over his actions, by means of singing and gesticulating, all the rest present accompanying as usual. He keeps him in this state for an hour, not saying much to him. While in it the man communicated the result of the disease, that the patient would die, which the doctor announced to the crowd. The person mesmerized on his recovery, said that he had been to the other world: he had seen various persons in his travels there, whom he had before known, among them the spirit of the old woman who had arrived there but had not got settled. In a case like this it may be remarked, there could be no vengeance taken on the practitioner.

On inquiring from various Indians, they have all assured me the patients in these cases could only be awakened by the doctors themselves, and that any other person might prick them with knives or pins without their feeling it. A peculiar state of sleep or temporary insensibility seems indeed generally to follow from the operations of the Medicine men, the dreams of the sick during this period being one of the chief means of diagnosis.

But a still more extraordinary power is claimed by a few, that of communicating self action to inanimate objects. The first person from whom I received this information was Mr James Strong of Cathlamet, who had witnessed the performance by So-tolikum, the chief at Woody Island, near that place