before I put on the Belt I could scarcely walk to your house. The above will show you the difference now. I am sure I cannot express my thanks to God and yourself for this mercy and blessing which I have received. If you think fit to publish my name. I am quite willing you should do so, and will even come and show myself in proof of what I say. I care not to whom it may be.

Mr. Darlow.

I remain, Sir, your humble servant,

A. MILLS.

## EPILEPTIC FITS.

192, Lever-street, St. Luke's, June 15, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I owe you thanks, as well as Almighty God, for the great benefit I have derived from the use of your Magnetic Pads. For between thirty and forty years I have been suffering severely from Epileptic Fits, having sometimes had as many as four or five in a day, for several days together. But since wearing the Pads, now nearly eight months, I am truly thankful to say I have been almost entirely free from them, having had but two; indeed, I consider myself cured. I shall be very glad if the statement of my own experience is the means of other sufferers obtaining the same relief. I can assure you I would not now be without the Pads on any account. I consider them quite invaluable.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours very gratefully,

ELIZABETH M'KEHEN.

## LUMBAGO.

London, W.C., March 27, 1871.

Dear Sir,—A short time since, being some miles from home, and a heavy shower coming on, my clothes were completely saturated before I could reach any place of shelter, and in this condition I remained for upwards of three hours ere I could change my apparel; the consequence was the return of an old enemy, a severe attack of Lumbago. Yielding to the recommendation of a friend, I obtained one of your Appliances (the Magnetic Belt). So imperceptible was the action at first, that I had but little faith in its efficacy; but after some three or four hours' wearing I experienced a gradually increasing warmth, accompanied by a slight tingling sensation, and to my astonishment in less than twenty-four hours the Lumbago was gone. In consequence of the sudden change in the temperature, I have continued the use of the Belt, as I find from its softness and pliability I am able to wear it without the slightest discomfort or inconvenience.

A remedy so simple and efficacious deserves all the publicity it can possibly receive, and should you consider this letter of any service in accomplishing that end, you are at liberty to use it with perfect freedom.

Mr. Darlow.

I am, Sir, yours very truly,

J. L.

P.S.—I do not wish my name to appear in print, but you may supply it, with my complete address, to any person who may wish to communicate with me.



## SCIATICA.

March 29, 1871.

The Rev. John Richardson, of 70, Stevenson-street, Canning Town, has much pleasure in saying that the Application supplied him for Sciatica some two months ago has had all the desired effect, and Messrs. Darlow and Co. are at liberty to make any use of this letter they please.

## TUMOUR.

2, Queen's-road, Camberwell, April, 1870.

Gentlemen,—I must write you, thinking you would like to know our little boy has lost all appearance of the tumour which was coming on his face, and that his general health has been much improved by your Chest Protector.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours, &amp;c.,

LUCY PINKNEY.

## GENERAL DEBILITY AND INDIGESTION.

Church-street, E., December, 1870.

Gentlemen,—I have been a sufferer for many years from Indigestion and General Debility to a most frightful extent, threatening to a consumptive habit, but am thankful to say that since wearing your Application I have been quite well.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

JAMES BRAGLE.

## HIP JOINT DISEASE.

Wilberforce-street, Canning Town, November, 1867.

Gentlemen,—Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the *remarkable cure* your Patented Magnetic Application has been the means of effecting in my child, who is eight and a half years old. She had been laid up with a diseased hip ever since February, 1865, which obliged her to use crutches in getting about. A large abscess formed on her hip, which was continually discharging. At first she was under the care of a medical attendant for three months, but receiving no benefit whatever, we obtained an out-patient's letter to the London Hospital, where she was under treatment for nearly two years. We next applied to the Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children, where she continued until her body became so shattered as to confine her to her bed, leaving her unable to turn herself—indeed, we were afraid to touch or do anything to her, as she could scarcely bear even the bed-clothes to touch her. There she laid, having no desire or appetite for food, or scarcely life. It was under these circumstances you first saw her last June, when all hopes from every quarter were given up, and we were in daily expectation of her death. I am most happy to say that, since following your simple directions, and applying your Patented Magnetic Application, my child is *perfectly cured*. The abscess ceased to discharge, and is now thoroughly healed up; she gradually gained strength and appetite, and at the end of six weeks was able to walk without crutches; and I feel happy to say now able to run her hoop and join heartily in childish sports. Again, gentlemen, I thank you, and you are at perfect liberty to show this note or do as you please with it, as there are many witnesses to prove the truth of my statement.

I am, Gentlemen, your most obedient servant,

THOMAS HAWKES.

## LIVER COMPLAINT.

Alexander-street, Barking-road, May, 1870.

Gentlemen,—I beg to certify that your Applications have been the means of entirely eradicating the bilious tendency of the body, and further, that my health has not been so good for many years; indeed, I tender you my great thankfulness.

WILLIAM HATLEY.

## EPILEPSY.

York-street, E.C.

Sirs,—Having been afflicted with fits and general bad health, your Magnetic Pads have made a radical change in my whole system, and I have had no fits since wearing them.

WILLIAM PREICE.



## LOSS OF VOICE.

The Orchards, Potten, Beds, April, 1870.

Gentlemen,—You will remember the state in which I came to you a few months ago, from entire loss of voice, which I suffered for four years and a half, till I heard of you. I have worn one of your Throat Protectors and one Pad, and am grateful in saying my voice has, under God, by those means, been fully restored.

P.S.—I may add, I attended all the Hospitals (coming to town specially), with no effect.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES YOUNG.

