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CHAPTER II. 24.4 2 3

A NATURAL INFERENCE. "You are undoubtedly correct," said Dr. Bell. "I have suspected it from the "I never heard of it," exclaimed Dr

Robertson. "What is it?"

"A new poison," responded Preble. It was described in last Sunday's Globe. The chemist who discovered it is said to have experimented with it upon animals. The sensations which accompany death from it are so intense ly agreeable as to produce a recognizae effect even upon the faces of dumb brutes. The story was that one of the doctor's assistants had committed suicide with it; and it was that case which gave the only knowledge which the world has of its effect upon human beings. It at solutely defies detection by analysis, and the odor and the remarkable expression upon the face of the dead are the only means by which it

may be detected. "You don't mean to say that such a polyon as that was described in a newspaper." exclaimed the coroner. "Its method of preparation was only

hinted at." replied Preble. "But the hint was very brohd. I was able to make it.'

"What! You have actually prepared this substance?"

"It have: and I will tell you that it is done simply by disolving one of the new synthetic medicines-sold almost without restriction in every drug store-in chloroform. I should judge that a drop o fit mixed with the gum on a postage stamp would kill a man in about ten seconds.

"But could this girl make it?" demanded the coroner.

"Anybody can make it," replied Preble. "The article in the paper was a mere riddle. It did not require a chamist, but only a good guesser, to solve it."

"But her letter." I objected. "has been delayed four days. That leaves very

little time." "This is Friday." said Preble. "Her

letter is postmarked Tuesday." "I'll never believe it." I exclaimed. "The idea is preposterous that that

"But, my dear sir," interrupted Dr.

Bell, "you forget that the stamp killed him, and that she undoubtedly sent the "I want to send a telegram to this

Mr. Adams in Cornwall," said Preble to me. "If I write it here, will you take it to the telegraph office in the west cor-

I agreed, and he wrote the dispatch. I went to the door communicating with

"There's been somebody knocking here for the last half hour," said the liceman, "but I haven't paid any atantion "

opened the door for me, but before informe opened out another person pressed informe opened of was a woman. The policeman would have thrust her back, but she resisted.

se let me in," she cried. "You must. I am his niece. Margaret Brand."

started when he saw it. I was near enough to look over his shoulder, and my curiosity compelled me to do it. The first word I saw on the paper was

gelothania. The clipping contained the principal part of the description of that dison. My mind was made up. The girl was I expected that her next words

would be maniacal boasting of her crime. Proble turned from me, and I could not see what he was doing, but he tomed to be examining the clipping. Just then there was a knock upon the door, and the policeman admitted a whom I recognized by his demeanor as a member of "the force,

though he was in plain clothes. "Here is the newspaper you wanted."

he said, handing it to Preble. The detective examined it. "I promised to show you a description of that poison," he said. "This is the paper which contained it, but unfortu-

rately it has been cut out." "What is all this?" exclaimed the coroper. "Mr. Preble, I am becoming utterly confused."

The detective passed the elipping to the coroner. "Be careful of it," he said. "It will

be essential in the case. The coroner looked at it. "I don't see anything but some advertisements of work for women," he

"One of them is marked." said. Turn It over," said Preble. Dr. Robertson did so, and he positive-

ly gasped with astonishment. Gentlemen." said Preble, "I want to ask you a question. What does a man do about ten seconds before he licks a

postage stamp?" Ws stared at one another, unable to

understand what he meant. "The article says," continued the deteolive,"that this poison works in about ten seconds. It produces no painful effect at first; indeed, to the best of my knowledge, it is not perceived except by reason of its taste, which is agreeable.

But at the end of that interval the victim dlas. "Now you are all firmly persuaded that that postage stamp killed Mr. Brand, because it was found upon his

tongue. But isn't that evidence that it did not kill him? Does a man hold a stamp in his mouth ten seconds? Certainly not. "Imagine yourselves in his position.

He has finished his letter, and directed the envelope. He seals the envelope, and about ten seconds later he wets the stamp. In view of these facts I say it was the envelope that killed him, and

not the stamp." There was silonce for a momen. Then the coroner said:

Your reasoning seems good, Mr. Preble, but where does it lead? What is your theory of the case?"

