

Kick in Head by Horse May Have Injured Lincoln Brain

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NEW YORK — (AP)—A kick in the head by a horse apparently injured Abraham Lincoln's skull, causing permanent brain injuries.

The injuries may have partly shaped his personality, and indirectly affected his career.

This new viewpoint on Lincoln comes from a psychiatrist, Dr. Edward J. Kempf of Wading River, N. Y., writing in the A.M.A. Archives of Neurology and Psychiatry.

THE FRACTURE affected Lincoln's eyes, causing double vision and making him neurotic, he suggests. It could have caused a tendency to sink into dull, melancholy blues whenever Lincoln's mind was not being mentally stimulated.

To fight back, Lincoln perhaps strove to keep mentally alert. His passion for justice and love of humor could have been ways of doing this, Dr. Kempf writes.

Some of his clues came from a study of Lincoln's photographs, and a life mask made in 1860.

The mask shows an unusual depression in the forehead, right over the left eye. Dr. Kempf thought it might mean a skull fracture. He looked for evidence of such a serious accident, and found it when Lincoln was 10 years old.

"He was driving an unshod horse hitched in a circular mill or grinding corn or sugar cane; and, growing impatient of her low pace, he shouted, 'get up, you hussy,' and gave her a whack with a stick. She kicked back, hitting in the forehead."

"HE WAS knocked unconscious for many hours and was thought at a time to be dead. He seems to have recovered without apparent serious after-effects, since he received no special medical attention for the head injury, from the

doctor living many miles away."

But brain hemorrhages and blood clots could have left permanent damage, Dr. Kempf says.

Lincoln's left eye was weakened. It would turn upward, showing more white in the eyeball. It gave him a slightly staring effect. It caused double vision, which in turn brought headaches, nausea, indigestion and depression.

This was an organic neurosis, Dr. Kempf suggests. This type of eye trouble can set off an emotional conflict or neurosis, and the emotions can make the eye trouble worse, in a vicious circle.



DR. PERCY G. WALLER, 82, of New Baltimore, N. Y., has been named by the Medical Society of New York as the state's outstanding general practitioner of last year.

THE PSYCHIATRIST cites other possible signs of brain injury, in weakness of some face muscles, especially on the left side.

Lincoln, he says, would repeatedly lapse into a state of mental detachment, with a dull, sad, melancholic look. Then, when he was stimulated by something someone said or did, his expression would change quickly to animated interest, and he would often smile or laugh.

A certain type of brain injury could explain this tendency, Dr. Kempf says.

A PERSON who has it would in order to keep alert, have to be involved or keep involved in "emotionally stimulating situations by cultivating special stimulating interests and objectives, such as a passion for legal justice for all people."

"Lincoln did just this, as a humorist seeking happiness and as a humanist seeking justice, in an endless fight to overcome the tendency to lapse into a rut of sad, gloomy, suicidal preoccupations."

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