## GENERAL DEBILITY.

Barking-road, January, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in bearing witness to the success of your system as applied to myself and other members of my family. My mother, who has suffered for ten years from General Debility, after having tried all other remedies in vain, begins now, for the first time, to make some progress toward renewed health. Myself and son both wear your Chest Protectors and Magnetic Pads with decided benefit to our health.

I remain, Gentlemen, yours, &amp;c.,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

E. DIXON.

## GENERAL DEBILITY.

Barking-road, May, 1870.

Gentlemen,—I have to thank you very much for your Application. Having been laid aside for eight months, and getting worse and worse, I put myself in communication with you, got your Application, and in less than a week I feel myself ready for active employment.

O. CORBET.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

## BRONCHIAL PNEUMONIA.

Wharf-road, City-road, E.C., London, December, 1870.

Gentlemen,—Since I have worn your Magnetic Pads I feel myself another man. Before I did so I could not lay down in bed, my health being so very bad; and now I am quite well, without the least return of my former sufferings from Bronchial Pneumonia.

Yours, &amp;c.,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

SOLOMON BUSH.

## PHYSICAL PROSTRATION.

49, Flint-street, Bromley, E.

Sirs,—Unsolicited I feel it my duty to tender to you my most grateful acknowledgment for the benefit my wife has received during the last three months from the application of your *invaluable Belts*. She is, I thank God, fast recovering, which I owe to nothing but God's blessing and your Belts; for after two years and six months' treatment by Physicians, Doctors, and Hospitals, she was no better than when she commenced. Allow me to add, sirs, that should it ever lay in my power to assist in any way, I pledge myself to do so, particularly in recommending others who may be as unfortunate as we were, and who are longing to find such a remedy as we have proved yours to be.

Yours faithfully,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

JOSEPH STEPHENSON.

## SEVERE COLD.

Newport, Isle of Wight, November 20, 1871.

Gentlemen,—Kindly forward me another of your Chest Protectors for a friend of mine. Post Office Order for 10s. 6d. is enclosed. I think your articles cannot be too widely recommended, or too highly extolled for their beneficial effects. In my own case the result was even more than I anticipated. I caught a very severe cold over twelve months since. It settled on my chest, causing extreme weakness and exhaustion. Sometimes I really feared I should lose my voice altogether. Since wearing the Appliances you sent me only a short time since I have felt as well, and my voice has been as strong as at any former period of my life, and I am now over fifty years of age.

I remain, Gentlemen, with thanks, yours truly,

JAMES W. STEELE.



## SPINAL SHOCK.

Junction City, U. S. A., April, 1870.

Sirs,—I have the pleasure to say, that I believe your Magnetic Belt has been the means of thoroughly renewing me physically, and enabling me to undergo the immense fatigue that has been thrown upon me.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN WORMALD.

This gentleman met with severe injury in a railway accident.

## LOSS OF HEARING.

Stratford New Town, June, 1870.

Gentlemen,—The little girl you saw and recommended to wear the Magnetic Pads has recovered her general health entirely, and her hearing has returned with it.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

MARY GREY.

## INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

Garden Villas, Poplar, May, 1870.

Gentlemen,—You will be pleased to know that my wife, who has been suffering from consumptive habit and General Debility, has been very much benefited by your Magnetic Application. I have distributed your circulars right and left with much thankfulness.

Yours respectfully,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

JESSE ROBINSON.

## ASTHMA.

Lincoln's Inn, November 26, 1867.

Sirs,—I hereby certify that for six years I have suffered from affection of the chest, a kind of Asthma, which obliged me to sit up in bed night after night, unable to lay down, my breathing being so bad. Hearing of your Patented Skeuasma Chest Protectors, I obtained one, and after wearing it, derived such great benefit that I am now able to lay down with perfect ease and comfort, without the least return of my former sufferings. I would recommend your valuable Chest Protector to all who suffer from chest affections.

To Messrs. Darlow &amp; Co., Magnetic Depot.

HENRY WALLER.

## BRONCHITIS.

Victoria Dock-road, June, 1870.

Gentlemen,—I have the pleasure to add my testimony to the good your Applications have done in my family and friends—having saved my children, I am quite sure, from death.

GEORGE WARD.

## SPINAL INJURY.

23, North Woolwich-road, January 10, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have again to thank you for the great benefit my little girl has derived from your valuable Applications. She has been suffering, as you are aware, from injury to the spine, and appeared to be in a very bad state. I rejoice to say that, having treated her according to your advice, she is now, thank God, perfectly well, and is increasing in weight and improving generally. Of course, I shall always be happy to recommend your valuable discovery to any who may be afflicted in the same manner. You are at liberty to make what use you please of this letter.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

Messrs Darlow and Co.

S. VINICOMBE.

## BRONCHOCELE.

5, Grafton-street, London, E., August 14, 1871.

Gentlemen,—Having a severe Sore Throat, I used one of your Magnetic Applications. In a few days all soreness was gone. Your invention, however, effected a double cure. For about ten years I have been suffering from Bronchocele, or Thick Neck. Much to my surprise the swelling almost disappeared in three days. For this cure, which was as unexpected as marvellous, I am indeed grateful.

Yours respectfully,

ANNIE ROWAN.



## INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

84, Jamaica-street, Commercial-road, March, 1871.

Gentlemen,—Myself and little girl have of late suffered from Chest Affection and Debility. I procured your invaluable Magnetic Pads, and can safely say that they have restored my little girl to perfect health. She was a mere skeleton, and almost lifeless; but now has a keen appetite, and is very lively and active, in fact, a perfect wonder. Most pleased and grateful am I for the good she has derived. As for myself, I received such great benefit from the Pads, that in less than a week I was able to resume my household duties as usual.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours respectfully,

EMILY MOORE.

