

that one can pass upon the character of such manifestations, many of which can be successfully imitated or may occur from a purely psychogenetic mechanism. It is impossible to exercise too great caution in regard to one's findings.

The Principle of Cure. If the patient can be convinced that his fears are groundless his qualms can quickly be overcome. Even when his fear is well founded his reactions towards the fear provoking situation may be changed by imbuing him with a different attitude towards it. This substitution of a different set of ideas is a common procedure—in fact it is the means by which most men enable themselves to face willingly the probability of serious injury or death in war. In cases where that powerful aid, *esprit de corps*, fails to uphold a man, and he becomes dominated by fear, the psychotherapist must recondition his reactions to difficult situations.

Most patients of this type exaggerate their emotional reactions in order to justify apparent cowardice which they themselves honestly reprehend.

It must always be remembered that an emotional reaction to sudden and unexpected fright is natural, though it varies in different individuals. It is only its persistence which is abnormal. This persistence is due not to the quality or gravity of the emotion, but to the fact that the emotional state is fostered by the patient, who allows himself to believe that he can no longer control every childish reaction, and continues to play a part which he has assumed.

EMPLOYABILITY OF SOLDIERS AS AFFECTED BY FUNCTIONAL NERVOUS DISORDERS OF WARFARE

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IT is natural for the employer to be intolerant of the peculiarities of those suffering from functional nervous disorders, yet it is his duty to co-operate in every way possible with the physician in the restoration to industrial efficiency of those soldiers, who during the war have become incapacitated in this way.

Every man thus restored is a valuable asset to the community, who otherwise becomes not only an actual loss, but a source of discontent.