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THE KING VERSUS EDWIN O. BROWN

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his pulse and found him in fairly normal condition. Have always been of opinion that the prisoner's mind was peculiar—told his mother so, and spoke to his father about it advising him that it would be better not to spend his youth to wait till he was matured.

DR. CONROY—Examined by Mr. McLean—spoke of visiting prisoner in the jail in company with Dr. Goodwill found him an incessant talker always talking about his defence; said if he were put in the jury box he would be able to win the jury. He would complain about his counsel saying they were neglecting him, and get very angry so that we would spend much time before we could get him to keep his defence of his defence. After our visits were concluded we would find that although he had said a lot there was little that we could remember.

When we visited the jail we went looking out for him to feign insanity but saw no evidence of it. His delusion about Bentley dominated his mind. He asked to be relieved of Dr. Johnson, who was attending him as jail physician and prescribing for him. He said he feared that Bentley would get access to Johnson and Johnson's drugstore and put poison in the medicine which was there put up for his use. An insane man would be likely to try to tell the public that he is sane.

Brown told me at one time that as his defence he would plead "brainstorm" on which we visited him and we found him in the usual condition. He would get very angry if we opposed him in his delusions. Dr. Goodwill opposed him in the Bentley delusion and made him so angry Brown afterwards, afraid to go near at the present time he is a paranoiac—he has that one fixed delusion from which all others spring. For instance he would write an essay on the Punic War, and say "there, now that is my position with Bentley."

I'm "Hannibal" and he's "Scipio Africanus." The essay would be well written but not quite rational. It is possible for insane men to be particularly bright, you might meet an insane man, and keep him clear of his delusion and you would not think anything of it. Bentley would think that would apply to him. He would take the figure three and say it was himself the assignee and Bentley—two against one. I would say that he is totally incapable in his mind of conducting his defence.

The only thing that seemed to trouble him was the fear that he would not be able to make his own defence and make the public acquainted with the circumstances which brought him to his present position.

I appeared of the course his counsel has followed in taking the defence out of his hands. I would not allow him to go abroad.

Cross-examined by MR. PALMER I knew Brown formerly and thought him a man with an inordinate classed as delusion. On my first visit to the jail I formed the opinion that the prisoner was unsound of mind. I spent two hours on my first visit. When I talked about ordinary things he talked rationally.

When I mentioned his defence he would ramble and talk incoherently about Mr. Bentley. It was my suggestion that he prepared the document which has been read in Court as his defence. I read it—it is a lot of nonsense. He gave it to us as a summary of his defence.

MR. PALMER—Wasn't it written for the doctors? Are they not points and guides for the doctors? The witness said the document was nonsense, but had just as many points for the lawyers as the doctors. Brown was always harping on his defence and he could not tell what he meant. We asked him to write it down and he wrote the document. Paranoia is a disease of slow growth, but the final outbreak may be sudden. He may betray no evidence of the disease but some shock may cause the outbreak.

I am positive he cannot undertake his defence; he had no understanding as to the manner of his defence.

DR. GOODWILL—examined by Mr. McLean: Am Supt. of the Hospital for the insane. I went to the jail with Dr. Conroy to examine into the condition of the prisoner at the request of his counsel. Had talked with Mr. Hamill, keeper of the jail who said the prisoner's actions resembled those of a man who had been removed from the jail some time before—suffering from insanity.

At the time of my first visit I noticed nothing unusual in his appearance. He told me the people who put him there would be very sorry for it. I wondered that he did not ask me why I was there. I told him then I had come in a friendly way to see how he was getting along.

I asked him to give me a history of his life. He then talked rapidly to me for two hours and I could not make anything of it. He dwelt at great length on his alleged injuries suffered at the hands of those he blamed for his troubles and told of many incidents. When talking of certain things he would go off and tell us something peculiar. In reply to an enquiry as to his defence he told us—

"If you met a man whom you knew was after you and for whom you carry a revolver for self-protection and if you met him in a room and shot him before he could do you any injury, would that not be justifiable?" Or again "If you did not shoot and let a revolver aside, would you not afterwards be on the lookout for injury?"

He seems to connect Mr. Bentley with all his troubles. He recited a long essay on the Punic War. He was trying to show by history that if a man did a wrong thing he would suffer for it. He also told about his writing two letters signed Duns Scotus. They referred to the Limerick competition in The Guardian.

He was an inaccessible man. It was hard to get any idea of the state of his mind. I have given the case a lot of consideration. It seemed to be his main idea to show Bentley up to the public and alleged that if the public knew the facts they would tear Bentley in pieces. He was always harping about this blockade of his attempts to free himself. I asked him if he feared Bentley coming in to see him. He said no he didn't think that possible. He said that he thought the only way Bentley could get at him would be through the medicine, and he had made up his mind to take no more medicine from a Government doctor. I cannot think he was feigning—it is impossible for a man to keep it up for such a time. My conviction became stronger with each visit. He spoke of an attempt being made to deprive him of some of his books and said they would not get them except by force of a dead body. He thought it was an attempt on the part of Bentley to deprive him of books needed for his defence.

With regard to the visit of Mr. Bentley to the jail when Brown tried to assault him, I thought there was no feigning. I noticed, on my visit to the prisoner that the pupils of his eye were somewhat dilated, which might indicate either mental or physical weakness. I do not think the prisoner could conduct a rational defence. I would call his disease a mild mania, with characteristics of the early stages of paranoia.

Cross-examined by MR. HASZARD—I got a letter from Mr. Brown asking me to go alone and see him. I did not go then but went some time after. I paid no attention to his letter. Goodwill then read in Court the letter he received. It is the prisoner told Dr. Goodwill that he was no friend of his if he was interfering in a certain matter—and said that he was ready to meet that man, Bentley at any time. Dr. Goodwill also read another letter—a rambling recital of events which had occurred in the Russo-Japan War.

MR. HASZARD—If it was the intention of the prisoner to simulate insanity, was not what he did just what a sane man would do? DR. GOODWILL—Possibly. I think he acted as sane as he could.

MR. HASZARD—Could he have adopted a better method than he did adopt if he wanted to convince you that he was insane?

DR. GOODWILL—If he was feigning it was excellent. The questions put to him about poison and tions were put to him after the attack which he tried to make on Mr. Bentley. It does not follow that the prisoner would act sanely before the jury and feign insanity when I went to see him.

At this point the Court was declared adjourned till 10.30 this morning.

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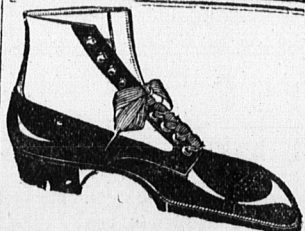
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