## ASTHMA.

Lower Selva, Near Haverfordwest.

Gentlemen,—I feel it my grateful duty to inform you of the miraculous effect your Chest Protector has had upon my sister, who has been suffering from severe Bronchial Asthma for the last eighteen years. All the other means that she had tried failed; but by wearing one of your Chest Protectors she was cured. Another lady who had a severe Rheumatic pain in the elbow has been greatly relieved. I have also much pleasure in stating the benefit I have derived from wearing one of your Belts. I was a great sufferer for eight years from Indigestion and its various pains, and now feel almost well.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours truly,

THOMAS PROSSER.

## NEURALGIA

4, Nelson-place, Islington, May 27, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I have lately been suffering very severely from Neuralgia; but a friend of mine who had been cured by one of your Magnetic Pads having persuaded me to try one, I am happy to inform you that I found relief in two days.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours gratefully,

G. SCOWAN.

## SPINAL SHOCK.

395, Kingsland-road, August 14, 1871.

Gentlemen,—Having, through a fall on a curbstone some ten months since, severely injured my spine, I suffered much in consequence from General Debility: and through cataracts forming over my eyes I nearly lost my sight. The Physicians informed me that my only chance was to undergo an operation for each eye. A single Spine Band and Belt I had from you have, however, given me back my sight and restored me to perfect health.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,

E. MARSH.

## HIP JOINT DISEASE.

2, Dale-street, S. Woolwich, May, 1870

Gentlemen,—My daughter, who had been suffering six years from Hip Joint Disease, with a thorough break down as to general health, her other leg and thigh suffering and threatening to become as bad as the first-attacked one, and I may add, had been under treatment at Great Ormond-street Hospital for Children, for two years, and another Hospital for a considerable time; then under Homœopathic treatment for two years. Finally, as she got worse, I gave up in despair, until I heard of your Patent. I took heart again, and am happy to add her health is fully re-established, and her hip fast hasting to a complete cure. She is well, and abundantly thankful we feel for this help under God.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

MARY ANN PRANGLEY.

## INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

Church-street, Barking-road, April, 1870.

Mrs. Collins has the pleasure of bearing her testimony to the efficacy of D. and Co.'s Magnetic Belts, in her particular case affording an immense relief; has never left it off ever since she commenced to use it, nor would she like to do so.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.



## BRONCHITIS.

Hoy-street, Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks, May, 1870.

Gentlemen,—Suffering from Bronchitis and being subject to Pleura, I recently had a most severe attack. Knowing from a friend of your Applications, I applied them, and they soon brought me thoroughly round again.

JOHN LAYTON.

## BILIOUSNESS.

Abbey-terrace, West Ham, May, 1870.

Gentlemen,—Myself and my husband are happy to add our testimony to the efficacy of your Magnetic Application, having both received marked benefit from them.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

MARY MOXON.

Bowden, Manchester, October 26, 1869.

Miss Miller will feel much obliged to Messrs. Darlow and Co. if they will forward a Magnetic Belt as soon as possible to her, at J. M. Kernot, Esq., Brown-street, Manchester. She begs to enclose Post Office Order for amount, and is glad to add her testimony to the worth of the Belt, which she has been happy to recommend very warmly.

Eastern Medical Hall, Brighton, November 10, 1871.

Gentlemen,—I am glad to inform you your Magnetic Appliances are selling well in my district, and as parties who have purchased speak of their efficacy, I cannot but think the invention will prove a "pearl of great price."

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours truly,

W. C. HALLS.

## LUNG AFFECTION.

March 14, 1871.

Dear Sir,—I have great pleasure in testifying to the beneficial results I have experienced from the use of your Chest Protector. I have been suffering from a severe cold and cough for twelve months past, and about three months ago became much worse, through having remained at business after being exposed to a drenching rain—my cough becoming much more violent, and causing such severe pain in the chest as to deprive me of rest at night, and altogether unfit me for business. By the advice of Mr. Gill, of 98, Fleet-street, I was induced to make a trial of your Magnetic Chest Protector, which, I am happy to say, relieved the pain in a few hours, and within ten days I lost my cough entirely. I shall, therefore, only be too happy to recommend others to try the same remedy.

Mr. Darlow.

Yours faithfully,

O. H. CAYGILL.

## BRONCHITIS.

Ramsey, Huntingdonshire.

Gentlemen,—I have been wearing one of your valuable Chest Protectors for some months, and have derived so much benefit and comfort from its use, that I cannot any longer resist writing to acknowledge the same, and shall be obliged by your forwarding me two more (one large and one small size) at your earliest convenience, for some friends of mine to whom I had recommended the Skeuasma.

I am, Gentlemen, yours respectfully,

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

MARIA SANDERS.

29, Farringdon-street, Aug. 30, 1871.

Gentlemen.—I consider it my duty to testify to the benefit I have derived from the use of your Magnetic Belt, combined with a magnetic shock. I had been for years troubled with severe pains in the back; but after wearing your Belt only a short time the pain was relieved, and now it has almost entirely left me.

Messrs. Darlow and Co.

Yours truly,

A. OSBORNE, Printer and Publisher of the *Methodist Family*, &c.



## CONTROVERSY IN THE "CHRISTIAN WORLD."

SPECIAL attention is requested to the following correspondence which appeared in the *Christian World* of the 10th March, 26th May, and 9th June, 1871.

