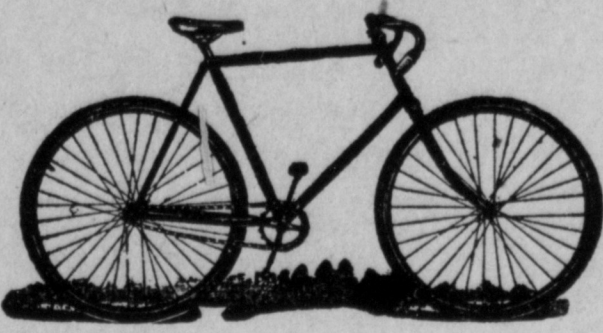




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### The Curative Power of Faith

Remarking on the cures performed not long ago by the Denver healer Schlatter, and on the great numbers of similar cures recorded in medical history, The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, New York, April, speaks editorially as follows:

"We are able to work against such movements only by first, clear reasons for their existence, and second, clear expressions of such reasons. For Schlatter's cures are only 'few of a multitude.'"

After enumerating some of these including so-called miraculous cures of various kinds, the Christian Science movement, and various other religio-medical movements, hosts of "fads and fancies," "mineral springs without actual curative properties, new 'schools' and 'methods' in medicine, etc., the article goes on as follows:

"We have enumerated enough for our purpose, and have only in strict justice to add that nearly every most honorable physician will recognize cases of his own in which the cure was not caused by his drugs, but by faith in his treatment. Our present idea is to line these all up and try to account for them."

"Not trying now to analyze the cures into those real, and those apparent or imagined, what are the underlying elements and explanations of them? We would say, first a large number of diseases are (so-called) functional. Second, diseases not functional have likely a functional element, at least the individual has. Third, mental influences make or unmake the functional diseases, and produce impressions on this functional element of those organic. Fourth, every disease tends and tries to get well of itself, aside from drugs or any efforts, either rational or irrational. Fifth, the stimulus, activity, and hygienic influences incident to the cure are often very powerful. These sayings are trite in form, but carried to the extent I mean them, are not always acknowledged by the bulk of physicians."

"The first statement is about the proportion of functional diseases, meaning, in our conception, those diseases that center in the brain or the cord, which, without apparent organic base, seem projected by and from them. The exact number of these we can only approximate, but it seems to be a large proportion. Such things as ovarian pains and discomforts

and neuralgias everywhere can be seen, often to disappear like magic before a new controlling idea and a healthy occupation. Women, especially, are subject to this rule because women have the sedentary life and lack of diversity which determines the introspective state. They vary in health in a more facile way with the mental changes. Neuralgic pains even prostrating in character seem at times induced solely by worry. Many that I have studied surely are. Others, of course, are partially so caused. Indeed, to be brief, with everybody and in organic diseases as well, the physician is often instructed to inspire hope as an aiding element. Moreover, some past experiences of each one of us will doubtless emphasize these remarks with convincing force. Diversion of mental state and hopefulness of mental state act on every person in disease. Indeed, disease may be considered as an influence, against which the system is continually striving, and such helps as hope, activity, and hygienic life can easily often throw the balance to the right side. Not that functional diseases are 'willed' into existence or are willed out again, or that there is any planning, but that by sedentary or unhygienic influences, a temperament so predisposed, especially if aided by worry or other introspective condition, will show up in some neuralgias. . . .

"That mental influences are powerful is seen elsewhere than in medicine. Curiously it is enthusiasm and personal influence, not logic, that moves people to most of their activity. The crusades of the Middle Ages may be the hugest example, but city strikes and riots, revivals in temperance and religion, are but examples found in every line, even to the booming of a western town. Even a slight thread of probability, if taken up by a man who has intense enthusiastic belief, or can simulate such, will almost surely find followers. We, every one of us, are influenced by the current of feeling about us, and intelligent and broad study will enable us to rise only partially above such influences. If we laugh at the man who carries a potato in his pocket indeed, we are lucky if he does not turn on us and make us acknowledge that we would 'a little rather not' be one of thirteen at a table, even while we can find no logic or even good authority for its connection with our well-being."

"As physicians are we not too apt to say that the mind influences the body, and then go away and wonder at the next

example? We see a blush rise instantly to the cheek by shame, or see from fear the pallor, the cold sweat, the sickening feeling, the shock like that of a prolonged surgical operation, even it is said, possibly death, and we do not wonder, yet passing to a case in which fear, produced by some unguarded remark, seems to determine toward death, or strong hopefulness seems to determine toward health and we wonder. Indeed, if a temporary emotion can bring so marked an effect as indicated above, why can not a more permanent emotion produce a more pronounced effect, and why should it make the slightest difference in the result whether the hopeful activity be induced by prayer, by a belief in a miracle by Schlatter's methods, by Christian Science sciences, or by a change of climate; by an honest man or by a fraud?"—Literary Digest.

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