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### HOW MAD PEOPLE REASON.

*They Are All Right Except When Talked to on Certain Topics.*

It is impossible to fix a hard and fast boundary line between sanity and insanity, to say exactly where eccentricity leaves off, and madness begins. In my early days, said a medical practitioner, I was for some time with one of the visiting doctors of a county lunatic asylum and frequently accompanied him on his visits.

I have played at billiards and other games with the male inmates and found some excellent players among them. Not only indeed, surprised me more than the perfect players, but one particular topic.

For instance, I remember one man who had a dogged idea that he was the emperor of China. You might talk with him for hours and find him so reasonable and intelligent that you would begin to doubt whether he was mad at all. He read such newspapers as he could get hold of, was deeply interested in current events and discussed them with you more lucidly and tolerantly than many a man who passes for sane and is allowed to remain at large. But, sooner or later, the fatal topic would be touched upon. You could not say precisely how it happened. You or he probably would refer to something relating to the Chinese, and instantly he became more thoughtful, more earnest. That was the only change noticeable in his demeanor. Then he would take you aside and tell you confidentially, with a quiet, deliberate air of conviction, that he was the emperor of China, he had been captured in the last war and brought over here a prisoner and offer you a fabulous reward to assist him to escape.

This sudden turn from rational to irrational talk was the more startling because there was nothing the least irrational in the man's tones or looks or manner. I once tried to argue with him quietly and told him he was mistaken. He listened to me patiently enough, and when I ceased he sighed and said he could quite understand his statement might appear incredible to a stranger, but he was sorry I should doubt his word. He went on to inform me of Chinese

that had led to his downfall with such sober, matter of fact intelligence that he almost reasoned one into a kind of dazed belief in him.

And I found the same characteristic in others. Among the utterly imbecile there were kings, poets, prophets, politicians, through whose delusions ran a tantalizing vein of sense. I have met various Miltons, Tennysons, Washingtons, Shakespeares and monarchs of all nationalities, whose hallucinations were built up with such strange sanity of detail that one hardly knew what to make of them. If Milton spoke to you of his "Charge of the Light Brigade" or his "Martin Chuzzlewit," you would have no doubt about him, but when he calmly discourses upon his "Paradise Lost," even sometimes quoting passages from it, and casually refers to the time when he was Cromwell's secretary it chills you with an uncanny and bewildering sensation that it is he who is sane and you are mad yourself.

It may surprise you to know that almost the commonest delusion among insane patients is that they are Christ. I recollect one such, who, strangely enough, was a woman, and in her, too, that sanity of detail I have spoken of was a remarkable feature. She had her fits of violence, but they were exceedingly rare. As a rule she was as gentle and as harmless as possible. When the visiting doctor saw her, she always had the same complaint to make to him. She was Christ, she had been disbelieved and imprisoned, why would they not let her go and preach the truth to mankind?

One day the doctor, who was as much struck with her puzzling sanity in matters of details as I had been, put her to a test that brought out this pitiful peculiarity with a distinctness that fairly took his breath away. Appearing to yield to her entreaties and flinging the door open, he cried:

"Come, they shan't keep you here any longer. You shall go and preach the truth as you wish."

She hesitated, looked at him irresolutely and then, shaking her head, said, with a dreamy smile:

"No, no. What would be the use of it? They would not believe me. I am happier here. If I went out, they would only persecute me."—New York Dispatch.

**A Rare Coin.**  
 The Confederate silver half dollar is reckoned one of the rarest of American coins. Only four such coins were struck. The Confederate silver half dollar bears the date of 1863 and was struck at the mint at New Orleans just before that institution was closed by the Federal troops. It has the Goddess of Liberty on one side and a staff of cane, one of our nation and the stars and bars of the Confederacy in a coat of arms on the other side.—New York Ledger.

### A BELGIAN LOVE MARKET.

*Curious and Ancient Custom, Observed in the Town of Arton.*

A singular and ancient custom takes place the first Thursday in December every year in the little Belgian city of Arton. This is the celebrated St. Nicholas festival, and its counterpart is probably impossible to find in any country.