## MAGNETISM AS A CURATIVE AGENT.

(To the Editor of the *Christian World*.)

SIR,—Not long since there were two communications inserted in your columns of a very interesting character, in reference to the curative properties of Pulvermacher's Galvanic Chains, quoting cases of their successful application so remarkable that many of your readers would probably be rather incredulous as to their accuracy. For myself, I had no hesitation in accepting them, on two grounds—viz., that from a long personal acquaintance with both the writers, I am satisfied that the cases are not likely to be mis-stated, or even over-stated; and secondly, that I can, from actual knowledge, confirm the truth of one of the instances given.

My present object, however, is, with your kind permission, to call attention to another patented invention, somewhat similar in principle, purpose, and practical use, worthy, at least, of standing side by side with Pulvermacher's, but not at present so extensively known, although already advertised in the *Christian World*. I mean "Darlow's Patent Magnetic Belts," and other appliances. My own interest in the matter was excited some few months since by meeting quite accidentally with a remarkable case of recovery from Bronchitis by the use of these applications after the patient had been quite given up by the doctor, which induced me to persuade a friend who had been a great sufferer from the same complaint (not having enjoyed a comfortable night's rest for six years past), to make trial of the same remedy. He found immediate relief; and within a week or two all the distressing symptoms had completely disappeared. Since then several other equally remarkable cases have come under my notice; and last, not least, by the advice of Mr. Darlow, I tried the effect of a belt for a Bilious Sick Headache, with which I have been troubled for more than forty years. A slight attack occurred some three or four days after I had worn the belt, before, as I presume, it had fairly begun to operate upon the system; but since then (now between three and four months) I have been entirely free from it, and, in addition, have realised a very remarkable degree of elasticity and vigour.



In the interest, therefore, of suffering humanity, I venture to request the insertion of this, which would at the same time be regarded as a personal favour by

AN OLD SUBSCRIBER.

Stoke Newington, February 28, 1871.

P.S.—I hand you my address, both business and private, and shall be happy to answer any inquiries. Should any of your readers desire to consult Mr. Darlow, the patentee, his address is 63, North Woolwich-road, near the Barking-road Station.

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### A DISCLAIMER.

(To the Editor of the *Christian World*.)

SIR,—By the insertion of a letter in the *Christian World* of March 10th, 1871, in which Darlow's so-called Magnetic Skeuasma is placed side by side with my electric Chain Bands, &c., a confusion has been created in the minds of the readers of your paper—a confusion which, in justice to the public and in the interest of the real progress of Medical Electricity, it is most important to clear away. If mineral magnetism were a curative agent, and as such adopted (a hypothesis by no means warranted by experience), still the Skeuasma could not reasonably claim to contain magnets or electricity, and the fact may be demonstrated by a very simple test. A small magnet (to be purchased for a penny in any toy-shop) at least attracts soft iron filings, while the pieces of india-rubber placed between the flannels of the Skeuasma do *not*; consequently any ordinary flannel chest-protector will have the same effect as the Skeuasma.

—Your obedient servant,

J. L. PULVERMACHER.

200, Regent-street, W., May 23, 1871.

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On the 9th June, under the heading “Mr. Pulvermacher and Mr. Darlow,” the Editor of the *Christian World* wrote thus:—

It was to be expected that Mr. Darlow and his friends would resent the allegation contained in the note of Mr. Pulvermacher, inserted in these columns May 26th, that any ordinary flannel chest-protector would have the same effect as the one he has to sell; and it is only fair for us to let it be known that several correspondents, including Mr. Darlow himself, challenge the fullest investigation of the merits of the invention of which Mr. Pulvermacher speaks with so much contempt.

Mr. Darlow writes:—“My attention has been called by numerous letters to one which appeared in your columns May 26th, entitled, ‘A Disclaimer,’ in which the writer asserts that the Magnetic Skeuasma strips are not magnetic *because they will not attract iron filings*. Such a conclusion from such a test is erroneous and unscientific—the *true test* of



a magnetic substance being that it shall exert *both* an attractive and a repellant influence on another magnet, such as a common pocket compass. This test can be as easily applied as the one quoted by the writer of the said letter, with the advantage of being simply unanswerable and scientifically sound. The Skeuasma answers to this test powerfully, even though several inches of solid matter be interposed between a bundle of the magnetic strips and the needle. It also retains indefinitely the magnetic influence, unless tampered with, in a superior degree to all other magnetic bodies, and, in virtue of its magnetic properties, it becomes when applied to the body a constant source of electric power. As to its curative value, we are content to let the public and their testimonials speak for themselves."

Our previous correspondent, "An Old Subscriber," whose name we are now at liberty to state—namely, Mr. H. H. Gill, of 98, Fleet-street—strongly re-affirms his former testimony to "the curative powers of Darlow's Magnetic Appliances," and states that he has had considerable additional observation of their most beneficial use. "In some cases," he says, "the results have been marvellously rapid."

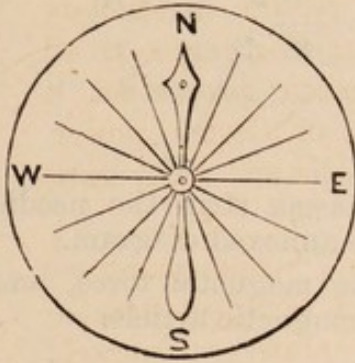
Mr. G. W. Wigner, Analytical Chemist, of 79, Great Tower-street, writes:—"My attention having been drawn to the Skeuasma, I bought a Chest Protector, and carefully analysed and tested the bars of which it was composed. I find that every bar is magnetic; some are sufficiently so to attract soft iron filings, but all are sufficiently so to attract one pole of an ordinary galvanometer needle, and *repel* the other. The latter test is of course far more delicate, and therefore more reliable; and I can unhesitatingly assert that every bar in the Skeuasma is proved by it to be a magnet. I write this simply to prevent what seems likely to prove a useful scientific discovery from being rejected through a miscalled test."

