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THE DANCING MANIA

One of the strangest delusions that history records was the dancing mania, which arose in Germany in 1874. It was a convulsion which, in the most extraordinary manner, infuriated the human frame and excited the astonishment of contemporaries for more than two centuries, since which time it never re-appeared.

The disease was named the Dance of St. John or St. Vitus on account of the Bacchanic leaps by which it was characterized, and which gave those affected, whilst performing their wild dance and screaming and roaming with fury, all the appearance of persons possessed.

The Dancing Mania did not remain confined to particular localities, but was propagated by the sight of the sufferers, like a demoniac epidemic, over the whole of Germany and the neighboring countries to the northwest, which were already prepared for it by the prevailing opinions of the times.

So early as the year 1874 assemblies of men and women were seen at Aix-la-Chapelle who had come out of Germany, and who, united by one common delusion, exhibited to the public, both in the streets and in churches, the following strange spectacle. They formed circles hand in hand, and, after appearing to have lost all control over their senses, continued dancing, regardless of the bystanders, for hours together in wild delirium, until at length they fell to the ground in a state of exhaustion.

The dancers then complained of extreme depression and groaned as if in the agonies of death, until they were swathed in cloths bound tightly around their wrists and ankles, and attacks. While dancing the victims neither saw nor heard, being insensible to external impressions through the senses, but were haunted by visions; their fancies conjured up spirits whose names they shrieked out, and some of them, who had asserted that they felt as if they had been immersed in a stream of blood, which obliged them to leap so high.

Where the disease was completely developed the attack commenced with epileptic convulsions. Those affected fell to the ground, unable to panting and laboring for breath. They foamed at the mouth and, suddenly springing up, began their dance amidst strange contortions.

It was but a few months before this demoniac disease had spread from Aix-la-Chapelle to the neighboring Netherlands. In Liege, Utrecht, Tongres and many other towns of Belgium the dancers appeared with wild garlands in their hair, and they wailed and shrieked, as if they might, as soon as the paroxysm was over, receive immediate relief.

This bandage was, by the insertion of a stick, easily twisted tight; many, however, obtained some relief from kicks and blows, which they found numbers of persons ready to administer. A few months after this dancing mania had made its appearance at Aix-la-Chapelle it broke out at Cologne, where the number of those possessed amounted to more than 500, and about the same time at Metz, the streets of which place are said to have been filled with 1,100 dancers.

Parasitic left their ploughs, mechanics their workshops, housewives their domestic duties to join the wild revels and this rich commercial city became the scene of the most ruinous disorder. The Dancing Mania of the year 1874 was Ages, of which many without in fact, no new disease, but a phenomenon well known in the Middle Ages were traditionally current among the people.

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Laundry placed with us is promptly done. We do not tear your garments. Give us a trial.

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The Cole Eight The Volvo Six The Dodge
Don't buy an automobile until you have us demonstrate our line. The above mentioned cars are known to the public as being among the best. Let us show you about them.

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Two big first-class automobiles for hire. Night or day. Prompt and efficient service at reasonable prices. Day/Phone 12. Night/Phone 429.

JOHN WALKER

Wanted—A real live man for permanent employment to sell, demonstrate and give service on Ford's Tractors. Splendid opportunity for the right man. G. W. Bryant, Fordson Tractor, Chester S. C. 12-14

What Does Your Wood Cost You?

Possibly you are one of the many who have never taken the trouble to keep an account of what your wood for your cooking stove is costing you. If so, you should start today keeping an accurate account of this important household expense.

A responsible Chester man recently told us that he had of late been keeping an account of his wood bill and had found that it was costing him from \$9.00 to \$12.00 every month. In addition to the cost he lost considerable time from his business trying to find the wood and when he got it it was so green he could hardly get a fire started. And too, he or the housewife had to carry that wood into the house and put it into the stove and after all that round, the ashes were to be carried out and scattered over the premises.

What Did This Man Do?

He bought an electric range which saves him time, trouble and money to say nothing of the pleasure his wife gets by having her daily work lightened.

Scores of Chester people have realized the advantage of using electric ranges and others are daily buying them. Talk to those who have bought and then call at our place of business and let us demonstrate one of the many models we carry.

We know that if you will take the trouble to look into the matter that you will buy an electric range.

Southern Public Utilities Company

WORTH 50 TIMES PRICE TO HIM

Mertione Bravely Strength Back So Man Could Return to Work.

"I'm in the oil business and loss of time means loss of money to me, and for that reason I can say that every dollar I spent for Mertione brought me back fifty dollars," said H. W. Wiles, of 1605 Thomas Street, Nashville, Tenn.

"When I got over influenza I was so bad off that I couldn't walk. I tried lots of things, but it seemed that there wasn't anything that would bring back my strength."

"Then I read in the newspapers about Mertione and how it was helping so many people, some of whom I knew, and I bought a bottle of it. I had not even finished the first bottle yet until my strength had come back so much that I was up out of bed and back at work."

