

The suggestion has, therefore, been made that hospitals for the insane could better administer treatment than the State can administer punishment.

It should be borne in mind, also, that other criminals may adopt the "hunger strike" as a means to an end.

Psychologists should be called upon to testify to the sanity or otherwise of persons who so persistently outrage the law of the land.

Impulsive actions, often silly and senseless, and again dangerous and destructive, are not unknown actions in psychical enfeeblement, which, when combined with grandiose ideas that reforms may be precipitated by these destructive and dangerous deeds, would appear to place the individual pretty close to the borderline.

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### HISTORICAL MEDICAL MUSEUM

The Historical Medical Museum, organized by Mr. Henry S. Wellcome, which is to be opened in London towards the end of June next, will include some objects of exceptional historical medical interest.

An important exhibit in the science section will be a large collection of the original apparatus used by the famous Galvani in making his first experiments in galvanism in the 18th century.

A remarkable collection of votive offerings for health will be exhibited. The custom of presenting these offerings in cases of sickness is a very ancient one, and the collection that will be shown is probably the finest ever brought together. It will include Graeco-Roman votive offerings of special anatomical and pathological interest in silver, bronze, marble and terra cotta, together with a number of similar objects used for the same purpose in medieval and modern times.

Ancient microscopes and optical instruments, gathered from all quarters of Europe, will form another important feature, and a selection of surgical instruments used by famous surgeons when operating on historical personages is promised.

The collection of amulets and charms connected with English folk medicine will be very complete, and will constitute an exhibit of more than ordinary interest.

A fine collection of early medical medals and coins from the Graeco-Roman period, ancient manuscripts and early printed medical books will also be shown, together with many other objects of interest to medical and scientific men.