As Mr. Pulvermacher has made no reply, further comment of mine is unnecessary.

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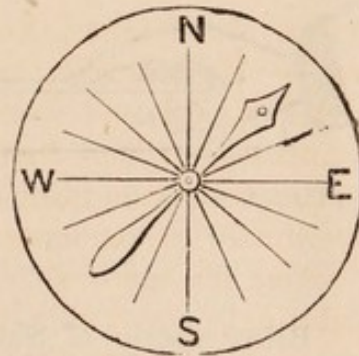
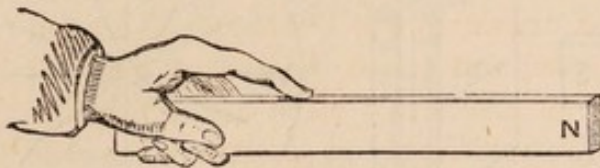
*Instructions for applying the tests of the Magnetic condition of the Skeuasma illustrated in a series of interesting experiments.*



This diagram represents an ordinary pocket compass; the needle pointing towards the north, as it invariably does unless influenced by local magnetic substances.

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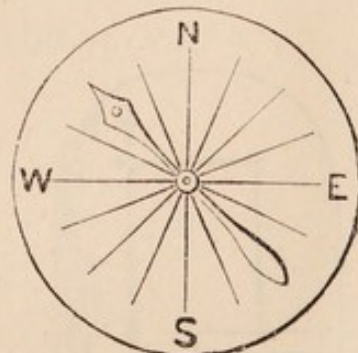
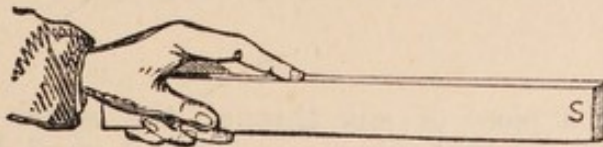
#### EXPERIMENT 1.



Take a strip of the Skeuasma and gradually present it to the compass. As it approaches, the needle will be deflected; either attracted or repelled. If the north end be repelled it is the north end of the Skeuasma that is presented.

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#### EXPERIMENT 2.

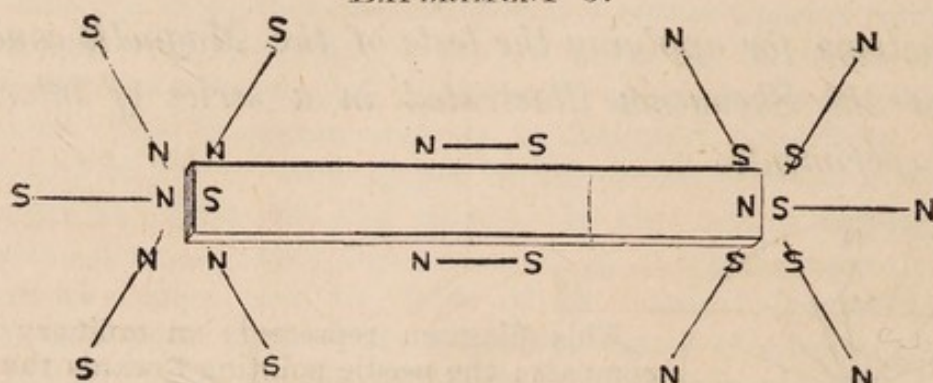


By presenting the south end of the strip the north end of the needle is attracted.

These two tests demonstrate the magnetic condition of the Skeuasma both as to its attractive and repellant properties.



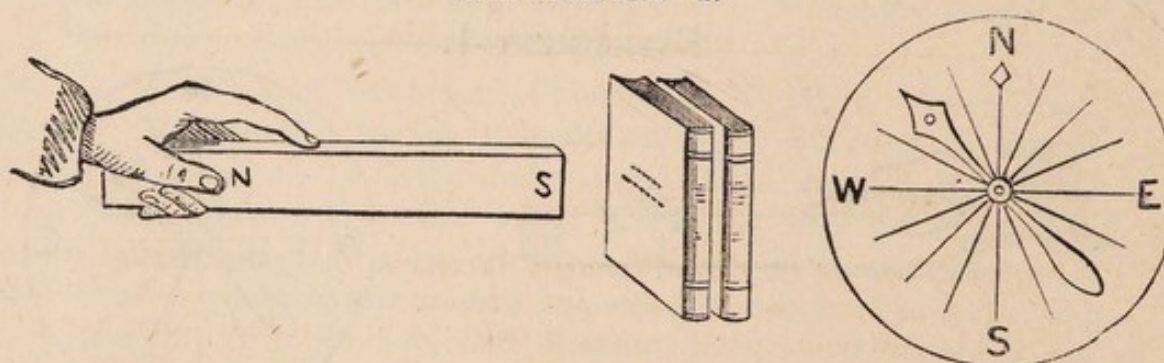
## EXPERIMENT 3.



By passing the compass slowly round the Skeuasma strip the needle will assume the different positions indicated in the annexed diagram.