Preble. "In the first place somebody prove

for that copy of the newspaper in that building. He not only found it, but he found the man who had the bay in the was bad. He began to drink when he elevator early in the morning when you was 13 years old, being brought home came along and thrust the paper into from school one day in a beastly condiit. Of course he cannot positively swear tion. Six months later he was found that it was that paper, but I'm willing literally in the gutter. He rapidly grew to leave that point to the jury." worse, and his relatives were in de "You are mad to accuse me of this spair. At the age of 25 he fell heir to a crime," cried Brand, with trembling large property. For two years after he very heavily and was at last "What do I gain by my uncle's drank death?-a paltry sum. This girl inherplaced in an asylum for the insane its much more than L" In a year and a half he was released "Not if she can be convicted of his thought to be cured, but he soon laspe murder," said Preble. "You know into his old habits. In the spring of enough law for that. Gentlemen"-he 1888 he went to Dr. Cocke. He was readily hypnotized at the second sitturned to us-"so far as my investigating, and while in the hypnotic state ed in is practically closed was told that he would not have a crav-Harold Brand, you are under arrest. ing for liquor for a period of two weeks.

The next instant Preble had sprung This did not effect him however for upon Brand, and the two went d he was drunk again in four days. After this his friends hunted him up in the slums and brought him back to conthe debauch he was taken again to the given a pill composed of an inert subthe spring of 1893, he was in Germany

Instant Preble Had Sprung L'pon Brand.

understand this sudden and violent action till I saw Preble wrest something from his adversay's hand.

The detective sprang to his feet. He held before my eyes a little capsule which, in a moment, he burst by the pressure of his fingers. "He was trying to anticipate his sen

tence," said Preble: "smell that." I recognized the faint, delicious odor of gelothania. (The end.)

DOES NOT NEED EYES.

Marvelous Powers of Dr. James R. Cocke. Who, Though Lacking Sight, Performs Surgical Operations -Ilis Wonderful

Control of Men. From the Chicago Times-Herald.

The Next

Boston, July 14 .- One of the most remarkable men in this city is Dr. James R. Cocke. He is remarkable in several espects. The one which appeals most strongly to popular interest, perhaps, is this, that, though ubsolutely blind

from the time he was six days old, he has surmounted the ordinary difficulties in the path of a medical education and was able to graduate with very high honors from one of the leading

medical schools of the country, and today has a practice that is both profitable und of high standing. The curative properties of hypnotism. or the service that hypnotism may render to medical men in the cure of cer-

tain forms of disease, mental and bodily, has especially interested Dr. Cocke. In the first place, he thinks that the term "hypnotism" is a misnomer. "I

"Several facts are obvious," replied

upon uny occult power of the operator, has been stopping Miss Brand's letters and in speaking of this, adds: "The to her uncle. The last letter was held real danger of hypnotism lies in the four days, and meanwhile it was opened. fact that, owing to the mystery that as an examination of the envelope will surrounds it, it may, in the imaginative and enthusiastic, produce by its very



studying painting, and apparently free from the drink habit.

Hypnotism Does Not Always Cure.

Dr. Cocke is very frank in admitting that his hypnotic treatment does not always cure. He tells of a lawyer who was a constant and hard drinker. He was very readily hypnotized and told that his appetite would vanish. This did not prove the case. The "pill treatment" was applied, and falled. Suggestion was tried and found wanting: medicines and strychnine were tried, and they falled. He was hypnotized thirty-six times, and then the doctor gave the case up.

cure of hallucinations is quite as interesting as in dipsomania. One of these cases that came under Dr. Cocke's treatment was that of a German baker.

