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## AN INTERESTING PSYCHOLOGICAL EXPERIMENT

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Prispevki k odkrivanju zgodovine ezoteričnih tradicij - v izvirniku

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I HAVE great pleasure in authenticating the circumstance of my daughter's writing my thoughts, alluded to in your article on "The Relationship between Mesmerism and Spiritualism," in the last number of *The Spiritualist*.

The *modus operandi* is simply this. — I ask a friend who may be present, but not sitting with us at the table, to write a few words on a piece of paper and give them to me privately, so that my daughter may not see them. I then place my fingers on her hand, and ask the spirits to read my thoughts (I, in the meantime, reading the communication on the paper), and write them through my daughter's hand.

This they invariably do, although she has no knowledge of what she is writing, and does not know until we tell her. I have tried placing my fingers on various parts of her arm, but the power gets weaker the farther they are removed from her hand; still the communication has been given in her writing when my hand was been placed on her shoulder.

I do not believe that I have any mesmeric influence over my daughter, but that I merely give her that physical power for her writing of which she is deficient.

At our seance this afternoon I read your paragraph beforementioned to our spirit friends, asking for their explanation. The following was written through my daughter's hand in reply, and I believe it to be a pure and truthful explanation of the phenomenon. She was not aware of what she had written until it was read to her afterwards: —

"We are not in the habit of answering paragraphs in newspapers, but will make an exception in this case. We do not see how any one can mistake the influence which controls your daughter's hand. When you ask us to write your thoughts, we simply do it in the way you would read from a book. Your daughter is a passive instrument in the matter for the time being, we using her hand as a machine, she not knowing the purport of our writing. This machine, or hand, is not sufficient without a portion of vitality from yourself."

I may further state that I have had proofs, apart from my daughter's mediumship of a spirits reading my thoughts and immediately carrying out my wishes.

3 St Thomas's-square, Hackney, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1877.