This experiment shows the distribution of the magnetic force, and proves that the Skeuasma is a perfectly polarised magnetic article.

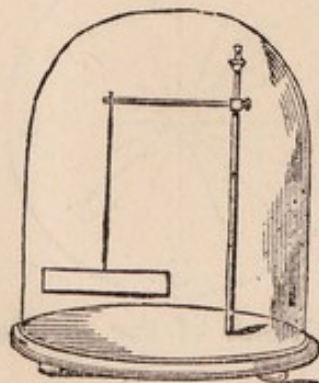
## EXPERIMENT 4.



Bring a strip of Skeuasma gradually towards the compass, when it begins to exert a decided influence on the needle, interpose books or other material when it will be seen that the magnetic influence is to no appreciable extent impeded.

This experiment shows the penetrating power of magnetism, and proves that the Skeuasma Applications are as effective over as under first garment, there being no necessity, as in galvanism, for personal contact.

## EXPERIMENT 5.

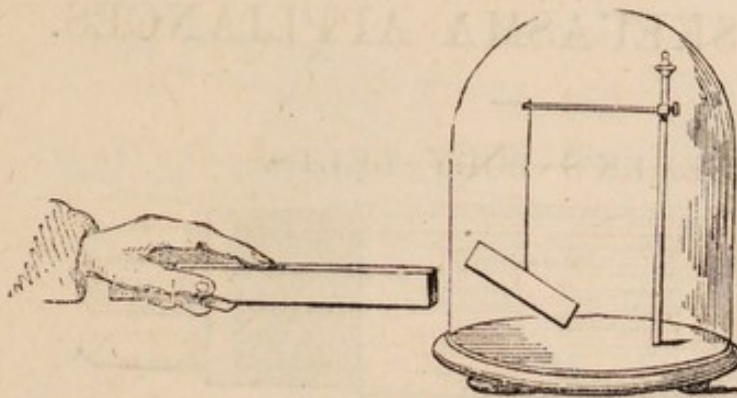


Pass a piece of silk through the centre of the strip, so that when suspended it shall be perfectly level. Cover it with a glass shade to prevent any current of air interfering with its movements, when it will settle down into a north and south position.

This experiment is another convincing proof that the Skeuasma is a perfect magnet.

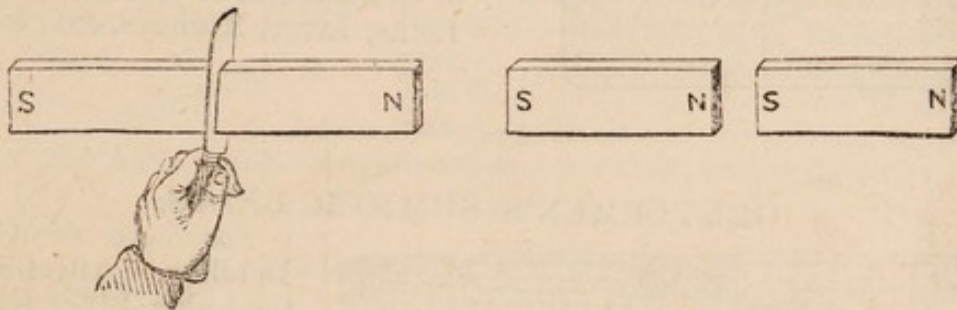


## EXPERIMENT 6.



If from the outside is presented another strip of the Skeuasma, the suspended strip will be immediately deflected according to the end presented, precisely in the same manner as the needle of a compass.

## EXPERIMENT 7.



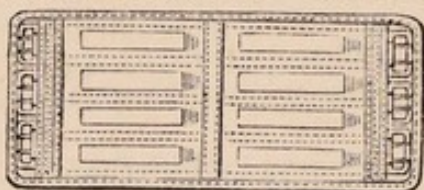
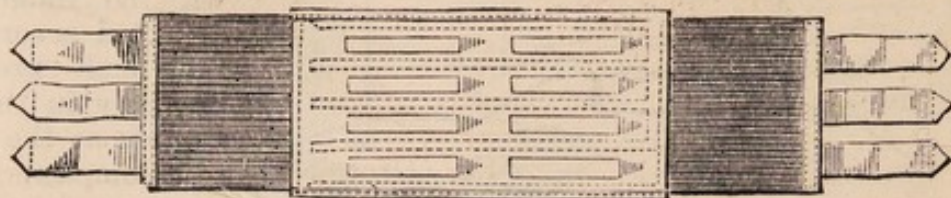
Having proved that the Patented Skeuasma Strip is a perfectly polarised magnet, possessing both an attractive and repellant influence, cut it into two equal parts, when it will be found that each piece has assumed a perfectly polarised condition capable of producing with equal readiness all the experiments made with the strip before division.

The above series of experiments as to the magnetic condition of the Patented Skeuasma are unanswerable.



## MAGNETIC SKEUASMA APPLIANCES.

### GENTLEMEN'S BODY BELTS.



Specially recommended in all cases of General Debility, Affections of the Loins, Liver, Kidneys, &c., &c.

