

Crawford S. age 42; a slender man of medium height with thin face, sharp features and high-pitched voice; born in England; in U. S. 36 years; education, 6th grade; religion, Protestant; occupation, laborer; civil condition, married; physical findings, without obvious organic pathology.

REASON FOR COMMITMENT

Admitted February 9, 1924. His wife had been a patient in this hospital for a year. He had been here frequently to visit her and had shown some peculiarities such as rudeness to visitors whom he did not know. Finally, after a visit to his wife he hung around the main building without reason for an hour and then entered the staff dining room and demanded a meal. After eating it he sought out a physician and demanded admission as a patient. He stated that he thought all the inmates with few exceptions were bright and intelligent people and that it was a good place to stay. He felt sick all over and voices on the radio had been telling him to come here and stay.

PERSONAL HISTORY

Heredity and Early Influences:

Heredity poor. The father was excessive in his use of alcohol. He died when the patient was quite young. The mother was a hard-working woman who later became insane. There were three brothers and four sisters. Of these one brother and one sister are now insane. One sister died of kidney trouble.

The pt. was born in England in 1886. He came to this country in 1892. In a school he went thru the sixth grade and is said to have been considered bright. Concerning himself the patient says that he was the baby of the family and always did about as he pleased and had plenty of good things to eat.

Vocational Adjustments:

He first went to work at the age of eleven. He learned the trade of iron-moulder. In 1906 (according to his sister) he came to the U. S. Here he worked as night-watchman, fireman, iron-moulder. He kept one job four years. His pay was \$25 to 30 a week.

Sex Adjustments:

He says in a matter-of-fact way that as a boy he masturbated once or twice a day for years. Before marriage he once entered a house of prostitution but was unsuccessful in his attempt at hetero-sexual relations. The woman he married is a small, timid, mentally deficient person. He says he married her because she was little and had "clean little ways with her". Sex relations were apparently not satisfactory. Each apparently without reason became suspicious of the other's fidelity. Of the four children two, the oldest and the third child are mental defectives. The latter is rated as an imbecile.

According to a statement given to the social service worker before his commitment, their married life was happy until 1921. At that time there was more or less friction regarding money matters. He was anxious for his wife to save and she never could save. He used to give her his pay envelope regularly and it worried him that she never managed to put anything by. She also had difficulty in managing the children.

Social Adjustments:

Little information. He seems to have had few friends and to have belonged to no social organizations. In politics, it may be inferred from recent remarks of his, he was a socialist. In religion he was a Protestant, but he did not go to church. The sister is authority for the statement that he was a very hard worker, that he did not drink and was fond of mixing with people. The pt. himself states that he drank occasionally "with the fellows".

HISTORY OF PRESENT ILLNESS

Information available given under "Reason for Admission". He had apparently been worrying over his wife's illness and commitment and showed peculiarities of behavior on his visits to her at the hospital. He sought admission of his own accord, complaining of voices which had ordered him to come. The statement in the record that both he and his wife before her admission had been without reason suspicious of each other's fidelity may indicate that his disturbance was beginning two or three years before his admission.

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PSYCHOSIS

Field of Attention

He responds chiefly to inner stimuli. He can frequently be seen holding an animated conversation with his "voices", getting much excited in the course of it. At the same time he is in touch with his surroundings and takes some interest in what is going on.

Mood

Variable. For the most part childishly petulant, at times cheerful, at times irritable, scolding away in a high-pitched voice chiefly at the voices which bother him much of the time

Intellectual Functions

Orientation correct, memory intact, answers generally relevant and speech coherent. He has however lost the ability to distinguish between the real world and that of phantasy and steps from one to the other with no sign of awareness. He knows where he is but does not know the day or the year.

Social Attitude

He helps with the simple work of the ward, pushing the swab or making beds. Frequently he will do these things without being asked, but he is apt to spend a good part of his time leaning on the swab day-dreaming or talking to his voices. He does not mingle with the others, but he is friendly when approached, recognizes one and talks freely, seeming rather to enjoy talking. He is remarkably frank in expressing his extremely bizarre ideas. His leisure time is spent sitting still or walking around the ward absorbed in his phantasies, often talking out loud in response to his voices. His attitude is sometimes excited and threatening but never dangerous. He goes sometimes to church service and usually to entertainments.

Content of Thought

Philosophy of Life and Eschatology: He makes some attempt to interpret his experiences, but his formulations vary from one time to another. At one time he speaks of the earth as a woman's head. At another time he talks of the sun growing colder and of the womb which is in the earth from which children are born. He may go on to talk of the slime which is in the womb becoming more sugary. He has much to say about sugar and turning to sugar, much about sex and about procreation, and much about animals. He himself is pretty much the center of the universe. There is no God. There is only a big man who told one lie. He is a million miles wide. Ideas of cosmic catastrophe may be seen in his idea of the sun growing colder.

