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On another occasion (when the Sensitive's hands were securely held by A and B) B holds the box, and "a long, skin-like strip of the substance glides with creepy movement from the mouth of the Sensitive over her left forearm, and deposits a small fragment of the substance in the box. Quick as lightning the remainder of the substance flies back to the Sensitive. This is repeated again and again, and by the fifth attempt the substance fills the box, doing so by falling in spirals by force of gravity."

The portion obtained by A, when examined by electric light, was seen to consist of two small particles of matter, one piece measuring 0.63 inch long, by 0.43 inch wide, with a thickness of 0.09 inch: the thinner and finer portion being 0.47 inch in diameter. When examined they were recognised as portions of human skin. A microphotograph of this is given. (Possibly pieces of (2) skin formation.—(G. B.)) Under microscopical examination pigmental epithelial cells were clearly shown. The Sensitive was at once examined, but no particle of her skin was found to be missing.

The portion obtained by B, on examination by electric light, was found to consist of about a quarter of a cubic pint of a transparent slimy fluid without air bubbles.

(Had the box been warmed to blood heat, the substance might not have liquefied so quickly. The contact with the cold enamel should have been avoided.—(G. B.)

ANALYSIS.—Colourless. slightly cloudy, fluid (not thready), no smell: traces of cell detritus and sputum (spittle). Deposit, whitish. Reaction, slightly alkaline.

MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION.—Numerous skin discs: some sputum-like bodies: numerous granulates of the mucous membrane: numerous minute particles of flesh: traces of "sulphozyansaurem"[3] potash. The dried residues weighed 860 gr. per litre. Three gr. of ash.

Attention is called to the fact that the substance under examination, having passed through the mouth of the Sensitive, it is but natural that traces of

[3] We cannot translate this.—(G. B.)