importance of fixed ideas or obsessions on obscure cases of crimes cannot be too frequently brought to the attention of jurists. The presence of minor eccentricities is important, for there is no hard and sharp line to be drawn between the eccentric and criminal action. Such mental eccentricities are often as clearly stigmata of degeneration as the more definitely understood physical stigmata. The cases of moral defectives may be grouped in three classes: (1) The moral idiot who has not a sign of a moral concept, abstract or concrete; (2) the moral imbecile who knows the concrete but not the abstract; and (3) the "débile" who knows both concrete and abstract, but lacks the "tone of ethical feeling." Such a man knows right and wrong, but will not on that account be kept from committing wrong.

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THE PREVENTION OF DEFORMITY. Wisner H. Townsend, M.D., Journal American Med. Assoc., Sept. 13, 1902.

Practically all deformities due to poliomyelitis or infantile paralysis can be cured. The original lesion does not primarily produce a deformity, but simply a loss of power in the muscles. The contractures come on very slowly. Non-congenital club-foot may be divided into (1) simple acquired; (2) paralytic; (3) traumatic. (1) Simple acquired club-foot includes all cases due to rickets, rheumatism, chorea, hysteria and various other surgical and medical conditions. (2) The paralytic includes all cases due to poliomyelitis anterior, hemiplegia, meningitis, myelitis, progressive muscular atrophy, spastic cerebral and spinal paralysis, compression myelitis, irritation of pyramidal tracts and syringomyelia. Half the deformities are preventable by proper appliances.

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SCHOOL LIFE AND INSANITY. J. S. Lankford, M. D. Medical News, Sept. 27, 1902.

The writer discusses high pressure in the school life of children. Too much is attempted in the school curriculum. If pupils are examined, they will be found excitable, emotional, wakeful, discontented and suffering often from headaches and nervous dyspepsia, the girls showing a decided tendency to hysteria, with here and there spots of anesthesia and hyperesthesia discoverable, and various nervous symptoms connected with their menstruation. Excessive piano practicing produces many victims.

A large number of children come out of school with unbalanced nervous and mental systems, weakened will power and an incurable "hurry habit," engendered by school life. If troubles connected with business or love then develop the boy or girl is ready for serious mental disease. The writer advocates (1) reducing the course of study; (2) developing the body co-equally with the mind; (3) instituting a better classification of pupils and their individual tendencies; (4) object lessons rather than books; (5) introducing industrial training as rapidly as possible.

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HOSPITALS FOR THE NEUROPATHIC AND PSYCHOPATHIC. Richard Dewey. Journ. of the Amer. Med. Assoc., Sept. 27, 1902.

Twenty years ago not a single institution existed in this country for the care of the criminal insane, or for the separate treatment of the epileptic, criminal or alcoholic classes. Since then there has grown up a strong interest in and demand for special and separate care for the acute and curable insane. Criminal asylums, epileptic colonies and hospitals are rapidly springing up. Convalescent homes for nervous and mental maladies are being developed or suggested. Such homes are specially adapted to the treatment of hysteria, neurasthenia, hypochondria, mild melancholia, and harmless paranoia. There is also a large class of or-