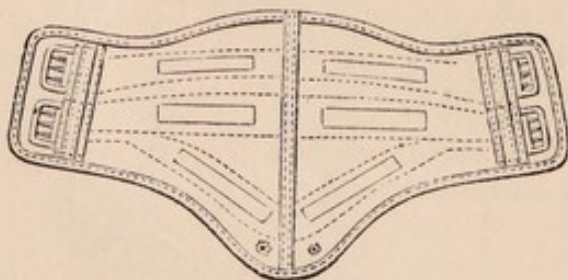
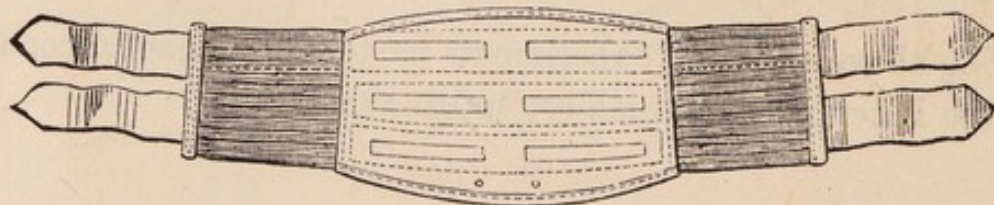
### GENTLEMEN'S SUMMER BELTS.



For cure of General Debility, Affections of the Loins, Liver, Kidneys, &c. Highly recommended for hot climates. A great

desideratum for sailors, rowers, cricketers, and others not given to the use of braces. These Magnetic Belts are made of leather, silk, and jean, and can be had to order in any material.

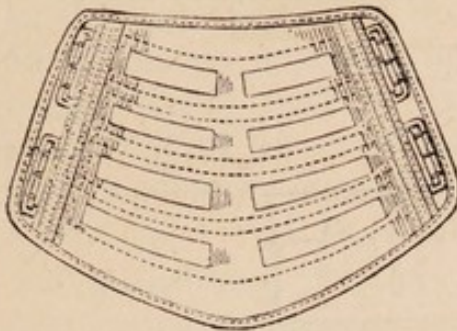
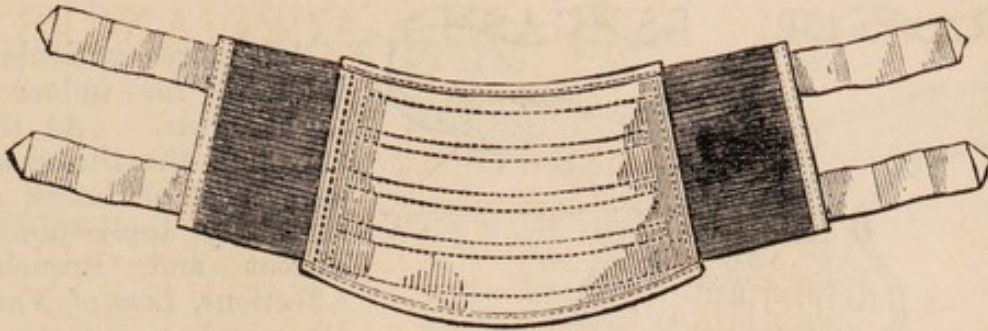
### GENTLEMEN'S RIDING BELTS.



In addition to their curative powers for General Debility, Weakness of Spine, Lumbago, Rheumatism, Gout, Liver, and Kidney Affections, Constipation, Diarrhoea, &c., &c., they will be found of great service to those who are often on horseback, on account of the great support they give to the abdomen and spine.



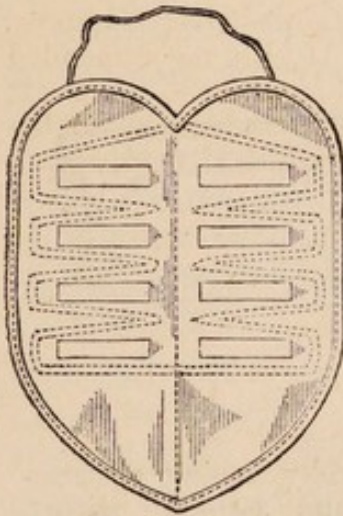
## LADIES' BELTS.



For Dropsical Affections, Lumbago, Weakness of Loins, Affections of the Liver and Kidneys, Colic, Spasms, Constipation, Diarrhoea, and Female Irregularities. As **ACCOUCHEMENT BELTS** they are invaluable, naturally assisting the vital functions, soothing and relieving congestive symptoms and all irritating and painful sensations. Immense benefit results from the use of these Belts, especially

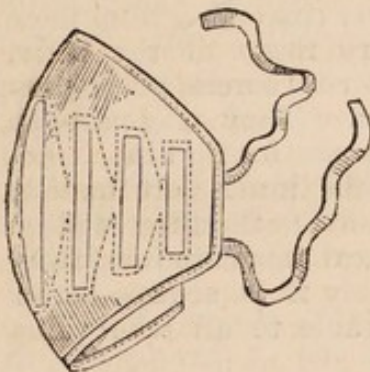
to those who have a natural tendency to premature confinement.

## CHEST PROTECTORS.



For Chest or Throat Affections, Consumptive Habits, Pains in the Chest, Asthma, Periodic Cough, Bronchitis, Loss of Voice, &c., &c. These Appliances act not only as ordinary chest protectors, but constitute a fount of magnetic and electric activity, increasing and invigorating the action of the animal economy.

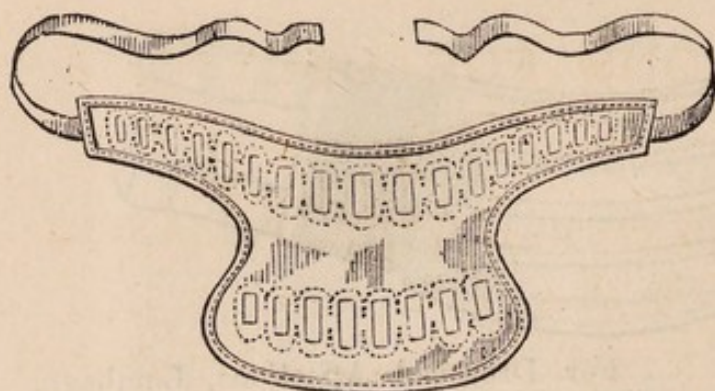
## KNEE CAPS.



