

GENIUS AND MADNESS.

Moliere was subject to convulsions.

Schopenhauer was always gloomy and pessimistic.

Ben Jonson and Nat Lee were almost slaves to alcohol.

Paganini, the violinist, often fell into a cataleptic state.

Schiller was a victim of fainting fits and convulsions.

George Eliot had frequent attacks of nervous prostration.

Chatterton was undoubtedly insane when he took his own life.

Shelley is said to have had visions in which he devoutly believed.

Both Kepler and Cuvier died of different forms of brain disease.

Johanna Southcote was a cataleptic of the same variety as Joan of Arc.

Ignatius Loyola had visions which he seems to have regarded as inspired.

The brilliant Southey finally sank into a state of mental stupor, in which he died.

Lord Clive's melancholy finally ended in madness, and he died by his own hand.

Socrates imagined that he had a familiar spirit or guardian angel that conversed with him.

WELL-KNOWN FOREIGNERS.

Alexander Dumas has been fined twice for keeping a vicious dog at his home in Paris.

M. Durnof, the aeronaut, who first opened communication between Paris and the outside world in 1870, is dying in a Paris hospital.

Multafa Bey, formerly private physician to the sultan of Morocco, is said to derive an income of \$100,000 a year from his profession.

Countess Alesio, of Turin, Italy, who celebrated her one hundredth birthday recently, accompanied her husband through all the hardships of the Moscow campaign while she was a bride of eighteen.

The Archduke Rainer, of Austria, has a collection of 10,000 Egyptian papyrus documents dating back from B.C. 1200. The collection contains commercial letters, contracts, tax records, wills, tailors' bills, novels and even love letters.

Dismarck said to a correspondent who visited him at Varzin a couple of weeks ago: "I shall never enter public life of any kind again. I am out of the harness forever." As he is verging upon the age of fourscore this is not particularly surprising.

GOVERNMENT RAILROADS.

South Austria owns her own railway system.

The little country of Hesse owns two hundred and twenty-six miles of railroad.

The government of Portugal owns about half the railroads in the country.

The Netherlands own nearly one thousand miles of railroads, all in the best of condition.

There are six hundred and three miles of railway belonging to the Japanese government.

A large per cent of the railways of Italy are owned by the government and leased to corporations.

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