

a great deal of work. In February, of the present year, he left his wife in Albany, and took up a post in Rome, N.Y. His wife bore a baby on March 12, and soon afterwards rejoined her husband. Early in April the restaurant where he was employed closed for the summer, and on April 15 he left Rome to seek work elsewhere. He failed to get any, partly because his equipment and clothes were needy; these rapidly deteriorated further or got sold. He travelled to Brockport, Utica, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Tonawanda, etc., tramping much of the way on foot. His small supply of money gave out, he had to sleep in the open, and got but little food; towards the end of the time he went for five days without any food whatever passing his lips. In addition to this physical stress he had to endure mental suffering of even greater severity, for he had left his wife with only money enough to last a couple of weeks, and these had now come to an end. He knew that she had no friends, was destitute in a strange place, and was not in a position to earn a living. He was exceedingly devoted to her, so that as time went by and his chances of getting work became more and more hopeless his anxiety reached an almost intolerable pitch. On May 17, when now in a very light-headed condition, he walked from Niagara to Lewiston, took the ferry to Queenstown and got on board the *Corona*. In Toronto he slept in a Workman's Home, and for three days wandered the streets seeking vainly for work, until the pain in his abdominal scar forced him to apply for relief at the hospital.

Before going any further it is desirable here to interpolate a few general observations concerning the production of hysterical symptoms. That these are the external expression of mental processes which have become split off from the main body of consciousness, in other words "disaggregated," has of course been known for over twenty years. The cause of this disaggregation, though equally well established, is less widely