51 years old, who whenever he was falling asleep saw a white horse leaning over him, and as soon as he was asleen the horse pulled at the bedclothes and always woke him. This had been going on for years, when one day the baker had the sensation of something stealing upon him from behind. Turning about quickly he saw the white horse reach out to bite him. The German was a man of considerable intelligence

and he knew perfectly well that it was only a hallucination, but it made him feel very uncomfortable nevertheless. Later h heard noises as of somebody speaking to him, sometimes harshly and at other times kindly. He went as a voluntary patient to an asylum, tried medicines and consulted physicians to no purpose. In the spring of 1891 he was hypnotized at the eighth sitting by Dr. Cocke, and subsequently three times a week for eight weeks. The have never seen a hypnotized person first hypnosis changed the character whose condition was identical with that of the hallucination and after the third of sleep." He defines hypnotism as a self-induced condition, not dependent one his nervous system was much disturbed. Paralysis that jumped about his body occurred and there was severe nausea. Each manifestation was in fixed in his mind. turn subdued by hypnotism and finally Next he was obliged to model in wax

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parently cured. He has had no further hallucinations. Cannot Compel Crimer

The doctor does not agree with of the French hypnotists who hold that their power over the subject is so great that crimes may be dictated. He has given this branch of the study considerable attention, and told of the followolf had ing experiment which he hims performed as a test. A girl was hypnotized deeply and was handed a glass of water with the statement that it was a lighted lamp. A broomstick was placed across the room and the girl was told that it was a man who intended to infure her. "I suggested that she throw the glass

of water (she supposing it was a lighted lamp) at the broomstick, her enemy, and she immediately threw it with much violence. Then a man was placed

across the room and she was given, in stead of a glass of water, a lighted finement. When he had recovered from lamp. I told her that the lamp was doctor. He was again hypnotized and glass of water and that the man was her brother. It was suggested to her He was told that this pill that his clothing was on fire, and sh would take away his appetite for II- was commanded to extinguish the fire by throwing the lighted lamp at the quor for a period of three days. At the end of that time he was to come man (she supposing it was a glass of back for another. He did so, was again water). Without her knowledge a per son was plated behind her to quickly theck her movements, if desired. She hypnotized, and a similar pill given him. In the meantime his mental and physical condition greatly improved, raised the lamp, hesitated, wavered About this time his mother, of whom and then became very hysterical, he was exceedingly fond, died suddenlaughing and crying alternately. This condition was so profound that she ly and the old craving for drink returned. Before giving way to it he came very near dropping the lamp went again to the doctor, was hypno-Immediately after she was quieted I tized and kept under observation for made a number of tests to prove beyond two weeks, by which time the craving question that she was deeply hypno had departed. When last heard of, in tized.

Best Subjects for Hypnotism Dr. Cocke believes that all persons are usceptible to the hypnotic influence

hough, of course, in a greater or les degree, if only time enough be allowed. He said to the writer: "You may deter mine that you will not submit, and, of course, I cannot force you to. But the next time you come I will have arranged some mechanism or other means by which I will cause on your part by a sudden loud noise or the falling of some object an involuntary start of emotion, and before you have recovered from it I shall have produced some degrees of hypnosis in you. The people eaglest to hypnotize are busin men and soldiers; I use those as types

The application of hypnotism to the only. In other words, it is the man trained to obey, of fixed habits of obedlence to circumstance, duty or com mand.

Dr. Cocke was born in the south. He early showed an aptitude for books, and when he was old enough his parents and friends read to him a great deal. In this way his elementary education was acquired. He has a marvelous memory, and in early youth determined to take up the study of medicine. For twelve years he practiced massage, and this training gave him an exquisite skill and delicacy of touch, which has since made him successful in physical diagnosis.

While living in Philadelphia h applied for admission to the medical schools, but the authorities told him he would cut himself more than his sub jects if he ever got as far as the dissecting room. He was not discouraged and came to Boston, where the authorities of the medical school of Boston reluctantly accepted him as a student. There being no medical books for the blind he was put to the somewhat heavy expense of hiring a reader, and so re

at the end of eighteen weeks he was ap- all the parts of the human anatomy

in order to dissect. Thus he progressed, not only keeping up with his classes, but having to originate all his own methods of study, by no means an easy

task. He was graduated in the class of 1892, and that summer took the regular summer course of the Harvard medical school, and later the full list in the post-graduate course. His early experience was in the dispensaries and ospitals of Boston, and he wrote much for medical journals. He read a paper before the Massachusetts Homoepathic dedical society in October, 1892, on What I Have Found in Palpating the Abdomen Where no Abdominal Growth Was Suspected," which created wide interest, because it gave a distinct understanding of how a skilled touch could reveal what the eyes and hands of others had overlooked.