Peasants, male and female, enter the city in the early morning, all dressed in their holiday dress and all bent on being married. The young men and women march up and down on the market place, and as soon as a young peasant sees the girl for whom he has a liking he invites her to one of the many cabarets or cafes that surround the market, and here the agreement and conditions for the marriage are talked over.

The young peasant is always attended by an important personage called the "spokesman." This person plays a most important part, and without him no marriage could be arranged. This man enjoys the confidence of both parties; he knows the qualification of every young peasant and how much of a marriage portion each girl is provided with. It is he who does the talking for both parties, and if an agreement is entered into and a wedding is the result he receives a certain part of the wedding portion, a new high hat and a pair of boots. As long as the consultation between the two families commenced at the festival continues the spokesman has a good time. He is entitled to the best of food and drink, and if he successfully carries out the negotiations he is the first one to be invited to the wedding.

As soon as the couple are engaged, which must be done before the festival is over, the custom is for the beau to purchase some oranges and candy for his girl, and she presents her intended with a pipe and a package of tobacco.—Philadelphia Press.

### Women and Men.

Women cannot leave the men alone. That wariness of theirs, "What ever a man can do, a woman can," is pregnant with meaning of which they themselves appear to be unconscious. Whatever a man does, they do—chiefly because a man is doing it. If a man did not do it, they would not do it either. They crowd the busy and important scenes because men are there. They read and write the suggestive books because their first and foremost theme is invariably the relations of the sexes. They play masculine games merely because they are masculine. I would venture on something of the nature of a prophetic utterance. It is this: If every man were to leave off playing golf tomorrow, there would not be a female golf player left in England in a month. Heaven knows that there are a good many of them just now! Where the men lead, the women follow. The "dear creatures," as the old time "bucks" used to have it, always did run after the men. It seems that just now they are running after them a little harder than ever they did. That, from the social point of view, is the alpha and omega of the cry of the "independent" women; that is not seldom the meaning of "women's rights." It is the right of a woman not to be far away from a man—All the Year Round.

### Names.

Here is the advertisement of a man named "Bump." I should think of all things that poor merchant would be afraid of coming down hard! By the way, last week I met a poor unfortunate called "Chump"—no, come to think it was "Gump." Well, it means the same thing. Fancy going through life as a "gump."

"Well," says the girl at the next desk, "I don't think that is any worse than being called 'Tooth.'"

### Unconventional.

The following story is told of the unconventional court methods of the late George M. Stearns of Massachusetts: "May it please your honor," he said, beginning an argument one day before the supreme court, "I have a little case here that was started in the police court, and that court guessed on it. Then we went to the superior court with it, and that court guessed on it, and now we would like the court to guess on it."

The court said: "Mr. Stearns, sit down. This court doesn't guess on cases." Mr. Stearns replied: "I beg pardon, your honor. I desire the judgment of this court on the case."

### Wanted to Find the Crumb.

Mamma—What are you tearing your doll to pieces for?  
 Hattie—I'm lookin' for the crumb of comfort papa said was to be found in everything.—Rogersville (Tenn.) Review.

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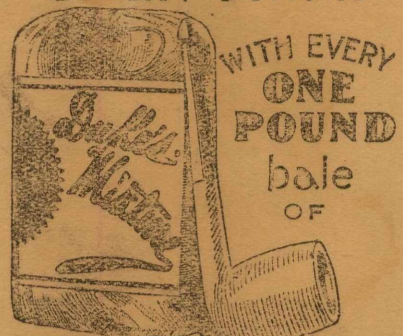
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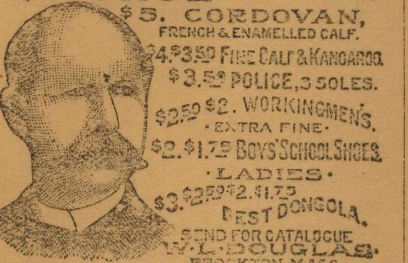
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How the Companies Remembered Him and his Necker Also. It was one of the solemn days along the alley, for another newsboy had died.

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When a newsboy dies, his comrades hold a meeting.

Instead of imitating the conspicuous example of their elders and passing resolutions, they go down into their pockets and make up a fund.

If he is to sing "Anna's Lullaby" or "The Last Rose of Summer,"

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