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**STRANGE HYPNOTIC PHENOMENA**

*To the Editor of the Occult Review.*

DEAR SIR,—With regard to Mr. Joy's question: he will find the experiments he wants properly authenticated in *An Experimental Study in the Domain of Hypnotism*, by Dr. R. von Krafft-Ebing, Professor of Psychology and Nervous Diseases in the Royal University of Graz, Austria. Translated from the German by Charles G. Chaddock, M.D., Assistant Physician Northern Michigan Asylum. New York & London: G. P. Putnam's Sons, The Knickerbocker Press. 1896.

Yours faithfully,  
ALEISTER CROWLEY.

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[The letter to which Crowley responded is shown below.]

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**PHENOMENA OF HYPNOSIS**

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DEAR SIR,—I recently entered into a controversy with several friends upon "the power of mind over matter," and gave as an example the following phenomenon of hypnosis:—An operator presses a piece of metal upon the arm of a hypnotized patient, and suggests for a certain period that the said metal is red hot. A few hours afterwards a burn or blister will be found upon the patient's arm. This statement was scornfully rejected by my friends, and I had to admit that although I had placed several people under hypnosis, I had never tried the experiment, as I considered it entailed considerable mental strain, which might lead to serious results. I asked my friends to confirm the experiment by writing to one of the leading scientific journals, which was done. The answer came back that although they

had *heard* of such hypnotic phenomena there were no authentic records to prove it. This reply has privately injured my reputation, and as I am rather inclined to disbelieve the "scientific journal's" reply, I should be obliged if you or any of your readers can throw light on the matter. With apologies for so troubling you,

I remain, yours, etc.

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