For Stiffness of Joints, White Leg, Sprains, Weakness, Rheumatism, &c., &c.

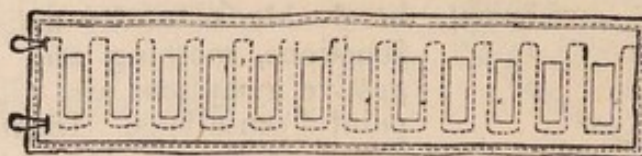


## THROAT PROTECTORS



Are more particularly intended for indoor or night wear. As they surround the throat and cover root of lungs, are especially applicable for Throat and Bronchial Affections, Loss of Voice, Hoarseness, and Croup.

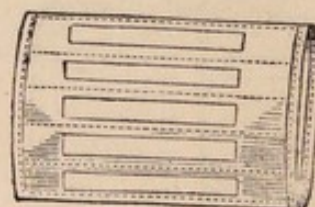
## SPINE BANDS.



For General Debility, Epileptic Fits, Neuralgic Affections, Spinal Weakness, Weakness of Sight, and Pains in Shoulders, Loins, and Head, &c., &c.

## PADS.

[ For wearing on different parts of the body.



## FRICTION GLOVES.



relieved or cured. In applying friction to the body it is always better to rub downwards. health.

To promote circulation, thereby freeing obstructions by opening the pores and assisting nature to throw off morbid matter which, if retained in the system, would lay the foundation of innumerable diseases. The magnetic power emanating from these gloves penetrates into every tissue of the body, arousing and equalising the vital forces, giving increased vigour and vitality. They may also be used as local magnetic appliances for Sprains, Colic, or other pains, by turning the inner part outside and applying the red flannel side to the affected place. By this means obstinate local pains are invariably relieved or cured. These gloves are indispensable to all who value health.



## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

OF

DARLOW & CO.'S PATENT MAGNETIC APPLIANCES.

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IN the manufacture of the Magnetic Appliances, all the strips of Skeuasma are arranged upon scientific principles, in order to act harmoniously with the vital force of the system, and thus be productive of the most beneficial effects. It is, therefore, of the first importance that they be worn as directed, and not tampered with.

The different Appliances may be placed either under or over first garment.

The *red* flannel side should always be worn inside.

In all cases it is better that the Appliances should be worn day and night, until relieved or cured.

It does not always follow that the Appliances should be worn on the part affected. For instance, Gout and Rheumatism are the natural consequences of Liver and Kidney Affections. Therefore, though the pain may localize itself in the arm or leg, the Magnetic Appliance, to effect a cure, should be placed round the loins. Where parties do not find the expected relief from any complaint, they should shift the Skeuasma, placing it either upon the Spine, Chest, Stomach, or part affected. Should this plan fail, full particulars should be sent to the Patentees, either direct or through an agent, when instructions as to treatment of the case will be forwarded by return of post. No charge whatever is made for advice.

When more than one Appliance is worn, no portion of one ought to be placed over another, as the opposing polarities will tend to neutralize beneficial effects. When the Spine Band comes below the Belt, the extra length should be cut off and tacked on to the lower portion of the Belt.

In those Belts which are composed of two parts, it is very important that *both* should be worn the right way up, the two distinctive letters A A being placed side by side.

When put on one side the Appliances should not be folded up, or placed in the same drawer.



# DARLOW & CO.'S

## PATENT

Magnetic Skeuasma Belts, Chest Protectors,  
Lung Protectors, Lung Invigorators, Knee Caps,  
Friction Gloves, Pads, Wristlets, Necklets, &c.,

*For the Cure of—*

General Debility	Epilepsy	Diarrhœa
Asthma	Muscular Contrac-	Constipation
Gout	tions	Tumours
Rheumatism	Sore Throat	Heart Disease
Sciatica	Spinal Debility	Palsy
Neuralgia	Weakness of Sight	Toothache
Paralysis	Sleeplessness	Dropsy
Indigestion	Ague	Yellow Jaundice
Liver and Kidney	Erysipelas	Pleurisy
Affections	Lumbago	Sprains
Atrophy	Headache	Swellings
Consumption	Hysteria	Loss of Voice
Bronchitis	Cramp	Thick Neck
Apoplexy	Inflammation	All Cutaneous Diseases

And as a Preventive against Cholera, Small Pox, and Fevers.

THE Patented Magnetic Skeuasma Appliances are the *only natural method* of supplying a deficiency of the vital electricity of the human body. Their action is direct upon the CIRCULATING SYSTEM, and by no possibility can they act contrary to the magnetic laws of the body, but must always assist, sustain, and strengthen the efforts of nature, supplying electricity without VOLTAIC BATTERIES, METALLIC PLATES, or ACIDS. They give NO SHOCKS, and cause NO SORES. As a source of continuous electric excitation, they are always ready, always active, always effective. Unfelt in their operation, they open the pores of the body, liberating the pent-up circulating system, producing an entire change in the condition of the human fabric, and with a remarkably soothing influence effect wonderful cures. The vehicle which contains the magnetic influence is perfectly elastic, and being covered with a soft material, yields to the various undulations of the body as readily as a piece of cloth; therefore the Appliances may be worn without the slightest discomfort.