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**FAMILIAR TALK.**

PHENOMENA OF BRAIN DISEASE.

In some remarkable instances in which the brain has recovered an injury suddenly interrupting its action, it has resumed its operations; the recovery of health after a prolonged in-

sciousness while he was in the act of delivering an order. He was picked up unconscious, in that condition conveyed to England at the Greenwich Hospital, where he lay like an inanimate vegetable "for fifteen months." The operation of the amputation was then resorted to, and as the piece of the skull that had pressed in upon the brain was raised from the unconscious instantly returned to the senses and he rose up in bed, and, in a loud and commanding, flurried the order he was issuing at the moment the dreadful accident had him down.

Dr. Prichard relates an anecdote of a English farmer, who, at the conclusion of a dinner at feast-making, left his beetle and went in the hollow of a tree. In the night he was

did was to inquire of his sons if they had procured the beetle in the wedges and beetle. The reply was, "No, father; we could not find it; whereupon the father rose up and went straight to the hollow where lay the articles he sought,—but, in long years that they had remained exposed to the weather, the wood of the beetle had completely rotted away.

Dr. WYNNER states, in his essay on "The Enigma," that a little girl of 6 years fell and received a severe concussion of the brain, and engaged in a game of toe-and-catch with a ball of wax, which she was unable to seize, and which she was unable to seize, and which she was unable to seize.

At the end of that period she opened her eyes, and, instantly springing to the beetle, began throwing about the small article at hand, exclaiming,—"Catch these!" At that moment she was seized by a friend, and she was taken to the hospital.

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from the past. He could not remember the things he could have done. After several days, consciousness was returned, but the mind was utterly blank. Every memory had been effaced. The man set himself to work to gain anew the knowledge he had lost, and after several months he had recovered almost gradually his memory with its stock of treasures. In the effort to do so an abstruse author, the one that had shrouded his mind in mist, and soon after it was as if lightning descended, leaving his intellect as clear as crystal.

At Ischia, conversant with three languages, he became conversant with a fourth, French, by intercourse with yellow fever. In the treatment of his illness, he conversed only in English, — the language last acquired. After he spoke for a time in French, and then in Italian, before his death, he spoke in his native tongue. It is said that, when dying, Dr. B.

of the numbers 5 and 7. A schoolmaster in a fit of brain-fever, all knowledge of the letter Z.

One of the most curious cases of aberration of the memory was exhibited in a young lady of mind and apparently sound health, who suddenly fell into a profound and prolonged sleep. On awaking, it was found that every memory of her past life was blotted out. As an infant that opens its eyes for the first time upon this world, she was ignorant of everything. Her education was run over, and had progressed for some months when a fresh fit of somnolency fell upon