

**The Rage of the Hour.**

**HYPNOTISM AND ITS POWERFUL EFFECT IN EVERYDAY LIFE.**

"William," said the old gentleman as he settled back in his easy chair after supper, "I have heard bad reports of you."

The boy said nothing. "I have heard," went on the old gentleman, "that you did not go to school for two days, preferring to spend the time playing over in the vacant lot across the way. Is that true?"

Of course the boy could tell a lie, but he didn't. He admitted that it was all true.

"I was with the Jones boys," he said, "but it wasn't my fault. I was hypnotized."

Naturally that settled it. It would never do to punish a boy for something that was clearly not his fault.

"I have heard also," went on the old gentleman, turning to his daughter, "that you ran away from your piano lesson to-day."

"It was all the fault of that horrid Smith girl," replied the damsel. "I was just looking forward to that piano lesson with delight when she came along on her way down town to get some chocolate creams, and the first thing I knew she had hypnotized me into going with her. That girl's will power is something extraordinary."

The old gentleman passed on to the next subject.

"Supper was late to-night," he said. "Yes," replied his wife. "The cook says she was unavoidably delayed, owing to being hypnotized by the policeman on this beat."

The old gentleman's eyes wandered to the folding doors.

"I see that you have bought those curtains that I told you I couldn't afford?" he remarked.

"True," answered his wife, "but I couldn't help it. I was hypnotized by the clerk at the curtain counter. By the way, why didn't you come to supper last evening? You didn't get in until long after midnight."

"Just as I was putting on my coat to start for home," he explained, "some of the boys dropped in to see me, and before I knew what was up they had me hypnotized."

Thus a satisfactory explanation was furnished for everything, and they settled down for the evening at peace with each other and with consciences at rest.

—Chicago Post.

**Where He Got Them.**

IT WAS A MYSTERY TO HIS MOTHER, BUT TO NO ONE ELSE.

"I can't imagine where that child got his temper from and his disposition to gabble all the time," said Mrs. Walmesley to her husband the other day, speaking of their son of 10 years. "His tongue runs all the time like a trip hammer, and he's that touchy you can't say a thing to him without having him flare up like a little hyena. I don't see how he could have got it from my side of the house, for both my father and my mother were as meek as Moses and as mum almost as the sphinx, and my grandparents on both my father's and my mother's side were none of them ill tempered or a bit talkative. It's a fact, I can't recall a single member of my family who was anything of a talker. We were all like Aaron of old, 'slow of speech,' so it can't be from my side of the house that Harold gets his unfortunate habit of talking all the time, and about nothing at that. Of course I don't ask or want the child to be dumb, but it does annoy me to have him go on and on all of the time in the ceaseless way he has of talking, and I am so thankful that none of my ancestors are responsible for it! If the child would only say what he has to say and then be done with it, I wouldn't mind it, but after he has said enough, and more than enough, about a thing, he goes right on in such an irritating way, and I do dislike these people who say the same thing over and over again, and I'm so thankful none of my ancestors are responsible for this failing of Harold's. As I say, neither my parents nor my grandparents were great talkers, and all of them were mild spirited of course, but yet not ill tempered and not at all given to talking, as Harold is, so he never got that failing from any of my people, and who he could have got it from—what are you snickering about, Henry Walmesley? It's just like you to snicker at your own wife! It's your way of showing her respect! There's some vile insinuation back of that snicker, but you haven't the courage nor the manliness to come out and say openly what it is! I wouldn't have your disposition for all the money on earth, Henry Walmesley, and it's no wonder our Harold is such a talker and so ill-tempered, considering what his paternal ancestry is. Thank heaven, none of his maternal ancestors will ever be held accountable for the child's failings! Any one with but one eye can see where he got them from!"—Detroit Free Press.

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