

Unspecialized Physician Using Hypnosis Cures Asthma, Eczema

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New York—An unspecialized physician using only hypnosis and suggestion cured nine out of 12 cases of asthma, two out of three cases of eczema, but had no success with one case of warts.

Another unspecialized physician using the same tools did quite as well with asthma and skin conditions, and he also enabled a few of his patients to give up cigarettes, including a woman who smoked four packs a day.

Net Conclusion
Between them, these two tried out hypnosis and suggestion on 161 human beings whose ailments had not yielded to pills or other conventional medical treatment.

Their net conclusion was that hypnosis was a mighty handy tool for a doctor, that it wasn't too difficult to use, and a doctor didn't need to be specialized in psychiatry or anything else to employ it.

They are English doctors. The English generally are more willing to admit being unorthodox than Americans. Their findings and views were published by the British Medical Assn.

In this country, there are a scattering of unspecialized physicians who employ hypnosis now and then on medically recalcitrant patients but they don't report on it because their colleagues might be shocked.

Generally speaking, hypnosis has no standing in general medical practice either here or in Britain but in Britain there is a movement afoot to give it standing. This has the friendly backing of the BMA's technical journal.

"Problem patients" of the general practitioner, said Dr. H.

Stewart, are "patients who have gone from consultant to consultant and from out-patient department to out-patient department and have ended with the label 'incurable' of 'functional' with a regular bottle of medicine or tablets."

Favorable Water Supply Reported

Irrigation districts in the Rogue valley Saturday reported favorable water supply outlook despite recent lack of rainfall.

Officials at the Talent Irrigation district said a larger supply than usual was available at the start of the season and the district is "getting along nicely" now. Snowfall about a week ago at Hiatt lake was an unexpected water supply "bonus."

Harold Sexton, secretary-manager of the Rogue River Valley Irrigation district, which obtains its water from the same source as the Medford Irrigation district, said the outlook is "very good." No material water shortage is anticipated, he said, and an adequate supply of water for all users is expected.

Ranger Finds Young Girl Safe in Yosemite

Yosemite, Calif.—A Ranger Saturday chanced upon 4-year-old Shirley Ann Miller who was "as happy as she could be" after wandering for three nights in the wilds of the upper reaches of Yosemite National park.

Ranger Jack Knowland found the girl sitting on a log not far from the camp grounds above famed Bridal Veil falls where she was last seen late Wednesday.

He tried out hypnosis and suggestion on 41 such patients and got what he called "cures" in 23. In seven he got "partial cures"; in 11 he failed. His "cures" were largely in the disorders which are known to have a psychological component upon which suggestion might work; his failures were largely in the frankly neurotic disorders.

Dr. A. Fry reported results from 120 patients with assorted but unyielding to conventional treatment complaints. Of this number, 57 "fully" improved, 26 "partially" improved and the remainder were "resistant." He did not use the word "cure."

Conservative in Appraisals
Both doctors were conservative in appraising their results. Stewart said hypnosis was "valuable when other methods have failed." Fry said it was not a panacea "but far more can be done with it than has been supposed."

The BMA also published the academic sanction of Dr. Alexander Kennedy, professor of psychological medicine, University of Edinburgh. He said there was a place for a treatment hypnosis which would remove physical symptoms bothering people even if the treatment didn't get to the deeply buried states of mind which caused the symptoms.

"If something is to be done about the enormous number of psychoneurotics who clog the wheels of civilized intercourse, it may be that our therapeutic sights should, for the majority of patients, have a more concrete aim of relieving symptoms and making them more happy and less troublesome to and less dependent on their fellows," he said.



RUTHLESS RED—Premier Janos Kadar of Hungary warned his Socialist Workers Party that he would "ruthlessly" purge members who fail to toe the old Stalinist line of Communism, radio Budapest reported.

Rivers Crest in Many Midwestern States

By UNITED PRESS
Flooded rivers crested in several Midwest states Saturday and mopup operations began in Indiana-Illinois areas where flash floods were created by rains of Hurricane Audrey. The Mississippi river, fed by the turbulent overflow of the Minnesota river, was expected to crest Saturday at St. Paul about three feet above flood stage.

Washington—The greatest peacetime aerial review in history was assembled Saturday to honor Gen. Nathan F. Twining in ceremonies at nearby Andrews Air Force base.

Heiress, 12, Beaten To Death by Father In Violent Argument

San Francisco—Police uncovered today the tragic story of a schoolgirl whose life came to a violent end because her father suspected her of taking narcotics and flirting with strangers.

Nancy Elaine Blakely, 12, died Sunday of brain injuries received in a violent argument with her husky father.

Police filed a manslaughter charge against the father, Robert O. Blakely, a one-time ice-man and grocery clerk who has not held a regular job for a year and a half. He was held for psychiatric observation.

Lived Off Estate
Blakely, his wife Irma, and their other child, Robert, 9, have been living off the income from a \$153,000 estate willed Nancy by her godfather several years ago.

Coroner Henry W. Turkey said an autopsy showed Nancy's death was due to brain injuries "resulting from a blow or blows or jarring of the head." He said the child's arms, legs and body bore massive bruises, some of them old, some new. She also had an ugly wound on the cheek.

Nancy weighed only 80 pounds. An exceptional student, she graduated only two weeks ago from junior high school. When Nancy's body was carried from the Blakely's modest stucco home, Blakely told police, "There goes a million bucks."

Nancy led a secluded life. Her parents did not let her play with other children. Her mother took her to school and called for her. Her schoolmates said she was pleasant and intelligent.

The argument that led to Nancy's death began when the family returned from church. Blakely asked her about a man who had sat next to her. He did not recall her reply.

Pushed Her Down
"I pushed her in the hallway and her head struck the floor," he told police. "She rolled over and looked up at me and started crying. I thought she was putting on an act. I picked her up and carried her into the bedroom."

Then, he told police, he ordered Nancy to "snap out of it." When she failed to respond, police said, Blakely "got a headlock on her and squeezed her against his chest until her eyes bulged out."

"Blakely noticed the child was looking at him with a fixed stare. He said he felt her heart and that it was beating rapidly," officers said.

Mrs. Blakely had another story, however. She told police her husband picked up the child

PAINTING CLEANED
Pittsburgh—Carnegie Institute sent the famed painting, "Sarasate," by James McNeill Whistler to a New York City art recovery expert to have the last traces of Pittsburgh's smog era removed. The city is now smog-free, thanks to smoke control regulations.

and threw her across the hall, cracking her head against a corner of the wall. The parents became alarmed and called an ambulance. Nancy was dead by the time it arrived.

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