

probably yield to simple measures. It was also to be expected that when the memory of the true Bert Wilson returned it would do so only temporarily, and would again disappear for a longer or shorter period. The correctness of these seemingly fragile inferences was borne out by subsequent events.

As it was now probable that the patient had a young wife, who would be concerned about his absence, it became an urgent duty to try to recover his lost memories, particularly his name and address, as soon as possible. I, therefore, suggested to Dr. H. S. Hutchison*, who was present and in charge of the case, that we should facilitate this by inducing hypnosis. This was done, and after a little time the patient recalled that Myer's store (see above) was in Albany, and that he himself lived in that town. He could picture to himself his house, but not the number of it or the name of the street in which it was. On having his attention directed to neighboring streets, and particularly to the main ones, he slowly recalled that the one in which he lived was near Pearl Street. Then, by encouraging him to trace his steps from Myer's store along Pearl Street towards his home, one gradually got him more familiar with the neighbourhood, and, after an interval, he burst out with: "Williams Street, that's where I live, and that's my name, Richard Albert Williams."

With that came back a flood of memories from which we pieced together the following story. The patient had for many years been a sea-cook in British vessels, and for the past three or four years had been a *chef* at various places in New York State. He got married in May, 1908, and about two months later underwent an operation in Boston for a stiff elbow that had been badly injured in a railway accident. In the winter he was for some time ill with appendicitis, for which he also underwent an operation, and through which he lost

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