

acting according to their nature, not having sufficient strong reasoning powers to overcome their evil tendencies, and in this they bear a close resemblance to the maniac, who through disease as been deprived of his reasoning power, and is merely guided by his instinct, and all the evil propensities with which he has been born come out in full vigour. On the contrary when we find a man not prone to homicide, we find a man of strong reasoning power. A man who is blessed with such a brain, that he can by the force of his will break down his evil propensities.

Now, how are we to diagnose those two classes of men in every-day life. It is not very difficult. The man of weak mind and homicidal tendencies is generally a boasting noisy fellow, trying to conceal his moral cowardice by blustering and bullying. He is the subject of the most extraordinary illusions and delusions, he fancies that every woman who treats him with common politeness is in love with him, in fact that all women are in love with him, that he is a regular "*Don Juan*." Then he labours under the delusion that the majority of mankind are his enemies, that every one is plotting against him, that every one is jealous of him, or of his horse, or his dog, or his cat, that he must be always on the watch to defend himself, that he cannot go out without his revolver, with which he frightens his mother, sister and lady friends by assuring them, playfully, he has it in his pocket, and that he will shoot down the first man that interferes with his rights, or that tries 'by force,' to make him a slave. He talks and blows about rights without having the slightest intelligent idea of what constitutes rights, not even understanding that no man has any rights without corresponding duties. He is a man who is everlastingly thrusting himself into other people's business and giving his opinion unasked. A man who is always rushing into danger, because "God wot," he has not sufficient brains to keep out of it. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." These are the true characteristics of your man of homicidal tendencies, who, like an epileptic maniac acting from impulse will not be content until after he has become a homicide. Society should be always on their guard with such men, and