

questionable humanity, they prefer to keep the insane at home in an attic perhaps, without doctor or nurse, cared for only by a servant. Lest the afflicted ones be seen, they are kept indoors, which tells on their health, and crystallizes their infirmity. When they get so troublesome that they can no longer be kept in the house, they are consigned to an asylum for the rest of their existence, cure being out of the question. An asylum often offers more privacy than can be secured at home, for servants will gossip over family failings. The discipline and regular routine of asylum life cultivates self-control. Instead of the patient acting in accord with his own sweet will, regular ways of living must be followed. The patient may be kept under observation better in a hospital. There are more to do it. Hospital life is good for some, because they will exercise greater self-restraint among strangers. Patients may be calm in a hospital, who run riot at home. The unruly one will resist interference with his liberty in his own house, where he has been master. When he finds servants disobey, and that he is a prisoner instead of lord of his castle, he will become so vexed that he will not likely accede to any proper treatment. Sick parents don't want their children to control them. It is well often for other reasons that a patient be removed from his relatives, for whether it is because insanity is an hereditary disease or not, they usually make the worst sort of attendants. Relatives can't be calm in the presence of suffering, and they are apt to threaten the excited and tell the depressed to brace up. A strange nurse going in will often do away with all this.

A hospital may be good because it withdraws the man from scenes associated with his delusions and takes him from the home circle. But of course that can be done without going to hospital. Again, removal from home may substitute real for fancied troubles. The morbid thoughts which at home crowded his brain may be replaced by home-sickness beneficially. Hospital care is needed often either to protect the patient from himself or others, and in many cases where it is not essential for safety, it may be for cure. Even when unnecessary, it may be expedient, on account of his influence at home on children or others of unstable mind. His example, the anxiety and worry are hurtful. It may be expedient to