

*A Morbid Theft in the Course of a Melancholic State* [*Vol Morbide au Cours d'un État Mélancolique*]. (*Journ. Neur. et Psychiat. Belg.*, May, 1927.) Vermeylen, G.

Although suicide and murder are not uncommon in melancholics, petty crime is rare. The case is described of a woman, æt. 57, who suffered from an attack of depression after being accused of theft (apparently unjustly) by her landlady. During the depression she stole several trifling articles from shops before being sent to a hospital. The medico-legal value of the case is discussed.

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*Three Cases of Recovery from Interpretative Delusional States.* [*Sur Trois Cas de Guérison de Délires Interprétatifs*]. (*L'Encéph.*, May, 1927.) Clerc, P., and Picard, J.

In this paper are described the cases of three patients who suffered from definite states of delusion of interpretation without hallucination, and who recovered and have remained well for 3½, 12, and 2½ years respectively. The only feature in the cases suggesting paranoia was some degree of egocentricity. In other respects the reactions were quite different from those of a paranoiac. No organic or toxic cause was discovered in any case. The nature of the psychosis and its possible relation to paranoia is discussed and commented upon.

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*Fugues and Amnesia of Uræmic Origin—Amnesia of Identity* [*Fugues et Amnésie d'Origine Urémique sur une Forme d'Amnésie: L'Amnésie d'Identité*]. (*L'Encéph.*, May, 1927.) Claude, H., Abadie, J., Robin, G., and Cenac, M.

After alluding to two similar cases previously described, the authors set out in detail the case of a man, æt. 52, who suffered from more or less prolonged fugues with complete disorientation of identity. After discussing the cause of these and excluding epilepsy, etc., the authors conclude they were uræmic in origin, and are able to report that treatment of the kidney condition has prevented any relapse, and has improved the general mental condition of the patient.

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*Delusions of Insanity in Others* [*Le Délire de la Folie d'Autrui*]. (*L'Encéph.*, April, 1927.) Veillet, L.

The patient, a constitutional psychopath, whose case is described in this paper, conceived the idea, following puerperal fever, that her husband was insane. An analysis of the psychological mechanisms probably at work is given, and the author considers the condition sufficiently important to be classified as a form of delusional insanity.

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*The Indications for and the Technique of Psycho-analysis.* [*Les Indications et la Technique de la Psychoanalyse*]. (*Gaz. des Hôp.*, No. 36, May 4, 1927.) Robin, G.

This is a highly compressed paper setting forth the author's views, as indicated in the title.

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