

## Psychiatry in pictures

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Do you have an image, preferably accompanied by 100 to 200 words of explanatory text, that you think would be suitable for Psychiatry in Pictures? Submissions are very welcome and should be sent direct to Dr Allan Beveridge, Queen Margaret Hospital, Whitefield Road, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 0SU, UK.



*Venus* (artist unknown, c. 1840)

This is the original drawing for Plate XVIII of Sir Alexander Morison's 1840 book *The Physiognomy of Mental Diseases*. The accompanying text reads:

E.I. aged 64, a female possessing some property, of a turbulent disposition, and giving considerable annoyance to the neighbourhood in which she lived, affirmed, that she was in a peculiar manner the daughter of the God of heaven; and that she was Venus in the first place of the sign Libra – that she was well acquainted with the formation of the world, and the counsels of the Almighty, but she conceived herself under the influence of evil machinery. She was easily excited by contradiction. She became excessively fat, and died of apoplexy. She is represented in her favourite dress.

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