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THE REFLECTION OF LILLIPUTIAN HALLUCINATIONS IN PAINTINGS OF A SCHIZOPHRENIC PATIENT

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Since several years ago the relation between art and mental disorders has been interesting for psychiatrists. This relation has more importance when understanding famous painters such as Van Gogh, Paul Gauguin and Louis Wain have had such disorders.

Psychotic patients may project their symptoms into their drawings and use paintings as a way to illustrate their special feelings and thoughts. Without them understanding patient's world and their symptoms is impossible.

When hallucinations are too amazing to believe and more persecutor than any pain, and when thoughts are so dispersed which other cannot understand and nevertheless, there is no treatment for these boring symptoms, art and specially painting may be a way to relief them.

Lilliputian hallucination is a rare symptom in psychotic patients; a visual type hallucination that things and persons appears smaller than the real size. Patients usually describe them as the persecutor dwarfs or life from another world.

Here we introduce a schizophrenic patient with Lilliputian hallucination who created famous paintings. In these paintings, patient was drawn dwarfs in nearly one inch. They are creatures between man and mouse, sometimes whisper and occasionally walk on his head or body.