

and yet on some great shock, fire, etc., they have got up and walked about. One can easily recall dreams where the faces of those we have not seen for years have come out perfectly distinctly, which in our waking state we could not recall, and the same with voices. I remember a case of Dr. Stewart's; he gave the girl a sum to do, but found that she could not do it, and yet under hypnosis given the same sum she did it perfectly. What is this inhibition? We all know that it is comparatively easy to walk across a plank say six inches broad and 25 feet long over a quiet brook, but attempt this again when the brook is swollen with recent floods and rushing madly along, and notice how hesitatingly you will cross. 'There is here the element of fear.

This afternoon I made the patient walk up and down the ward under hypnosis and with his consent he will go to sleep again and walk up and down this room. I may say that after he was put to sleep the first time the Tic disappeared though it reappears for a few minutes after each sleep.

C. K. RUSSEL, M.D.—This case has been of great interest to me. I saw him at the end of last week and he certainly has improved very much; especially as regards a very marked spastic tic from which he was then suffering. At that time as Dr. Shirres has said, he could not walk at all. I do not remember seeing him in Queen's Square Hospital, though he remembers me, but from what he tells me of his treatment there, which was electricity, I can be quite sure that he was diagnosed as a functional condition, and as he said, went out cured. I have not much personal experience with hypnotism or mesmerism. I saw a good deal of it on the other side, and my experience did not encourage me to take it up personally very much. It is not so much the influence one has over the patient in making them do anything that was wrong, but it was the influence on their character in general. Some cases that I followed at Zurich were really in a worse state mentally than their previous physical condition; in fact it seemed to me that in driving out the devil that possessed him seven others came to take his place, and I think that is one thing which has deterred me from taking the matter up seriously. I have written to Queen's Square Hospital as I think it would be interesting to get the notes of this patient's case while there. I think the treatment practised there is just as efficacious, and perhaps less dangerous, than hypnotism, that is to simply overcome his cerebral inhibition by some external stimulus such as a strong current of electricity administered with the wire brush and associated with proper suggestions. This I think has some educational value on the patient's mind and tends to keep him from becoming affected again, for some time at least.

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