

ence, he answered—'Fifteen days hence,' i. e. on the 7th of September.

"At what hour?" "At ten minutes before six in the morning."

"The indisposition of one of Cazot's children obliged him to leave the hospital this very day, the 24th of August. Maison agreed to make him return on the morning of Monday the 27th, in order that we might have an opportunity of observing the fit, which he told us was to take place that day at twenty minutes to three. The keeper having refused to admit him when he presented himself, Cazot went to the house of M. Foissac to complain of this refusal. The latter told us that he preferred putting a stop to this fit by magnetism, than to be sole witness of it: consequently, we could not ascertain the exactness of this prevision. But we had still to observe the fit which he had announced for the 7th of September, and M. Fouquier, who procured for Cazot admission into the hospital upon the 6th, under the pretext of subjecting him to some treatment which could not take place out of the establishment, made him be magnetized, in the course of the day, by M. Foissac, who set him asleep by the mere influence of his volition, and his fixed look. In this sleep, Cazot repeated that he should have an attack next day at ten minutes to six, and that it might be prevented by magnetizing him a little before."

"Upon a signal agreed upon and given by M. Fouquier, M. Foissac, of whose presence Cazot was ignorant, awakened him, as he had set him asleep, by the mere influence of his volition, in spite of the questions we addressed to the somnambulist, the only object of which was to conceal from him the moment when he was to be awakened. In order to witness the second fit, your committee met, at a quarter before six of the morning of the 7th September, in the Salle St. Michel of the Hospital de la Charite. There we learnt that, at eight o'clock, Cazot had been seized with a pain in his head, which had tormented him all night; that this pain had caused the sensation of the ringing of bells, and that he had experienced shooting pains in the ears. At ten minutes to six, we witnessed the epileptic fit, characterised by rigidity and contraction of the limbs, the repeated projection and jerking back of the head, the arched curvature of the body backwards, the convulsive closing of the eyelids, the retraction of the ball of the eye towards the upper part of the orbit, sighs, screams, insensibility to pinching, squeezing of the tongue between the teeth. All these symptoms continued five minutes, during which there were two short intervals of remission, each of some seconds, and afterwards there ensued a relaxation (*brisement*) of the limbs, and general lassitude."

"Upon the 10th of September, at 7 o'clock in the evening, your committee met at the house of M. Itard, in order to continue their experiments upon Cazot. The latter was in the parlour, where we entered into conversation with him, and kept it up until half-past seven,—when the period at which M. Foissac, who had arrived after us and remained in the ante chamber, which was separated from the parlour by two closed doors, and at a distance of twelve feet, began to magnetize him. Three minutes after, Cazot said, 'I believe M. Foissac is there, for I feel myself stupified.' At the end of eight minutes he was set completely asleep. We questioned him, and he again assured us, that in three weeks from that day, i. e. upon the 1st day of October, he should have an epileptic fit at two minutes before noon."

"We made it our business to observe with as much care as we had done upon the 7th of September, the epileptic fit which he had predicted for the 1st of October. For this purpose, the committee repaired at half past eleven on that day to the house of M. Georges, hat-manufacturer, Rue de Monerriers, No. 17, where Cazot resided, and followed his employment. We learnt from this M. Georges, that Cazot was a very steady workman; that his conduct was excellent, and that, whether from simplicity of character, or from moral principle, he was incapable of lending himself to any kind of fraud; that Cazot, feeling himself indisposed, had remained in his room, and was not at work; that he had experienced no attack of epilepsy since that which the committee had witnessed at the Hospital de la Charite; that there was now in company with Cazot an intelligent man, whose veracity and discretion might be depended upon, and that this man had not announced to Cazot that he had predicted an attack upon this day; that it appeared certain that, since the 10th of September, M. Foissac had commu-

icated with Cazot, but from this no inference could be drawn that he had reminded him of his prediction; on the contrary, M. Foissac appeared to attach very great importance to its being concealed from Cazot. M. Georges, at five minutes before noon, went up to a room, situated under that inhabited by Cazot, and a minute afterwards he came to inform us that the fit had commenced."

