

When Telephones Become Wireless

That recent episode of the saving of the people on the steamship Republic reveals, for the general reader, a degree of development in the devices of science for safeguarding those who travel on the high seas that was not before.

On Border Line

For hundreds of years past the extent of the borderline between insanity and genius has been a matter of dispute with doctors, scientists and deep thinkers, says an exchange.

The lives of famous men, and even women, of the last two centuries, however, seem to furnish striking evidence that there is a very strong link between genius and insanity.

Charles Dickens, it is well known, as he advanced in years, suffered from sleeplessness, got, incipient paralysis and loss of memory, and ultimately died at 58 from effusion of the blood upon the brain.

Charles Lamb was confined to a lunatic asylum for six weeks about his twentieth year, the period at which he wrote most of his sonnets, and all his life was subject to stammering, violent headaches and was constitutionally nervous and timid.

George Elliott, too, suffered greatly from fits of depression, while Sir Walter Scott complained of certain hallucinations and thought he saw the image of his friend Byron after the latter's death, the image, after examination, proving to be nothing but the folds of some drapery.

Sir Edward Landseer, toward the close of his life, showed signs of insanity, while the eccentricities of Turner were quite of the insane order. Among the eminent artists it might be mentioned that Sir Thomas Lawrence suffered from a symptom of brain disorder, David Wilkie, the power of attention and ultimately had a nervous seizure which made his speech incoherent, while Romney suffered so much from the hallucination that his talent would desert him that at the height of his fame he thought of relinquishing art altogether.

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The stage, too, furnishes examples of insane genius—notably, Edmund Kean, whose mind became unbalanced at 45 years of age, Julius Brutus Booth, the father of Wilkes Booth,

Who murdered President Lincoln, displayed insanity at the age of 35.

It was while playing a tragic part in Boston that he suddenly dropped into colloquial tone and apropos of nothing, said, "Upon my word, I don't know." To the murmurs of the house he responded with a ringing laugh.

Fool and Genius

Although real happiness is a minus quality in the world, says Cesare Lombroso, the Italian anthropologist, there is no doubt that it is felt by two classes of beings, namely, fools and geniuses.

The genius in which melancholia is almost an intermittent ailment, is always conscious of his own value, and, consequently, feels no fear in so far as his own theories or teachings are concerned. In regard to this he is invariably happy, no matter what be his other tribulations, and in the throes of his inspired work he has moments of ecstasy the like of which is not known to common mortals.

Perhaps happier than the genius is the fool in the last stage of dementia, says Lombroso. For, continues the Italian, with this fool the happiness is permanent; with the genius it is meteoric. This kind of fool is distinguished, however, he is the harmless, dreamful fool, the poor creature whose mind is so weak as to be unable to provide itself with even an obsession and which cannot concentrate upon any particular idea for any measurable length of time.

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