

Patient is questioned closely regarding hallucinatory experiences, but he denies absolutely having had them at any time. He has had illusions of hearing: for instance, he would see people talking and would at once believe that they were talking about him. He has also had illusions of taste and smell; has tasted and smelt the poison and on one occasion was awakened in the middle of the night by a stiff feeling which came over him, this being due possibly to paræsthesias. He himself believed it to be due to gas which has been liberated in his room. It is quite possible that patient's room was close and stuffy and he misinterpreted an actual condition. At other times he has had definite paræsthesias: on one occasion he believed he was being paralyzed, but he quickly rubbed his arm and leg and warded off the calamity. His misunderstanding of his actual feelings have been most remarkable; not only in regard to paræsthesias, but doubtless also to organic sensations.

All patient's ideas are clear and logical. He attributes nothing to unseen agencies, mystic influence or electrical devices. Everything can be perfectly well explained by his view. Of course, it is at once evident that in certain directions his ideas become quite grotesque and bizarre, but they are never irrelevant. His memory, as will be seen from a perusal of what has already been said, is good for events both in the recent and remote past. There never has been, at any time, any disorientation or clouding of consciousness: no disturbance of either the psycho-sensory or psycho-motor sides of the reflex arc; the lesions being entirely central and one in which judgment and critique are mainly affected.