

HALLUCINATIONS.

SOME OF THE CURIOUS EXAMPLES RECORDED IN HISTORY.

The Lives of Many Great Men Have Been Influenced by Visions—Frequently They Have Been Prophetic; at Other Times They Have Caused Tragedies.

The importance of the part played by dominant hallucinations in the history of the world can scarcely be overrated. Julius Caesar, Napoleon Bonaparte, Socrates, Luther, Ignatius Loyola, are but a few of the great men whose lives were intimately entwined with ruling delusions. In these cases the illusions seem to have been persistent and not to have been produced by any voluntary effort on the part of the seer. On the other hand, Talma could walk on the stage and after staring at the brilliant and applauding audience for a few seconds would see nothing but rows of grinning skeletons. In this he seems to have forestalled Herr Roentgen, for the skeletons were in the exact positions of the members of the audience and changed their postures with every variation of their positions. It was to this grisly "house" that the great actor delivered some of his grandest histrionic efforts.

Goethe, as might be expected, called up pleasanter and more peaceful visions. At will he could see a flower in the center of his visual field. He thus described it: "This flower does not for a moment preserve its form; it is generally decomposed, and from its interior are born other flowers with colored, or sometimes green, petals. These are not natural flowers, but fantastic, nevertheless regular, figures, such as the roses of sculptors."

The capacity for thus producing at will a lovely object had, however, the disadvantage described by Abercrombie in his famous "Inquiry Concerning the Intellectual Powers," that they were not as a rule dismissible at pleasure. Blake, after studying a model seated in a chair, could continue seeing her clearly when the chair was empty. This must have been an economical way of hiring a subject by the hour and would be an acceptable talent in these days of highly paid models. The ghastly case described by Sir Walter Scott of the man who knew that he was dying, and knew equally well that there was nothing whatever the matter with him, is perhaps too familiar to need more than passing mention. The black cat that this luckless man saw was, to use his own words, "no household cat, but a bubble of the elements which has no existence." This animal was as complex in form as the seer's metaphor, for it would turn suddenly into a court usher, and the usher in his turn would become a skeleton. This man showed no symptoms of insanity and was fully aware of the unreality of what he saw, which must greatly have added to the persistent misery of his condition.

An old gentleman described by the late Dr. Elam had a power of conjuring up, often without voluntary effort, two or more charming dancing girls, and the antics of these nymphs continued until sleep came to the rescue. The old fellow was of a particularly pious and proper turn of mind, so that their gratuitous ballet was presumably wasted on him. Nicolai of Berlin, a very level headed savant, was troubled for two months with the vision of a corpse. The hallucination lasted as a rule exactly eight minutes, and the body was apparently always steady at a uniform distance of about ten feet from the observer.

This trouble supervened suddenly after a violent quarrel in which Nicolai had been engaged. Ultimately the corpse and all the poor man's other delusions were driven back to their own sphere by the prosaic attacks of leeches on the temples. This treatment was also most effective in dispelling the visions of a certain clergyman in Hampshire late in the last century. He habitually engaged in personal encounters with the devil, until the leeches drove the foul fiend out of his visual field. Dr. Bostock, the psychologist, saw the heads of his friends "in relief, like medallions." Curiously enough, he could never conjure up their bodies.

The great Napoleon was, as is generally known, invariably attended by a star. This story was implicitly believed at the time, and it is said to have been first related by General Rapp, who, on visiting the monarch's tent at night, found Bonaparte excitedly pointing to a corner of the tent, crying: "Do you see that—my star? It is shining there before you!" At the period of the reformation wrestling with the evil in propria persona was by no means an uncommon exercise. Luther several times indulged in these combats. Mr. Lecky tells us of the young monk who rushed up to Sts. Pachonius and Palemon in the desert and told them excitedly of the beautiful woman who had tempted him in his cell and, "having worked her purpose," had vanished miraculously in the air, leaving him half dead upon the ground. The story goes on to say that the young monk, "with a wild shriek, broke away from his saintly listeners *** and rushed across the desert till he arrived at the next village and there leaped into the open furnace of the public baths and perished in the flames."

Cazotte was reported to have habitually dreamed with his eyes open, so that at the dinner party when he suddenly said that he saw Condorcet, who was one of the guests, in prison and talking poison to avoid the headsman's ax nobody paid much attention. The event, however, happened within two years under the precise circumstances described.—London Standard.

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A few years ago Thomas F. Morgan of Groton, Conn., who was summering at Boothbay harbor, conceived the idea of stocking one of the numerous islands in that vicinity with black and silver foxes, that are now almost extinct in the wild state. He looked around for a suitable island and finally hit upon Outer Heron as possessing all the conditions necessary to the success of such a colony as he desired to plant. Outer Heron is a wooded island of 100 acres or so, with considerable elevation and bold, rocky shores. It has plenty of fresh water, and its dense growth of spruces, pines and firs breaks the force of winter gales. There is a good dwelling house on the island, and in winter a dozen or more lobster fishermen live in shanties around the little cove that serves as a harbor. The island was owned by Richard H. Emerson, a veteran, who resided at East Boothbay. From him Mr. Morgan obtained permission, in consideration of a yearly rental, to stock the island with foxes.

An order was sent by Mr. Morgan to a fur company, engaged in breeding black foxes on an island in Alaska, for a consignment of the animals, and 30 good specimens were started east. The journey took many months, being made by vessel and steamer to San Francisco and thence overland, and when the consignment arrived at Boothbay harbor only seven of the foxes were alive.

These were put on Outer Heron about a year ago, and they have thrived and multiplied from all indications. A few months ago a company was formed under the laws of Maine to foster the industry Mr. Morgan thinks he will make out of the fox raising business on Outer Heron. Mr. Knight has the reputation of being one of the best fox hunters in his county. He is familiar with the ways of the red fox, and has shot as many of that variety as would stock two or three islands like Outer Heron. He is obliged to confess, however, that he knows very little about the black fox. He has set about the task of studying those on the island, but with slight success as yet, for the valuable denizens of Outer Heron are very shy, unless hungry, and as this has been an open winter they have not suffered for food. Mr. Knight talked entertainingly about the prospects of raising black foxes for market.

"We don't expect to get any returns right away," said he, "but when we get the island well stocked we ought to do well. Last year there were only 1,700 black and silver fox skins sold in London, the fur market of the world. They nearly all came from Alaska, and they were 14 months on the way. If we can raise skins here we can get them to London 13 months earlier than they could be sent from Alaska.

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Mr. Knight is now arranging a feeding pen for the animals in the barn on the island. Recently a horse was taken to the island and killed in the woods. The animals have fed on the carcass and have kept out of sight of the settlement at the shore. If driven out of the woods by snow to seek food, it is expected they will come to the barn and feed, and thus get the way of feeding there. After the animals have become tame enough to feed at the barn Mr. Knight intends to rig traps to catch them. All "silvers" will be sorted out and taken away, leaving only those with very dark coats. It is expected that by this system of breeding animals with entirely black coats can be obtained.—Boston Globe.

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The Boy.

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The small boy was silent for a few moments and papa forgot about his question. Then he said: "Papa, ducks have legs, don't they?" "Yes." "Then why don't fishes have legs if ducks do? Or why don't ducks not have any legs if fishes don't?" Papa gave it up.—Exchange.

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