

rags, ashes, etc. Like a baby, everything goes to their mouths. It may be in these cases the special sense of taste is abolished. As serious injury may accrue from the habit, prevent it.

There may be mischievous and destructive propensities to be checked. While some patients are destructive only when violent, others are maliciously so, and will do their best to escape your omnipresent eye, and glory in their deviltry. They will tear up clothing and bedding, hide it, or throw it out of windows or down the closet. They will destroy anything they find, and often spoil the walls. Watchfulness is all that should be used to mend such cases and keeping them at work, so that Satan cannot find them mischief.

There is an impulse in some to break glass, which they cannot resist, though they get badly cut. Therefore screen their windows and have pictures unglazed. In some hospitals they have the light coming only through the roof of rooms for such patients. They may not be violent or otherwise destructive.

The disposition to burn things or to steal is seen in others. These symptoms have wrongly been magnified so as to name the diseases from them as pyro and kleptomania. An attempt is occasionally made to thus cloak crime and shield rich sinners. But these evidences of insanity are rarely the only ones in a patient. Paretic dementes are often thievish under the delusion that what they take is their own, for they are prone to fancy they own the earth. In these cases again occupation will come to the rescue.

There are patients who are given to mutilating their bodies, and these are often inspired. You can't be too careful in keeping all weapons away. A common form of self-injury is to stick needles or glass into the skin. If you find a patient with delusions of mutilation, guard against its occurrence; thus one may declare his eyes offend, and he tries to pluck them out.

We shall next turn to symptoms rather bodily than mental. It may not have occurred to you that in dealing with the mind physical symptoms would cut any figure. But on reflection you will see that the connection between mind and body is so close that it cannot be otherwise. While the brain is