We all went up in haste, MM. Gursent, Thil-laye, Marc, Guineau, de Mussy, Itard, and the reporter, to the sixth story, where, upon our arrival, the watch of one of the committee indicated a minute before noon, true time. Assembled round the bed of Cazot, we found the epileptic fit characterised by the following symptoms. Tetanic rigidity of the trunk and limbs, the head and sometimes the trunk bent backwards, a convulsive drawing upwards of the balls of the eyes, of which nothing was to be seen but the white, a very decided suffusion of the face and neck, contraction of the jaws, partial fibrillary convulsions in the muscles of the fore-arm and of the right-arm. Soon afterwards, opisthotonos, so decided that the trunk was bent back into the arc of a circle, the body resting only on the head and feet, which motions were terminated by an abrupt relaxation. A few moments after this attack, i. e. after a minute, another fit came on similar to the preceding. There were inarticulate sounds, the respiration was stifled and tremulous, the larynx being rapidly depressed and elevated, and the pulse beating from 132 to 160. There was no foam at the mouth, nor contraction of the thumb towards the palm. At the end of six minutes, the fit terminated with sighs, sinking down of the limbs, opening of the eyelids, which allowed him to look upon the bystanders with an air of astonishment, and he told us that he was lamed, especially in the right arm."

"Although the committee could entertain no doubt as to the very decided effects which magnetism produced upon Cazot, even without his knowledge, and at a certain distance, we wished to have still another proof of its influence. And as it had been proved at the last sitting that M. Foissac had had communication with him, and might have reminded him of his having predicted the attack which was to take place on the first of October, the committee in making new experiments upon Cazot, wishing to lead M. Foissac into an error with regard to the day which the patient should predict as that of his next attack. In this way we should prevent every species of collusion, even if it could be supposed that a man whom we had always found to be upright and conscientious would enter into a compact with another, destitute of education and knowledge in order to deceive us. We confess that we could never entertain an idea so injurious to one and the other; and we must render the same justice to MM. Dupotet and Chapelain, of whom we have repeatedly had occasion to speak in this report."

"Your committee, then, met in the cabinet of M. Bourdois, upon the fifth of October at noon, at which hour Cazot arrived there with his child. Here M. Foissac had been invited to meet us at half past twelve; he arrived unknown to Cazot, and remained

in the drawing-room, without having any communication with us. A person, however, was sent by a concealed door to tell him that Cazot was seated on a sofa about ten feet distant from a closed door, and that the committee requested that he might be set asleep and awakened at this distance, he remaining in the cabinet, and M. Foissac in the drawing-room."

"At thirty-seven minutes past twelve, while Cazot was engaged in conversation with us, and in examining the pictures which hung round the cabinet, M. Foissac commenced his magnetic operations in the next room, and we remarked that, at the end of four minutes Cazot winked slightly appeared restless, and at length in nine minutes fell asleep. M. Guersnet, who had attended him at the Hospital des Enfants for his epileptic attacks, asked him if he recognised him. He answered in the affirmative. M. Itard asked him when he should have another fit. He answered, that he should have one in four weeks from that day (the 3rd of November), at five minutes past four in the afternoon. He was then asked when he should have another. He answered, after collecting himself and hesitating, that it would be five weeks after the preceding, upon the 9th of December, at half-past nine in the morning."

"The *procès-verbal* of this meeting having been read in the presence of M. Foissac, in order that he might sign it along with us, we wished, as we have said above, to lead him into error; and in reading it over to him before getting it signed by the members of the committee, the reporter read, that Cazot's first fit should take place on Sunday the 4th of November, instead of Saturday the 3rd, as predicted by the patient. He was equally deceived in regard to the second fit, and M. Foissac took a note of these false indications as if they had been correct; but some days afterwards, having placed Cazot in a state of somnambulism, as he was accustomed to do, in order to free him from his head-achs, he learnt from him that the fit should take place upon the 3rd, and not the 4th, and of this he informed M. Itard, believing that an error had crept into our *procès-verbal*."

"In order to observe the fit of the 3d of November, the committee took the same precautions as in examining that of the 1st of October. At four o'clock in the afternoon, we repaired to the house of M. Georges, where we learnt from him, from his wife, and from one of his workmen, that Cazot had wrought, as usual, all the morning until two o'clock, and that, at dinner, he had felt a head-ach; that, nevertheless, he had come down for the purpose of resuming his work; but that the head-ach had increased and having experienced a stupor, he had returned to his room, lain down in his bed and fallen asleep. MM. Bourdois, Fouquier, and the reporter, then went up, preceded by M. Georges, to Cazot's room. M. Georges entered alone, and found him in a profound sleep, which he made us observe by the door upon the stair being left ajar. M. Georges spoke loud to him, moved him, shook him by the arms, without being able to awaken him, and at six minutes past four, in the midst of these attempts to awaken him, Ca-