

with girls and had never thought of getting married. All of these seclusive tendencies, however, were quite mild in degree. The one physical trouble from which he ever suffered was a sore throat a year or so before the war began. At this time he was unable to sing or to talk loudly without hurting his throat. He had always had a lisp.

He enlisted in May, 1916, and spent five months in training. This proved to be distinctly advantageous, for he adapted himself well to it and was mentally more comfortable than before, as was shown by his increasing sociability. On going to the front, October, 1916, he found himself frightened, as is usual, by the first shell fire he encountered, and horror-struck by the sight of wounds and death, but soon became free from fear and quite accustomed to the horrors around him. After five months of fighting, he was sent to Armentières in March, 1917, and had to fight for three days without sleep. He became tired, developed no anxiety or "jumpiness," but felt a strong desire to get out of the fatiguing situation in which he found himself. This desire did not show itself, as in the previous case, in a wish to be killed, but rather in the hope that he might receive wounds which would incapacitate him from service, for a time at least.

Then he was suddenly buried by a shell. He did not lose consciousness, but when dug out by his companions he was found to be deaf and dumb. On his way to the field dressing station he had a fear of the shells, but this did not persist after his leaving the zone that was under bombardment.

Physical examination revealed absolutely no abnormality, of course, to account for his deafness and inability to speak. It was a purely hysterical condition, and persisted unchanged for a month. He was then transferred to a hospital for the treatment of functional cases, where he was completely and permanently cured in less than five minutes. This cure was effected by demonstrating to the patient that he had not really lost his hearing, the method employed being to make him face a mirror and observe the start he gave when hands were clapped behind him. He was spoken to immediately, and told that the jump he had just given, which he had himself observed in the mirror,