THE GENTLE LAW.

Magistrate-The officer says you were drunk last night and fell down in the street. Can you explain that little matter? Prisoner (with dignity)-The cause of my fall, your honor, was not attributable to liquor, but to circumstances over which I had no control. Magistrate (in surprise)-What circum-

stances do you allude to? Prisoner (sadiy)-My legs, your honor

Judge-What is the charge against the risoner at the bar? Officer-I found her walking the stree

with her golden hair hanging down he Judge-Thirty days for prowling and six months for golden hair hanging down her back. I'll break up this golden hair business or I'll guit the bench. Next

case .-- Hamilton (Ont.) Times. Pennuck-A gang of burglars entere the House of C orrection a short time since Dullyer-Did they get anything? Pennuck-Yes; five years apiece.-Bos on Courier.

Lawyer-Then I understand you swear, witness, that the parties came to

high words? Witness-No, sir; wot I say is, the words was particularly low .- Pittsville (Pa.) Re

Magistrate -The evidence shows that ou threw a stone at the man. Mrs. McDuff-An' it shows more that that, yer honor. It shows that I hit him .- Tit-Bits.

"Judge," said the prisoner, solemnly, "ye don't mean it!" "Of course I mean it," was the re

DODSE "Not \$10 jes' fur talkin' on the stree

orner last night!" "That's it. You were charged with be ng loud and boistrous."

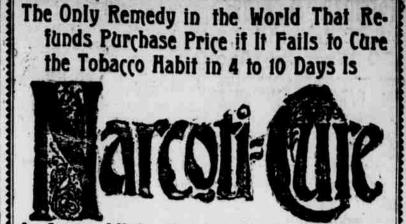
"Ten dollars-an' jes' fur talkin'. Well, judge, I'll work it out. But you have destroyed a patriot. You have druv the iron of cruel reality into a soul that was hitherto jes' wrapped up in idolatrous worship of the goddess of liberty. Free lom of speech is the bulwark of our ountry an' when speech gets ter costin \$10 a crack, judge, I pass out. I'm an amarchist from now on."-Washington Star.

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STORY EVER PUBLISHED.

"By all means, let Miss Brand come in," said Preble. "And, by the way, that telegram will be unnecessary now." The policemen stepped aside and the man entered. I caught only a apse of her as she hurried by me to-



She Cried.

ward the opposite side of the room there her uncle's body had been laid some chairs placed side by side. Her face possessed the element of eauty, but was disfigured by excessive ters and lines of care.

Without a momen's hesitation she reoved the handkerchief which had been laid upon his face. She satisfied elf that he was dead by exactly the same means that Dr. Bell had emloyed, and apparently with the same cal skill.

"What was the cause of death?" she ked, turning to Bell and Robertson,

wheed, turning to Bell and Robertson, who stood side by side. It was evident that she knew at a glance that they were physicians. "Tou should be able to answer that

sation," said the coroner. "You seem

"I have," she replied. "My father as a physician, and I studied with im for years. But I do not see any inhe poison is one with which I am not

"It is a new poison," said Preble, striking in. "I will show you a des-cription of it presently, for I have sent for a paper containing it." The girl seemed to be bewildered un-der our eyes. We all stared at her, and

er our eyes. We all stared at her, and or myself I will admit that her confeson of a medical training had removed prejudice in her favor. I believed t the hall learned the nature of her incle's will, and sent the poisoned

show no grief," said the core "You er, as if the words came without his

Why should 17" she replied. "I am brother's child. He has permitted mother and me to suffer destitu-Repeatedly I have-"" fon me," said Preble, interrupt-ut time is precious. Why are

"What right have you to question

iduoting the investigation of seath."

ery well," she said ;"I will answe

"That's true," said Dr. Robertson, mystery a disturbed condition of th after looking closely at the envelope; mind similar to if not identical with the condition of religious monomania." "but I'm still in the dark. Your theory is, of course, that the criminal held the He believes hypnotism an assisting letters in order to separate Miss Brand from her uncle. When he found a stance: the opium habit, alcoholism,

plot came to him. But didn't he poison the stamp?" "Do you find any stamps on Mr. Etand's desk?" asked Preble. "Yes; here are several. They seem been enclosed in the letters he to have pened this morning."

