

*Cross-examined.* Have never seen epilepsy combined with the form of insanity known as irresistible impulse. There is a form of insanity known as homicidal mania, when a person knowing right from wrong has no power over the will. Never knew an epileptic to commit suicide. Epilepsy would not be more apt if begun in early youth in after-life to produce a disturbance of intellect unless the attacks were very frequent. It has, however, been known to kill in a few attacks. According to authors in homicidal mania, the subject, besides the want of power over the will, tries to kill or do violence to those dearest to him, his parents, children, etc. It shows an entire perversion of feeling. Insanity is often very difficult to determine. It is detected by the conduct of the individual; some kinds are easily detected. Raving mania can be unless feigned. Imbecility is easily detected by the appearance or by conversation. Raving mania or imbecility is most generally feigned. Never personally knew a case of feigned insanity. Never saw after a case reported of feigned monomania. While in the almshouse in Philadelphia knew of cases frequently where the patients concealed their insanity to get out. They did not deceive the keeper. I have seen great ingenuity on their part to make the keeper think them sane. The capacity to reason is not compatible with mania, unless in lucid intervals. It is not incompatible with monomania. In homicidal mania a person seems to be laboring under great distress, oppressive thought openly commits the act, sometimes de-

sires punishment, and does not attempt to conceal the crime. He seems to labor under some oppressive burden of thought, and to seem relieved after commission of the act. In committing the act in such case, the books lay it down, the person thinks he is doing his duty in committing the act. In homicidal mania I don't know of a case where a person flies to avoid the result of the act. They generally attempt the act at the first occasion which presents itself.

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*Cross-examined.* A man supposed to be insane, I think, could not have been permitted to hold that post. I know he would not. Was officer of the day, while he was corporal of the guard. The position must indicate his character. If he was suspected of having epileptic fits, he would