

has the physiognomical, anatomical and clinical characters of an epileptic;" then we do our work as clinicists and not as jurists; this is the advantage; by doing thus we place ourselves right, but by adopting half terms, phrases, psychological rather than clinical terms, we always find ourselves refuted both by the judges and the public. Prof. Buonomo has made objection to me, touching certain crimes which cannot be ranked among the epilepsies, *e. g. camorristism*. I have always said that there are forms which constitute the delinquency of occasion; the metaphysicians and spiritualists believed that man is born good; but which of us does not know that he is born to be bad? *We all\** know that he abounds more in evil than in good, above all in the period of childhood, and in the childhood of humanity; well, should their innate tendencies not be wiped out, the man becomes a *camorrist*; if he finds more occasions for evil deeds than for good ones, you will have the delinquent of occasion.

"But it seems to me that Prof. Buonomo made another objection with much ingenuity. He said: 'There are crimes which have no connection with impetuosity; *e. g. forgery*;' but it is necessary to study these persons, it is not easy for one who has not, as I have done, lived a long time among them, to judge of them, and to acquire complete knowledge of them; these forgers are not forgers through their whole lives; some days they flee from crime, but afterwards a time comes when they cannot avoid it, and then they fall in an intermittent cerebral discharge, like that of so many other forms, *e. g. wounding and theft*. There are thieves who, on leaving prison, swear they will steal no more; they remain for a week without robbing, but there comes round a night on which they cannot go to

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\* "We all know it.

"MacDuff. He has no children. All my pretty ones?"

"Did you say all? O, hell-kite—all!"

It is not to be wondered that an anthropologist who had spent so many years among convicts, should lose all faith in innate human goodness. It is, however, a pity that Lombroso's sweeping malediction called forth no rebuke; but the hour was late, and probably all were anxious for the close, and therefore unwilling to provoke further elongation of the discussion.