

A Mystery Solved.

[Original.] "John," said the managing editor, "they've got a sensation down at Effingham, and I want you to go there and write it up. It's a mystery, and nothing will sell papers like something no fellow can find out. All sorts of crimes—incendiarism, cattle killing, damaging water mains—are committed at night, and the people of the town can't find out who is the culprit."

One of the citizens of the place, a Mr. Harrison Barker, I felt sure I had seen before. That clean shaven face, those arched brows and high cheek bones were certainly familiar to me, but his countenance was serene, and it seemed that when I had seen the man before he had been in trouble. In vain I put my mental machinery in motion to recall the circumstances under which I had seen him. The mental cogwheels worked well enough, but nothing was ground out. I chatted with him and asked him if he remembered having met me before. He looked me over carefully, but said he had no remembrance of me whatever.

HALLUCINATIONS.

Some Singular Instances of This Form of Mental Disease. In "The Riddle of Personality" the author, H. Addington Bruce, analyzing the hypnotic treatment of hallucinations or irrational fears that often end in madness or suicide, says: Few people are aware of the extent and variety of this form of mental disease. There is, in truth, no predicting the strange obsessions that may invade the human mind, haunting it with vampire-like insistence. One man, terrified by he knows not what, may find himself unable to cross an open space; another be afraid to venture outdoors alone; another to sit in a room with closed doors; another may feel that every one he meets is eyeing and criticizing him; another asserts that he is made of glass and must exercise the greatest care to prevent himself being smashed to fragments. Such fears would be ludicrous were they not so tragic.

Particularly pathetic is a case that came to Professor Janet's notice some years ago. Mme. P., a dyspeptic, had been put on a diet of toast and water and, rebelling, was wont to indulge in secret coffee and rolls. These she found did her little harm, and gradually the habit grew upon her until finally she passed her entire time wandering from one Parisian restaurant to another, drinking from twenty to thirty cups of coffee a day and consuming incredible quantities of rolls. At night if she chanced to wake and could find no coffee and rolls in the house she would pace her room in feverish anxiety until the restaurants opened in the morning.

Somewhat similar is another case reported by the same authority. "Here is a young woman, Que, twenty-six years of age. In coming to see us she brings with her a large bag, and her pockets are filled to overflowing. What is she bringing with her in coming to us for a consultation? It is simply provisions for the journey. She has in her bag and in her pockets several pieces of bread, a few slices of ham, some chocolate tablets and some sugar. One would say that she was going to cross a desert when it is simply a question of crossing a few streets. The provisions are indispensable to her, for, especially in the open air and in squares, it is absolutely necessary that she should take something to strengthen her. At the end of several steps she feels dazed, becomes dizzy, chokes and is covered with cold sweats. The danger would be great if she did not know the remedy. All she needs is to strengthen herself. She eats a piece of ham, puts a piece of sugar in her mouth and is thus able to take a few more steps. But very soon it all begins again, and it is only with the aid of rolls and chocolates that she is able to cross a square. One can therefore understand her miserable plight when her provisions run short. She is obliged at all costs, with unheard-of efforts, to cross the desert to reach an oasis—that is, a bakery. During this terrible journey she gets along as best she can. She may pick up a raw potato, capture an onion or a few green leaves. This hardly sustains her, but gives her enough strength to reach a bakery. In general she prefers to remain at home. That is less dangerous, and so she does nothing else but prepare and eat food all day long."

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A Nice Friend. "You're a nice friend to have! Why didn't you lend Borrowings the sovereign he wanted?" "Why should I?" "To save me. You must have realized that he knew if he didn't get it from you he would from me. You've practically robbed me of that amount."—London Telegraph.

Criminal. The religious editor was struggling with the query, "Is it a sin to play poker?" After much prayerful consideration he wrote the following reply: "Yes; the way some people play it."—Philadelphia Press.

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ALMOST 100 YEARS OLD. NEW YORK, March 10.—Mrs. R. Miller, said to be the only actual Daughter of the Revolution in this state, died at the home of her daughter in Mount Vernon, yesterday. She was born at Stamford, Conn., on April 12, 1807, and her father was Colonel Seth Webb, who served as lieutenant of coast guards. The children, grand children, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren of Mrs. Miller number 75.

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