

up to L. I.—this was in the summer of 1901. Shortly after arriving there he went to board at a place where certain other incidents happened which introduced a new feature into the case. He was boarding with a Mr. S—, and he states that one night the man's wife came to his room. He was very much surprised and upset by this incident and the next day changed his boarding house and moved across the road to a Mr. G—. Some time before this incident, at Mr. S—'s, he believed that his troubles were due to persecution on the part of the Roman Catholics, but after being with G— for a short time he discovered that poison was put in his food, and as they were Presbyterians he was led to believe that the other Churches were also in the plot, and a few Sundays later, when at church one morning, the Minister, a Presbyterian, made some remarks which he knew applied to him and which to his mind was conclusive evidence that the other churches had been dragged into the affair, and ever since this time people have been drugging him, putting different kinds of poison in his food and drink.

He first noticed about 1901 that the poison began to work, because it made him feel very nervous; his hands would shake and he believed that it caused his hair to turn grey; he believed that if he even went into a restaurant for a cup of tea or coffee it would also be drugged. He often complained to people about the persecutions that were inflicted upon him, but no one ever paid any serious attention to him.

Despite patient's delusions, he continued to work, but all the time his ideas were becoming more crystallized, and the delusional fabric was assuming a more systematic