"That's what Mertione did for me," concluded Mr. Wiles.

"Thousands of well-known people in all parts of the country are taking Mertione and highly praise it for its effect on rheumatism, sleeplessness or lack of appetite. Mertione is sold exclusively in Chester by White's Pharmacy and The Valley Drug Store.

indefinitely during play hours, even if to do so we must snatch our hour or so from either end of our sleeping period. Such a continual rush will tell in the end, we may be quite sure, but we are not thinking of the end just now. We are living in the busy, hurrying present, moving restlessly through what should prove to be the best time of life and looking anxiously for the next move in the great game which we know only too well we are playing with well-matched opponents. The secret now is not to let the other fellow get ahead of us in order to prevent this catastrophe. We are determined to spend our energies and our time often recklessly and to do well.

"But how will such conditions improve our status? We can work well, much less accomplish the best results, who is worn down by that restless spirit that demands so much and gives no abatement in return. There are so many little ways by which we could save our strength and make ourselves more effective workers if we had the judgment to direct them and the courage to carry them out. We can systematically work for one thing, and not conduct it in the haphazard way that seems to prevail in these uneasy times when results count more than the manner, in which they are accomplished. Naturally, the careful, conservative business man will never conduct his business in any but a systematic, efficient manner, but there are many persons, today especially, who are managing their affairs without regard to safe and sane methods, and it is these persons who must shoulder a large part of the responsibility for the growing unrest and unsettled conditions everywhere. The individual man owes something to his work as well as to those for whom he works, and the care of his health is one of those duties which react to the benefit of both. No one, however, can have a proper regard for his health if he permits himself to place too severe a strain upon his physical powers, and this being done day after day by the vast majority of persons nowadays, they have learned most of them, to live actively on their nerves. Their power driving them along until it too begins to crumble under the test when nerve force and excitement become the storehouses from which they draw to keep them going. But even these storehouses are depleted after a while, and the man who had learned to depend upon them for his motive power is too much of a physical wreck to be able to enjoy the fruits of his own judgment whatever they may be. How much better it is, and how much more according to the laws of nature, to work in a normal, pennywise but healthy manner for which we were destined, content to know that we are doing our best, enjoying the well-

deserved rewards of our earnest efforts, and leave to the wild, excited, untrained beings who live a rough and tumble, pell-mell sort of existence the questionable rewards of their frantic efforts.

Better progress by easy stages that leads to a solid success minus spectacular effects but plus the largest degree of comfort and an easy conscience, than the breathless hurry and mad experiences that, while promising more and more with each step taken, so often ends abruptly and disastrously for those most concerned. The unnatural, abnormal appetites of the times are never satisfied; there is always something more wanted, and very often it is in the desire to possess that one more thing that we rush headlong to do."

Delicious Syrup With Cherry Flavor

for Kiddies' Coughs, Colds, Sore Throats.

TARBAL (Mentholytol) Formerly Tar Balsam

It instantly warms the body, loosens the phlegm, clears the head, relaxes the ribs and eases the sore throat. Satisfying relief with its cherry flavor that children cry for it. Try a teaspoonful. Your doctor is interested to observe if you find you enjoy it if it doesn't relieve you. Be at your druggist's.

MARION FARMER HAS DISAPPEARED Diligent Search Being Made for Edwin White.

Marion's March 21—Edwin White, a well known and well to do farmer, living about a mile from Centenary, has disappeared and diligent efforts yesterday and today have failed to find him.

Mr. White, who made his home with a brother and two maiden sisters, has not been seen since Friday afternoon, when he left his home to meet his brother at a school house about three-quarters of a mile away. His sister saw him going down the road, but since he went around

the bend, about half the distance to the school, nothing has been heard of him.

Mr. White's brother went to Centenary to get a monument, which he was to set at a grave at the school house. Mr. White was to meet the brother there to assist in the work.

It was raining when Mr. White left home to join his brother, and taking an umbrella with him, his sister saw him start toward the school. But he failed to meet his brother at the appointed place.

Mr. White is described as 50 years of age, five feet, seven inches in height, clean shaven, hair originally black, but now well sprinkled with grey, no teeth except a few in the front.



The Notable New Six

It's the Cleveland Six. Not really new, either, for the factory began deliveries last Summer and since then the Cleveland has gone out over the country into the hands of thousands of owners. And these owners say they are delighted with it. There is every good reason why they should be delighted with it. For the Cleveland Six is really an extraordinary car.

We cannot tell you how good the Cleveland Six is. You must ride in it and drive it to know. This experience will convince you of the power and pick-up and speed and flexibility of this exclusive, high land-built motor. It will convince you of the comfort of the car, contributed to so much by the low underslung spring construction and the wide soft seat cushions. You will be amazed at the ease of handling your Cleveland, how lightly it steers and shifts, and at the instant positive action of its brakes. There isn't any other light car that will give you so much of all that you wish, and at such a fair price.

Come let us show you what a car the Cleveland is

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