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On rising Dr. Cutten said that on receive ing a telephone message to address the club he felt not unlike the Irishman, who on be. ing asked by his dying wife to ride to her funeral in a carriage with his mother-in-law, said: "Being as it is your last request I'lldo it. But it's going to take all the pleasure out of the trip."

His subject, he continues, was the phychology of the crowd, or human stampedes When people gathered in groups they were persons present accustomed to exercise selfcontrol, could by the simple process of suggestion be led to commit the most extrava gant. In a crowd, a man's individuality be came merged into the mob-consciousness and the dictates of reason were often powerless to resist the play of impulse.

A CROWE'S SENTIMENTS.

A crowd's sentiments were simple and always exaggerated. A mob jumped at conclusions. It never created anything. Its emotions always found expression in act of destruction. At the same time, a mob might start out on a work of destructions which might be essentially virtuous and even heroic

Its leader ne ver argued. But by saggestion and appeal he ruled it as if with a rod of iron. A group of men swayed by the mob spirit would commit actions that the individuals comprising it would feel as hamed to even think of doing. Witness the planks of college boys and the subsequent repen-

The power of suggestion upon the mob's consciousness was manifest in what is known as collective hallucination. A leader could easily persuade a mob that a bronze lion had wagged its tail.

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were taught that salvation could only obtained by asceticism and the mob spirit impelled people to withdraw from the world. Monasticism formed the basis of other religious epidemics. In its next manifestait took the form of pilgrim sges to the Holy Land. Men and women, and even children here seized with a mania that sent them in futile journeys to the Holy Sepulchre. Over 300,000 people perished in these plgramiges Then came the crusades-a movements to win by farce of arms what the early pilgrims had failed to achieve. These movement, too, were unsuccessful.

THE CHILDREN'S CRUSADE.

Next comes the children's crusade. Some young preachers appeared with the doctrine that the knights had failed because they were not good enough, and that the children, being pure in heart, could accomplish a mis. sion wherein sinful man were useless. So, despite the command of parents 10,000 children from Germany and 30,000 from France started for the Holy Lund. All perished on the way or were sold into slavery. Many that were forcibly restrained from going on this erusade sickened and died.

Then came the epidemic of flageliation. Somebody promulgated the doctrine that men could only be saved through blood and suffering, and crowds gathered everywhere and whipped one another till they fell insensible. After this, religious manta took the form of a dancing epidemic. There are relics of this in what is today known as the Sr. Vitus' Dance,

Another interesting physical phenomenon was that of witchcraft. Over 300.000 were executed for this crime. One great witchfinder in England had an idea thas witches could not be drowned. So suspects were rolled in a blanket and thrown Into a pond. If they sank and were drowned it was proof that they were innocent, if they floated they were hauled ashose and executed.

MODERN REVIVALS.

Modern revivals were also forms of psychical epidemics. They had usually been charterized by extravagant physical emotion, showing itself in such phenomen as 'shouring, 'jerking,' 'hely laughter,' etc. The Kentucky revival was the most extraordinary exam. ple of these modern epidemics. They were usually conducted in the open. Men and women were so wrought up that they finally lapsed into a state of insensibility, and had to be carried into the meeting houses. The floors were littered with rigid bodies in all attitudes.

A favorite pastime at these revivals was called "treeing the devil." Men and women got on all fours, and pranced around a tree, barking like dogs. Another physical phenomenon was known as "the jerks." But it not only affected the euthusiasts. So great was the power of suggestion that men who went to scoff, remained to jerk.

"But these epidemics, manifesting them selves in convulsive movements, evidently did not make for the despening of the spiritual life of the people. It was a highly significant fact, that the revival counties of Kentucky had since achieved notoriety as the scene of numerous lynchings. "The revival and the lynching bee," said the speaker, "are equally manifestations of the power of suggestion acting on the mob."

REVIVALS WILL DIE OUT.

In the future revival movements would be found only among primitive peoples, the negroes and certain Asiatic races. White men, in general, had nearly arrived at the stage of civilization where manifestations of the mob spirit were imhibited by the self control of the people.

The speaker then pointed out the influence of the mob spirit in financial affairs and described the peculiar phenomenon that characterized the Dutch tulip scheme, and the Mississippi and South Sea Bubbles. Modern panies, he said, were examples of the pyschological epidemic, and were due to the suggestibility of the crowd. They had hitherto appeared at intervals of about 11 years, a fact which had led Jevons to attribute them to the spots on the sun.

The panic of 1907 was unnecessary; crops were good, industry in a healthy condition, but a few banks had failed, a feeling of uneasiness spread, and grew rapidly into a

Another example of the psychology of the crowd was the fact that newspaper reports of suicides or crime, frequently set the fashion in suicide or crime for a year or more. It should be said, however, that reports of good or heroic actions also had a powerful influence upon the crowd; but unfortunately not so much was heard about the good actions inspired by suggestion as about the other things.

Dr. Cutten said in conclusion, that he knew of no certain cure for these epidemics, but he thought that if education had any value, it must result in arming the people with a certain inhibitory control over their impulses, and as they train themselves in self-restraint they could neutralize the effects of the epidemics if not wholly eliminate them in time.

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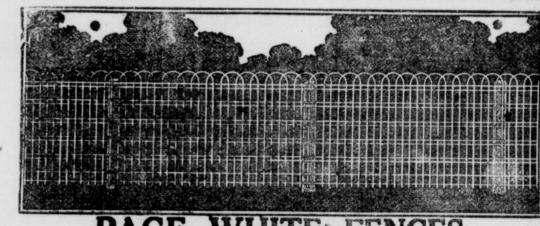
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