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“MANX CHARMS!”  
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Many circumstances have come under my observation on this Island, truly disgraceful. Such things ought not to be named amongst us, as becometh Christians,—in this enlightened age too! How can Satan be better worshipped than by personal application to his powers? Masheim wisely places *Simon Magus* (of magical notoriety) amongst the open enemies of Christianity; and shall we countenance such degrading work without expecting to merit the wrathful indignation of Almighty God?

A child, of respectable parents, lately told me that under a slight indisposition, a doctor was sent for, who prescribed certain treatment, but, on the part of the parents, medical advice was totally disregarded to give place to the ideal virtue of “Seven Charms.” (!! ) The disease, of course, grew worse, and terminated in deformity.

Last week I complained of indifferent butter, when the reply given by the farmer’s wife was, that their cows had been bewitched by an evil eye, and the butter would get no better until the spell was taken off, for which purpose the services of a certain *Northside Physician* were called in requisition!

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