Self-Importance: Ideas again variable and unsystematized. He is a very smart man, having obtained his smartness from his animal ancestry. His fathers were a horse a tiger and a sheep. His upper front teeth are those of a horse. the lower incisors are a tiger's fangs, the lower front teeth are the sheep's. Yes, this animal inheritance showed also in other parts of his body. His feet had the toes from each of his progenitors. The middle toe was the hoof of a horse, the big toe, rounded and smooth was the paw of the tiger, the small toe was from his mother and the other two came from the sheep. His ears show the

pointed form of the tiger's. His head moreover is like a hill. One side of his face, the animal side is larger than the other, the human side. On the right side of his nose, the side that tells the truth, there is a small opening. From this sometimes sugar will flow. On the left side, the animal side, there is a large opening, large because horses and tigers are large. Yellow matter flows down from it.

In addition to these animal progenitors he has a "dad" in President Coolidge, who now dwells in the hospital and provides him with sneakers and other necessities. He thinks that he himself may have been president at one time. At any rate his life has been written up and published.

His body is inhabited by many people. Sometimes seventeen think thru his head at once, giving him great head-aches. Many electricians work thru him, controlling the tones of his voice and causing him to correctly imitate those who inhabit his body. He is the greatest tenor singer in the world. He has just discovered this little voice of his. But the people in his chest keep it down and he cannot use it.

His body is a most perfect body. He displays his feet to the examiner for his admiration, also his hands and his fingers.

Many women are in love with him and insist on living with him. He is the father of thousands of children.

He never lies. He is pure and clean. He has been an extremely hard worker and is now taking a much needed rest.

When his attention shifts from his hallucinations to his former home his self-importance drops away and he speaks appealingly of his one desire to be left alone to bring up his children simply.

He also at times speaks of his privates being gone and the "love feeling" being gone. They are however all right now.

Symbolism: Animal symbolism is especially prominent. He had four parents. His mother was an ordinary woman, but he had three fathers, all of whom were changed into animals - namely, a horse, a tiger, and a sheep. Of all the animals the tiger is the highest and the brightest. It is smart and can understand when we speak to it, tho it cannot speak itself. Sometimes he speaks of himself as a tiger. Any one who suffers terribly will be changed into a tiger. If you tell lies a mud-turtle will come and live in your head. At first it may be small, as big as a quarter, but it will grow. Flies also and serpents will grow in your body. Some men tell so many lies they get filled up with these things. If you hate some one and keep that anger, a crocodile will come alive in your head and grow. He speaks of the earth as being a woman's head and of good people being turned, when they die, into sugar.

Anxiety : He sometimes gets excited over the persecutions to which he is subjected and over his continued detention here.

Guilt: Not evident. All his difficulties are projected. He acknowledges masturbation without any signs of shame and attributes it to outside influences.

Incapacitation: Not evident.

Persecutory Trends: Marked but unsystematized. "They" were responsible for his coming to the hospital They gassed him like they did in the war at the front. Then they set electricity to work on him. They got people to inhabit his body and he has suffered ever since. Women now control his sex functions and men his intellectual functions, robbing him of brilliant and financially valuable ideas. Sometimes they rob him of his food. They also subject him to all sorts of indescribable indignities. On several occasions he has been heard scolding away at imaginary persecutors and describing experiences of a koprophagistic nature.

Erotic Interests: Very marked. He has many wives. He is the father of thousands, millions of children. On one occasion with a slight blush he showed the examiner a spot on his trousers and explained that he had been lying down when some women came to him and wanted babies, and had drawn that from him. When they wanted babies he was helpless. When he played with himself if felt good and the fluid came out and went into women and produced children, thousands of them. It was never wasted. He denied masturbation. He just thinks about these women. In talking of these things he showed no sense of shame. He talked without reserve and went into greatest detail.

Religious Concern: Absent. There is no God, only a man a million miles wide who told a lie once. Any one can be like that. Ministers lie also. They should not tell people about Christ for it does no good. They ought to tell people continually what liars they are. He himself could make the world over if he had the machinery to travel. There is no God, but he could do it. On one occasion he overheard another patient use the word God and broke in angrily, "If you believe in God you're a damn fool. It's only damned fools that believe in God".

Integration

His ideas are unsystematized and chaotic. He is living in a world of phantasy, listening to his voices and occupied with ideas which indicate a profound regression. His attitude toward life is that of an infant and he continually refers to himself as "Little Charlie" but the ideas of his animal ancestry, of the millions of off-spring and the crudely anthropomorphic ideas of God and of the universe indicate a regression much deeper than that of the childhood stage.

Reaction Pattern

Perverse pleasure taking indulged in openly and with no moral ideas regarding it and no struggle against it. His desires on the part of his environment are of the most simple variety, candy, ease, kindness. He takes his satisfactions in phantasy. The astonishing thing in this man is the perfect frankness with which he expresses his very bizarre ideas. It is a case of socialization on the lowest of levels. The pride which he shows in telling the truth perhaps leaves him some small measure of self-respect.