

invariably started in the following manner: The machinery was first started, the experimenter then pressed upon the bottom and in the same moment called out the cipher. As soon as the answer came the pressure upon the bottom was removed.

The investigations performed in the above manner on a patient affected with circular insanity gave the following interesting results.

1st. In the stages of maniacal exaltation, the answers with the next cipher and those with the second next cipher were given considerably faster than at the times of melancholy depression.

2d. The rapidity of the answers with the series of ciphers (1, 3, 5, 7, 9 or 2, 4, 6, 8, 10) as found at the times of maniacal exaltation differed very slightly from that found at the times of melancholy depression.

Zieten concludes from this that in states of maniacal exaltation the whole associative activity is accelerated. If Kräpelin's hypothesis, that only the act of speaking was facilitated, hastened, there could not be such a difference between the results of the tests, No. 1 and 2 on one hand and the tests No. 3 on the other hand. It is evident that tests No. 1 and 2 require more associative activity than the tests No. 3. ONUF.

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