"Exactly, Now, are you sure that the one he used was that which was in his niece's letter?" "Why, no; that can hardly be prov-

dicrous as they are by the operators, "Of course not: and the murderer foresaw it. If he had poisoned the stamp, he would not have been sure that Mr. Brand would use it at the right time. It might have been upon his desk for days; it might have been loct, or given to somebody else. What-ever stamp Mr. Brand used was sure to seem to be the once his niece sent.

Now see if you can find an unused envelope on that desk." Robertson and Bell searched, but

without avail. "Now there's a certainty," said Preble, with evident satisfaction. "The murderer didn't go upon guess work. of homicidal mania, with tendencies to He knew that Mr. Brand would write suicide, and carry about with them all that letter before he attended to any-thing effer. So he removed all the evolopes, but not the stamps, for some of them would be very likely to come in been astonished to find how mary the morning's mail. Who has access to this desk?"

The question was suddenly addressed to young Brand. He turned white to selves, much less to confide them to the line, and stammered: their friends."

"Several persons in the office." "Who are they? Let every one who has a key to this desk produce it."

Every employe was called, and one key was found. It was Harold Brand's. He could not refuse to give it up, for all the clerks knew that he had it.

By this time we all saw how the current was setting, and we were not surprised when Preble continued: "This clipping was a bold stroke. The

nurderer knew Miss Brand's poverty, and that she was trying to get work. It happened that the description of the poison was 'backed' by some advertisemints of work for women. What a

great discovery! The murderer cut it out; he marked one of the advertisements, and mailed the clipping to Miss Brand. Did you not receive it in that

Miss Brand replied in the afficmative. "Have you the letter that accompanied 6t?"

way?

"No; I was told to destroy it. The letter said there were reasons. The writing resembled my uncle's, as I re-membered it. I believed that he had sent me the clipping, and I was enraged. Yet I thought it best to follow the direction of the writer. The letter also told me to come to the city to-day to see

curative agent in these diseases, for instimp in one of the letters this infernal functional nervous disturbances, such as writer's cramp, etc., and imperative impulses, so called. "Hypnotism may also be employed to advantage in breaking up certain vicious habits and unnatural practices."

Faith of an Important Element. The element of fighth is a very important one in the production of hypno-

tism. It is this element when misusod that makes hypnotism a very dangerous thing. The doctor says that "the dangers of public exhibitions, made lu-

should be condemned by all intelligent people, not from the danger of hypnotism in itself so much as from the liability of the performers to disturb the mental poise of that large mass of ill-balanced individuals which make up no inconsiderable part of society. "It has often been said that the border line between sanity and insanity h

not sharply drawn, and persons study ing this class of phenomena intelligently are soon made to realize the force of

the saying, 'the insane people are not all in the madhouses only." Men and women walk our streets with impulses strange impulses persons apparently sane carry about with them for years, scarcely daring to admit them to them-

Dr. Cocke's experience in applying hypnotism to the cure of diproman's (chrotic drunkenress) has been quite interesting. In twelve years he has treated 159 persons, 124 of them men They ranged in age from 19 to 64 years, an average of 45. The total number benefited by hypnotism as a curative agent in connection with other reme

dies was thirty-seven, about 23 per cent. The cases apparently totally cured were twenty-nine in number about 11' per cent. The total number treated by hypnotism alone was fifteen, the total cured by hypnotism alone was five.

Dr. Cocke once had a patient, a man

Bottle-Fed * Babies

are often insufficiently nourished they are actually starving in their

mother's arms, becoming fee'sle, debilitated, colorless. The mother is puzzled. Add a few drops of

Bovinine

Brand. "I have something to back it," re-sponded Preble, "This paper from which the description of the polson was cut was found in one of the great bags used for the collection of waste paper in the building where you live, Mr. Brand. The first thing I did on setting a view of this case was to send a man to look will recommend it. All Druggists, Sp



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