

"Quantam ego quidem video motus morborum fere omnes a motibus in systemate nervorum ita pendent ut morbi fere omnes quodammodo Nervosi dici queant."—CULLEN'S NOSOLOGY: BOOK II, P. 181—EDINBURG, ED. 1780.

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EDITORIAL.

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THE PATRICK CASE MEDICO-LEGALLY CONSIDERED.  
—The Boston *Medical and Surgical Journal* concludes an editorial on the Patrick case from a medico-legal point of view, as follows:

“The only theory of the manner of the murder was one presented in the last of several confessions by Jones. In order to secure a verdict of guilty the jury was asked to believe the unsupported testimony of this discreditable and discredited witness, an assumed accomplice to the assumed conspiracy to murder, to the incredible story that he killed Rice by roughly and hastily giving him chloroform during sleep. Of the many attempts that have been made to chloroform a person while asleep the very great majority have failed, and the few that have succeeded have been in the most skillful hands and were conducted with

mother or sister or brother should be refused permission to join their relatives in this country, \* \* \* but while this may concern a limited circle, the old law of the greatest good to the greatest number recurs here as in similar conditions, and it certainly seems unfair that this country, which already carries a heavy burden of parasites \* \* \* from other lands should be forced to assume other charges, who, while they may be objects of pity, can be of no value to the community, but must always remain a source of menace. The same reasoning should apply to neurotic and psychic degenerates. America has already been too long the asylum and hospital for the world's defective degenerates, moral, physical, mental and political. This evil has already slain one of our Presidents and is corrupting our political and social life. The springs of psychic life are tainted and the fountains of our neurotic being are poisoned by the microbes and bacilli of European decay. The restless roving apostles of discontent and neuropathic psychopathic unstable decadents distort our constitutional license into liberty, imagining this land of freedom to be a great lunatic colony for the exploiting of bizarre ideas, the propagation of morbid emotions and the airing of psychic instability and the evolution of the spasmodic neuroses. The asylum business for foreign mental strabismic and bearers of the neuroses spasmodica is nearing its end in Free America. If this is to be maintained as the land of the free and the home of the brave, the threatening neurotic and microbic pestilences must be stayed at our borders. We have about all of this sort of instability our political and social fabric can endure and live.

Dr. Bates >

WAS IT MORBID AUTOMATISM, DELUSIONAL INSANITY OR A SCHEME?—Dr. W. H. Bates, a New York physician, who disappeared on Aug. 30 last, leaving no trace, has been found in London. His wife, who had instituted a world-wide search, met the doctor as he emerged from Charing Cross hospital. In explanation of his disappearance, Dr. Bates, who had been engaged in

Article about Dr. Bates. Not sure who wrote this, if its accurate, but is similar to others in Newspapers...



Did Dr. Bates lose his memory or did he disappear on purpose to avoid dangerous people who were trying to stop him from teaching how to heal the eyes, eyesight naturally? Those evil people harassed, haunted him til the day he died in 1931. They continued to abuse his wife Emily A. Bates after his death.

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a tennis tournament at Newport, and had returned to his office here to attend to some matters, told his wife that he had been called to perform two operations and left his office carrying his instruments. He went to a ship anchored in the East River, where he performed an operation on a man suffering from abscess of the brain. No nurse could be obtained, and he remained with the patient all night. From that time, he says, his mind has been practically a blank. When found in London he had registered at the Charing Cross hospital for the purpose of taking a post-graduate course.

THE BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL has been the recent recipient of a benefaction of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars bequeathed by a Mr. Burnham for a ward to bear his name. Why do not some of our wealthy men of St. Louis make a similar bequest for our St. Louis City Hospital?

There is room on the grounds of the new Hospital for many wards more than the city is now able to build and the wealthy men are in this city and some of them will soon die and need a monument. And by the way when will the Barnes' Hospital bequeath made by Mr. Barnes several years ago of nearly a million dollars materialize into the intended hospital?

The wealthy men of St. Louis flourish and die and leave no mark behind them—none save Mullanphy and Barnes. Barnes left the money but the mark has not yet been made. Many years have passed since the latter died and not even a dispensary for outdoor sick poor has been reared to his memory. The trustees of the fund are holding it that it may accumulate to a self-supporting sum sufficient to maintain a hospital equal to the grandest hospital of any American city, but it might be wise to make a beginning now; build a wing of the institution and not let the people forget the greatest philanthropist of St. Louis.

JANE TOPPAN, the Taunton Asylum and the *Boston Record*.—The *Boston Evening Record* criticizes the man-