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seen. Miss Deway spoke of the trick they had agreed on the night before, but Mary knew nothing of it and, being in her shy and reserved state, made no reply. Her companion having heard, no doubt, of Miss Reynolds' peculiarity guessed that something unusual had happened. Going down to breakfast Mary did not know her hostess or her surroundings, until her brother, whom she knew in both states, came in and introduced her anew to his friends. After a further stay of a few days she returned to her home. Soon after she awakened her sister, with whom she was sleeping, and said: "Come, Nancy, it is time to get up and play that trick on John!" When she realized she had come home to what (in her second state) she termed the "Nocturnal Shades" she was much chagrined, for the society of Meadville was much more to her taste in the abnormal state.

One of the peculiarities of the second state was that Mary Reynolds had no sense of personal danger while that condition lasted. Rattlesnakes, wolves and bears abounded in the wild country contiguous to her home and her absolute disregard of the risk she ran from them in her riding in the woods caused her relatives much anxiety. On one occasion she met a bear and ordered it from her path and was about to dismount and drive it away when it retreated growling. She described it afterwards at home as a "great black hog." At another time, in one of her rambles, she saw a rattlesnake and, attracted by its beauty, attempted to capture it. "It ran under a heap of logs. She seized it by the tail just as it was disappearing. Providentially her foot slipped and, to save herself from a fall, she let go of the snake." Thus she appears to have led a "charmed life" while in this abnormal condition.

While in this second state, that is in its earlier phases, soon after falling asleep, she would begin to recite aloud the events of the day just ended, making laughing comments on whatever seemed absurd or comical, and would follow this spoken chronicle with a program for the next day, which she carried out to the letter, providing she did not, in the meantime, lapse into her first or natural state.

Doctor Plumer's narrative thus far deals with the marvelous instance of double consciousness in Mary Reynolds' case. He enlarges it to give the details of a remarkable dream which the "patient" had after the family had declined to allow her to attend church at Titusville. In this dream a preacher appeared and revived her memory of all the Scripture she had learned in her earlier or first condition, a knowledge which, her biographer declares, remained with her in spite of the fact "that she could not then read, and did not know the Bible from any other book." In this dream, also, she made the acquaintance of a dead sister whom she had not known in life and her description of her was recognized by the family.

The indications of mental unsoundness which characterized the earlier portions of the time which she passed in her second state grew fainter and, at length, wholly disappeared after these changes had ceased, leaving her permanently in her abnormal state. She

had then reached her thirty-sixth year, in 1839. She lived for a quarter of a century after this date and during this long period "no one could have discovered in her anything out of the ordinary way, except that she manifested an unusual degree of nervousness, yet not sufficient to attract particular attention. She was rational, sober, industrious, and gave good evidence of being a sincere Christian. For a number of years she was a constant member of the Presbyterian church. For some years she taught school and in that capacity was both useful and acceptable." Her death occurred in January, 1864—and was very sudden, being unattended with any preceding illness. A severe pain in the region of the brain was the only warning and it was followed by death in a few minutes. The author of the biographical sketch takes some pains to lay the facts in the case, "especially before those interested in mental philosophy," and gives some good and obvious reasons to prove that it was a genuine instance of Double Consciousness.

In conclusion, Doctor Plumer gives the opinion, backed by that of his subject, that her abnormal state had its origin in physical disease. He believes that physiologists will connect her phenomenal changes of personality with "the time of life when they began and that of their termination," but adds that the brain was immediately affected "But," he adds, "the facts, as far as ascertainable now, fail to explain the special features of her case, the two lives covering fifteen years, wholly unconnected with each other, yet each continuous from state to state, and the final settling down into a state of being lasting a quarter of a century, etc." The bearings of the case on the sanative treatment of the insane, on questions of mental science, on questions of conscience or casuistry and on the religious aspect of the matter, he leaves to the thinking world, ready and willing to receive light on any of these important and intricate matters.

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