

# THE FREE LANCE.

*"His good blade carves the casques of men, for the Free Lance thrusteth sure."*

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## AN ANALYSIS OF THE SELF.

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THE relation that man bears to the world and the continual reaction to his environment are facts that are at once peculiar in their nature and somewhat involved. Yet, when we attempt to resolve this inherent being of man in order to find a basis for the world of things to act upon him, we find that it is not an indivisible conception, but yields itself to analysis.

In a study of such an entity we do not advance very far until it becomes evident that to treat it in the fullest sense, would take us in the domain of philosophy, hence this article will be confined to a study of the analysis of the Empirical Self and the treatment of the pure Ego will be relegated to its proper sphere. What little reference may be made to the metaphysical Self is done simply to show that it is one of the primary factors in the make up of what we call our self.

First, what do we understand by the Empirical "Me"? To answer this we may say that it is the widest sense in which we can consider the Self. It is all that a man may call his own, his body, states of consciousness, clothes, family, friends, property, successes or failures, in a word, his *all*. While the consciousness of self is a development from the most primitive and inchoate forms of the child in the